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# Change log

Date	Change description
February 19, 2026	Corrected the following sections to show that interfaces 1 to 18 are connected to one ISF switch and interfaces 19 to 22 are connected to the other ISF switch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3960E fast path architecture on page 257.</a></li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3980E fast path architecture on page 260.</a></li></ul>
March 27, 2025	FortiOS 6.4.16 document release.
February 28, 2025	Added information about NP support for offloading NAT session setup for NAT44, NAT66, NAT64 and NAT46 traffic in the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Network processors (NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite) on page 26</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NP7 session fast path requirements on page 40</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136</a></li></ul> New information about NP processor packet ordering and IPsec anti-replay protection, see: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">NP processors and packet ordering under heavy load on page 34</a></li><li>• <a href="#">NP processors and IPsec anti-replay protection on page 35</a></li></ul>
December 31, 2024	Added more information about NP7 and NP6 performance monitoring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">NP traffic logging and performance monitoring on page 31.</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Per-session accounting for offloaded NP7 sessions (NP7 performance monitoring) on page 46.</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Diagnose npu np7 pmon for NP7 performance monitoring on page 93.</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Per-session accounting for offloaded NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite sessions (NP6 performance monitoring) on page 167.</a></li></ul>
September 19, 2024	Corrections to the descriptions of how interface groups work for the following models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FortiGate 1100E and 1101E</li><li>• FortiGate 2200E and 2201E</li><li>• FortiGate 3300E and 3301E</li><li>• FortiGate 3400E and 3401E</li><li>• FortiGate 3600E and 3601E</li></ul>
June 18, 2024	NP6 offloading of ingress traffic shaping is not supported. This information has been added to <a href="#">NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136.</a>
April 24, 2024	NP7 offloading of ingress traffic shaping is not supported. This information has been added to <a href="#">NP7 session fast path requirements on page 40.</a>
April 18, 2024	NP7 offloading of GRE over a loopback interface is not supported, see <a href="#">NP7 session fast path requirements on page 40</a> , <a href="#">Tunneling protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors on page 42</a> , and <a href="#">Protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors on page 41.</a>

Date	Change description
April 4, 2024	Updated <a href="#">Software switch interfaces and NP processors on page 27</a> to explain that NP processors support offloading software switch traffic if <code>intra-switch-policy</code> is set to <code>explicit</code> , <code>device-identification</code> is disabled for the interfaces added to the software switch, and you have created firewall policies to allow traffic between interfaces in the software switch.
March 15, 2024	Added information about FortiGate 7000F FIMs and FPMs, including FortiGate 7000F support for HPE, see <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7921F fast path architecture on page 123</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7941F fast path architecture on page 126</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FPM-7620F fast path architecture on page 130</a>.</li> </ul>
February 14, 2024	Updated <a href="#">NP7 session fast path requirements on page 40</a> to include GRE. Corrections to <code>hash-config {src-dst-ip   5-tuple   src-ip}</code> on page 69.
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December 12, 2023	New section: <a href="#">FortiGate 40F fast path architecture on page 281</a> .
October 20, 2023	Changes to <a href="#">NTurbo offloads flow-based processing on page 37</a> .
October 18, 2023	New section: <a href="#">Performance reduction for NP6 processors with 1Gbps interfaces on page 172</a> . Changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">diagnose sys session list and no_ofld_reason field (NP7 session information) on page 94</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Changes to NP7 traffic shaping on page 53</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">qtm-buf-mode {6ch   4ch} on page 75</a>.</li> </ul>
October 16, 2023	Changes to the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NP7 access control lists (ACLs) on page 55</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">NP6 access control lists (ACLs) on page 154</a>.</li> </ul>
October ??, 2023	New sections <a href="#">FortiGate Rugged 60F fast path architecture on page 283</a> . Changes to most FortiGate fast path architecture descriptions.
September 7, 2023	Updates to <a href="#">NP7 performance optimized over KR links on page 44</a> . Changes to the following sections to correct information related to the SOC4: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NP6X Lite processors on page 137</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 60F and 61F fast path architecture on page 282</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass fast path architecture on page 286</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 100F and 101F fast path architecture on page 289</a>.</li> </ul>
August 10, 2023	Corrections to FortiGate NP7 architecture interface speeds, see <a href="#">FortiGate NP7 architectures on page 97</a> . Changes to <a href="#">FortiGate 3960E fast path architecture on page 257</a> and <a href="#">FortiGate 3980E fast path architecture on page 260</a> to explain that in multi-ISF systems, such as the FortiGate 3860E and FortiGate 3890E, NP6 offloading is not supported for LAGs containing interfaces connected to different ISF switches.

Date	Change description
July 17, 2023	<p>The following fast path architecture sections have been added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate-7121F fast path architecture on page 121.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7921F fast path architecture on page 123.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7941F fast path architecture on page 126.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FPM-7620F fast path architecture on page 130.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate-7030E fast path architecture on page 273.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate-7040E fast path architecture on page 274.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate-7060E fast path architecture on page 274.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FPM-7620E fast path architecture on page 278.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FPM-7630E fast path architecture on page 279.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7901E fast path architecture on page 276.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7904E fast path architecture on page 276.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7910E fast path architecture on page 277.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FIM-7920E fast path architecture on page 278.</a></li> </ul>
July 5, 2023	Misc. changes throughout the document.
June 26, 2023	FortiOS 6.4.14 document release.
June 8, 2023	FortiOS 6.4.13 document release.
June 2, 2023	<p>Added a note explaining that enabling or disabling <code>np6-cps-optimization-mode</code> requires a system restart. You should only change this setting during a maintenance window or quiet period. The note was added to the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Improving FortiGate 1200D connections per second performance on page 216.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Improving FortiGate 1500D connections per second performance on page 218.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Improving FortiGate 1500DT connections per second performance on page 221.</a></li> </ul>
April 4, 2023	<p>Virtual network enabler (VNE) tunnel sessions are not offloaded by NP6 or NP6Lite (SOC3) processors. VNE tunnel sessions are offloaded by NP6XLite processors. Added a note about this to <a href="#">NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136.</a></p>
March 24, 2023	<p>Corrections and improvements to <a href="#">config port-path-option on page 76.</a></p> <p>New sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">NP7 packet sniffer on page 87.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Tracing packet flow on FortiGates with NP7 processors on page 89.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">hw-ha-scan-interval &lt;interval&gt; on page 75.</a></li> </ul> <p>Added information about splitting interfaces to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1800F and 1801F fast path architecture on page 102.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 2600F and 2601F fast path architecture on page 106.</a></li> </ul>
February 23, 2023	<p>FortiOS 6.4.12 document release.</p> <p>Added all relevant options and corrected the information about the NP7 <code>hash-config</code> option, see <a href="#">hash-config {src-dst-ip   5-tuple   src-ip} on page 69.</a></p> <p>Deleted an incorrect statement about NP7 support for SSL VPN encryption from <a href="#">Network processors (NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite) on page 26.</a></p>

Date	Change description
January 4, 2023	Corrected information about NTurbo support and interface policies, see <a href="#">NTurbo offloads flow-based processing on page 37</a> . New section: <a href="#">Tunneling protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors on page 42</a> . Corrected the documented default values for many of the individual traffic types monitored by NP7 HPE, see <a href="#">NP7 HPE for individual traffic types on page 60</a> .
November 30, 2022	New sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">ull-port-mode {10G   25G} on page 75</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 400F and 401F fast path architecture on page 97</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 600F and 601F fast path architecture on page 99</a>.</li></ul>
October 31, 2022	FortiOS 6.4.11 document release.
October 24, 2022	Corrections to <a href="#">FortiGate-5001E and 5001E1 fast path architecture on page 264</a> .
September 23, 2022	Corrections to the information in the table in <a href="#">DoS policy hardware acceleration on page 56</a> .
September 6, 2022	Added a disclaimer to <a href="#">CP9, CP9XLite, and CP9Lite capabilities on page 23</a> .
August 25, 2022	FortiOS 6.4.10 document release. New information about NP7 DoS policy offloading limitations added to <a href="#">DoS policy hardware acceleration on page 56</a> .
August 11, 2022	Changes to the following sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4200F and 4201F fast path architecture on page 111</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4400F and 4401F fast path architecture on page 115</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">hash-config {src-dst-ip   5-tuple   src-ip} on page 69</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">Per-session accounting for offloaded NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite sessions (NP6 performance monitoring) on page 167</a>.</li></ul>
July 26, 2022	New section: <a href="#">NP6 HPE host protection engine on page 155</a> .
July 20, 2022	Improvements to <a href="#">Configuring hyperscale TCP timeout profiles on page 77</a> and <a href="#">Configuring hyperscale UDP timeout profiles on page 78</a> .
July 12, 2022	Fixes to <a href="#">NTurbo and IPSA on page 37</a> and <a href="#">IPSA offloads flow-based pattern matching on page 38</a> . More information about NP7 traffic shaping added to <a href="#">NP7 traffic shaping on page 53</a> .
May 6, 2022	Changes to <a href="#">config dsw-queue-dts-profile on page 86</a> . Previous versions of this document incorrectly stated that NP6 processors support offloading DoS policy sessions. This has been corrected throughout the document as required.
April 26, 2022	FortiOS 6.4.9 document release. See <a href="#">What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.9 on page 20</a> . New section: <a href="#">diagnose sys session list and no_ofld_reason field (NP7 session information) on page 94</a> .
April 19, 2022	New sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Allowing offloaded IPsec packets that exceed the interface MTU on page 177</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 400E Bypass fast path architecture on page 198</a>.</li><li>• <a href="#">diagnose sys session list no_ofld_reason field on page 187</a>.</li></ul>

Date	Change description
	Added information about NP6 processor support of DoS protection and offloading DoS policies. Changes to <a href="#">NP7 Host Protection Engine (HPE) on page 58</a> .
March 2, 2022	Renamed the section: <a href="#">Configuring NP7 queue protocol prioritization on page 83</a> . New section <a href="#">Default NP7 queue protocol prioritization configuration on page 84</a> . Correction to <a href="#">Disabling NP offloading for firewall policies on page 28</a> and <a href="#">Disabling nTurbo for firewall policies on page 38</a> .
December 17, 2021	Corrected the default setting and added more information to <a href="#">vlan-lookup-cache {disable   enable} on page 73</a> .
December 13, 2021	<p>Updated the following sections to correct information about interface groups and to add information about splitting interfaces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4200F and 4201F fast path architecture on page 111</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4400F and 4401F fast path architecture on page 115</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Moved information about improving CPS performance to sections describing the following FortiGate models that support this feature:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1200D fast path architecture on page 214</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1500D fast path architecture on page 217</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1500DT fast path architecture on page 219</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Removed information about older NP and CP processors and removed information about SP processors since older FortiGate models that include this hardware are not supported by FortiOS 6.4.</p>
December 2, 2021	Corrections to <a href="#">FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass fast path architecture on page 286</a> .
December 1, 2021	<p>Changes to <a href="#">policy-offload-level {disable   dos-offload   full-offload} on page 68</a>.</p> <p>Correction to <a href="#">Disabling NP offloading for firewall policies on page 28</a>.</p> <p>New section <a href="#">Disabling nTurbo for firewall policies on page 38</a>.</p> <p>Removed the incorrect section "Disabling CP offloading for firewall policies".</p>
November 25, 2021	FortiOS 6.4.8 document release. See <a href="#">What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.8 on page 21</a> .
September 17, 2021	More information added to <a href="#">NP6 session drift on page 172</a> .
September 9, 2021	<p>Added more information about the NP6XLite processor to <a href="#">Network processors (NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite) on page 26</a> and <a href="#">NP6XLite processors on page 137</a>. This content continues to be under development. If you have comments about it, contact <a href="mailto:techdoc@fortinet.com">techdoc@fortinet.com</a>.</p> <p>Updates to the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1800F and 1801F fast path architecture on page 102</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 2600F and 2601F fast path architecture on page 106</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4200F and 4201F fast path architecture on page 111</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 4400F and 4401F fast path architecture on page 115</a>.</li> </ul>
September 3, 2021	<p>New and improved content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-wrote the information about the NP7 HPE, see <a href="#">NP7 Host Protection Engine (HPE) on page 58</a>.</li> </ul>

Date	Change description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New section: NP acceleration, virtual clustering, and VLAN MAC addresses on page 29.</li> <li>• Fixes to NP6 session drift on page 172.</li> <li>• Removed the information about CP9 support for a true random number generator and entropy source from CP9, CP9XLite, and CP9Lite capabilities on page 23.</li> </ul>
August 5, 2021	<p>Updated NTurbo offloads flow-based processing on page 37 to clarify that NTurbo also applies to IPsec VPN sessions.</p> <p>Corrected errors in the section FortiGate 100F and 101F fast path architecture on page 289.</p>
July 9, 2021	<p>FortiOS 6.4.6 document release. FortiOS 6.4.6 includes support for FortiGates with NP7 processors and for NP7 hyperscale firewall features. See <a href="#">What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.6 on page 21</a>.</p> <p>Updated NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136 to list support for offloading UDP traffic with a destination port of 4500 (ESP-in-UDP traffic). New section: <a href="#">Offloading UDP-encapsulated ESP traffic on page 179</a>.</p> <p>Added a note about NP6 processors not offloading sessions between two EMAC VLANs on NPU inter-VDOM link interfaces to <a href="#">Using VLANs to add more accelerated inter-VDOM link interfaces on page 150</a>.</p>
June 22, 2021	<p>Corrected integrated switch fabric information in the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 300E and 301E fast path architecture on page 194</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 400E and 401E fast path architecture on page 196</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 500E and 501E fast path architecture on page 202</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 600E and 601E fast path architecture on page 204</a>.</li> </ul>
June 16, 2021	<p>Added more information about bypass mode to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 800D fast path architecture on page 206</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 2500E fast path architecture on page 227</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass fast path architecture on page 286</a>.</li> </ul>
April 12, 2021	<p>Improved the information in <a href="#">Supporting IPsec anti-replay protection on page 153</a>.</p> <p>Corrected the output of the <code>get hardware npu np6 port-list</code> command in <a href="#">FortiGate 3600E and 3601E fast path architecture on page 240</a>.</p>
March 1, 2021	<p>Corrected the <code>get hardware npu np6 port-list</code> command output in <a href="#">FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture on page 212</a>.</p> <p>Updated the architecture sections for most E and F models to include more information about management/HA and data processing separation. For example, see the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 400E and 401E fast path architecture on page 196</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture on page 212</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3300E and 3301E fast path architecture on page 236</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 200F and 201F fast path architecture on page 290</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 200E and 201E fast path architecture on page 294</a>.</li> </ul>
December 18, 2020	<p>New section: <a href="#">FortiGate 200F and 201F fast path architecture on page 290</a>.</p>

Date	Change description
December 10, 2020	New section: <a href="#">FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass fast path architecture on page 286</a> . More information about NetFlow support added to <a href="#">sFlow and NetFlow and hardware acceleration on page 32</a> . Corrected the <code>get hardware npu np6 port-list</code> command output in <a href="#">FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture on page 212</a> .
November 23, 2020	More information and corrections about SOC4 (NP6XLite and CP9XLite) and SOC3 (NP6Lite and CP9Lite). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Network processors (NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite) on page 26</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">NP6XLite processors on page 137</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">NP6Lite processors on page 138</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Content processors (CP9, CP9XLite, CP9Lite) on page 23</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 60F and 61F fast path architecture on page 282</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 100F and 101F fast path architecture on page 289</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 100E and 101E fast path architecture on page 293</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 200E and 201E fast path architecture on page 294</a>.</li> </ul>
October 19, 2020	Added bypass interface information to <a href="#">FortiGate 800D fast path architecture on page 206</a> . Minor improvements to the bypass interface information in <a href="#">FortiGate 2500E fast path architecture on page 227</a> . Other misc. changes and fixes.
September 14, 2020	Improved information about how for NP7 and many more recent NP6 fast path architectures the HA interfaces are not connected to the NP7 or NP6 processors. Information about bypass mode added to <a href="#">FortiGate 2500E fast path architecture on page 227</a> . Corrected the output of the <code>diagnose npu np6 port-list</code> command in <a href="#">FortiGate 3960E fast path architecture on page 257</a> . Hardware architectures changed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 500E and 501E fast path architecture on page 202</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 600E and 601E fast path architecture on page 204</a>.</li> </ul>
August 25, 2020	New section: <a href="#">FortiGate 100E and 101E fast path architecture on page 293</a> . Added a note about NP6 processors and traffic shaping counters to <a href="#">NP6 processors and traffic shaping on page 139</a> . Information about setting interface speeds added to <a href="#">FortiGate 3400E and 3401E fast path architecture on page 239</a> and <a href="#">FortiGate 3600E and 3601E fast path architecture on page 240</a> .
August 21, 2020	Added NP6XLite content.
July 8, 2020	Corrected the <code>get hardware npu np6 port-list</code> output in <a href="#">FortiGate 3400E and 3401E fast path architecture on page 239</a> . Added information about interface groups for the following models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture on page 212</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 2200E and 2201E fast path architecture on page 224</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3400E and 3401E fast path architecture on page 239</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3600E and 3601E fast path architecture on page 240</a>.</li> </ul> Added a note about ESP in UDP sessions (UDP port 4500) not been offloaded by NP6 processors to <a href="#">NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136</a> .

Date	Change description
	Corrections to <a href="#">Dedicated management CPU</a> on page 34. Changes to <a href="#">Disabling NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite hardware acceleration (fastpath)</a> on page 142.
May 21, 2020	New sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture</a> on page 212.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 2200E and 2201E fast path architecture</a> on page 224.</li><li>• <a href="#">FortiGate 3300E and 3301E fast path architecture</a> on page 236.</li></ul>
April 3, 2020	Improvements to the information about the HPE in <a href="#">Configuring individual NP6 processors</a> on page 163. New sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Adjusting NP6 HPE BGP, SLBC, and BFD priorities</a> on page 160.</li><li>• <a href="#">Eliminating dropped packets on LAG interfaces</a> on page 149.</li></ul>
March 31, 2019	FortiOS 6.4 document release.

# Hardware acceleration

Most FortiGate models have specialized acceleration hardware, (called Security Processing Units (SPUs)) that can offload resource intensive processing from main processing (CPU) resources. Most FortiGate units include specialized content processors (CPs) that accelerate a wide range of important security processes such as virus scanning, attack detection, encryption and decryption. (Only selected entry-level FortiGate models do not include a CP processor.) Many FortiGate models also contain network processors (NPs) that offload processing of high volume network traffic.

This document describes the Security Processing Unit (SPU) hardware that Fortinet builds into FortiGate devices to accelerate traffic through FortiGate units. Two types of SPUs are described:

- Content processors (CPs) that accelerate a wide range of security functions.
- Network processors (NPs and NPLites) that offload network traffic to specialized hardware that is optimized to provide high levels of network throughput.

# Whats new

This section describes new hardware acceleration features for FortiOS 6.4 releases.

## What's new for FortiOS 6.4.16

FortiOS 6.4.16 includes the resolved issues described in the [FortiOS 6.4.16 Release Notes](#).

## What's new for FortiOS 6.4.15

FortiOS 6.4.15 includes the resolved issues described in the [FortiOS 6.4.15 Release Notes](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.14

No new hardware acceleration features were added to FortiOS 6.4.14. For information about this release, see the [FortiOS 6.4.14 Release Notes](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.13

No new hardware acceleration features were added to FortiOS 6.4.13. For information about this release, see the [FortiOS 6.4.13 Release Notes](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.12

No new hardware acceleration features were added to FortiOS 6.4.12. For new FortiOS 6.4.12 NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.12 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.11

No new hardware acceleration features were added to FortiOS 6.4.11. For new FortiOS 6.4.11 NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.11 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.10

No new hardware acceleration features were added to FortiOS 6.4.10. For new FortiOS 6.4.10 NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.10 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.9

This section lists the new NP7 features added to FortiOS 6.4.9. For new FortiOS 6.4.9 NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.9 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

- FortiOS 6.4.9 includes main branch support for FortiGates with NP7 processors and hyperscale firewall features (FortiGate-1800F, FortiGate-1801F, FortiGate-2600F, FortiGate-2601F, FortiGate-4200F, FortiGate-4201F, FortiGate-4400F, and FortiGate-4401F). Previous versions of FortiOS supported FortiGates with NP7 processors through special branch firmware builds.

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.8

This section lists the new NP7 features added to FortiOS 6.4.8. For new FortiOS 6.4.8 NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.8 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

- The `config system npu` command includes a new `htx-icmp-csum-chk` option to block or allow NP7 processors to send ICMP packets with checksum errors to the CPU. See [htx-icmp-csum-chk {drop | pass}](#) on [page 73](#).
- New option to enable or disable background NP7 SSE scanning for FortiGates with hyperscale firewall features enabled and configure some SSE scanning options. See [config background-sse-scan](#) on [page 79](#).
- You can enable or disable hyperscale firewall per-policy accounting for all hyperscale traffic. See [per-policy-accounting {disable | enable}](#) on [page 72](#).

## What's new for FortiGates with NP7 processors for FortiOS 6.4.6

FortiOS 6.4.6 includes support for FortiGates with NP7 processors and for NP7 hyperscale firewall features. For information about NP7 processors, see:

- [Network processors \(NP7, NP6, NP6X Lite, and NP6 Lite\)](#) on [page 26](#).
- [NP7 acceleration](#) on [page 39](#).
- [FortiGate NP7 architectures](#) on [page 97](#).

For information about NP7 hyperscale firewall features, see the [FortiOS 6.4.6 Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

The following new features for FortiGates that include NP7 processors have been added to FortiOS 6.4.6.

- Re-designed NP7 HPE, see [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\)](#) on [page 58](#).
- New `config system npu` options:
  - `tcp-rst-timeout <timeout>` on [page 70](#).
  - `napi-break-interval <interval>` on [page 70](#).
  - `vlan-lookup-cache {disable | enable}` on [page 73](#).
  - `htab-msg-queue {data | idle | dedicated}` on [page 74](#).
  - `htab-dedi-queue-nr <number-of-queues>` on [page 74](#).
  - `double-level-mcast-offload {disable | enable}` on [page 75](#).

The following new FortiOS 6.2.7 features are also available for FortiOS 6.4.6.

- You can improve overall performance by keeping accelerated VDOM link interfaces from consuming excessive NP7 bandwidth. See [Bandwidth control for NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces](#) on [page 45](#).
- When configuring a VLAN interface, you can set the maximum outgoing bandwidth that traffic over the VLAN interface can use. See [Controlling the maximum outgoing VLAN bandwidth](#) on [page 46](#).

- FortiGates with NP7 processors now support synchronizing HA session sync packets to multiple CPUs, see [Distributing HA session synchronization packets to multiple CPUs on page 57](#).
- You can now enable or disable hash table entry spread for NP7 processors, see [hash-tbl-spread \(disable | enable\) on page 72](#).
- NP7 Host Protection Engine (HPE) enhancements, to prevent SYN\_ACK reflection attacks and limit the maximum number of TCP FIN and RST packets. See [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) on page 58](#).

# Content processors (CP9, CP9XLite, CP9Lite)

Most FortiGate models contain CP9 Security Processing Unit (SPU) Content Processors (CPs) that accelerate many common resource intensive security related processes. CP9s work at the system level with tasks being offloaded to them as determined by the main CPU. Current FortiGate units include CP9, CP9Lite, and CP9XLite processors. Capabilities of the CPs vary by model. Older CP versions include the CP4, CP5, CP6, and CP8.

## CP9, CP9XLite, and CP9Lite capabilities

CP9, CP9XLite (found in SOC4), and CP9Lite (found in SOC3) content processors support mostly the same features, with a few exceptions noted below. The main difference between the processors is their capacity and throughput. For example, the CP9 has sixteen IPsec VPN engines while the CP9XLite has five and the CP9Lite has one. As a result, the CP9 can accelerate many more IPsec VPN sessions than the lite versions.

The CP9 content processor provides the following services:



FortiOS may not support all of the CP9 services listed below. For example, IPsec VPNs may not support some less commonly used proposals; such as AES-GMAC. For any FortiOS function, you can check the options available from the CLI to see the features that are supported. For example, when configuring an IPsec VPN phase one, you can use the CLI help with the `set proposal` option to see the list of supported proposals.

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- Flow-based inspection (IPS and application control) pattern matching acceleration with over 10Gbps throughput
  - IPS pre-scan/pre-match offload
  - IPS signature correlation offload
  - Full match offload (CP9 only)
  - High throughput DFA-based deep packet inspection
- High performance VPN bulk data engine
  - IPsec and SSL/TLS protocol processor
  - DES/3DES/AES128/192/256 in accordance with FIPS46-3/FIPS81/FIPS197
  - MD5/SHA-1/SHA256/384/512-96/128/192/256 with RFC1321 and FIPS180
  - M S/KM Generation (Hash) (CP9 only)
  - HMAC in accordance with RFC2104/2403/2404 and FIPS198
  - ESN mode
  - GCM support for NSA "Suite B" (RFC6379/RFC6460) including GCM-128/256; GMAC-128/256

- Key exchange processor that supports high performance IKE and RSA computation
  - Public key exponentiation engine with hardware CRT support
  - Primary checking for RSA key generation
  - Handshake accelerator with automatic key material generation
  - Ring OSC entropy source
  - Elliptic curve cryptography ECC (P-256) support for NSA "Suite B" (CP9 only)
  - Sub public key engine (PKCE) to support up to 4096 bit operation directly (4k for DH and 8k for RSA with CRT)
- DLP fingerprint support
  - Configurable Two-Thresholds-Two-Divisors (TTTD) content chunking

## CP8 capabilities

The CP8 content processor provides the following services:

- Flow-based inspection (IPS, application control etc.) pattern matching acceleration
- High performance VPN bulk data engine
  - IPsec and SSL/TLS protocol processor
  - DES/3DES/AES in accordance with FIPS46-3/FIPS81/FIPS197
  - ARC4 in compliance with RC4
  - MD5/SHA-1/SHA256 with RFC1321 and FIPS180
  - HMAC in accordance with RFC2104/2403/2404 and FIPS198
  - Key Exchange Processor support high performance IKE and RSA computation
  - Public key exponentiation engine with hardware CRT support
  - Primarily checking for RSA key generation
  - Handshake accelerator with automatic key material generation
  - Random Number generator compliance with ANSI X9.31
  - Sub public key engine (PKCE) supports up to DH 2048 bit (group 14)
- Message authentication module offers high performance cryptographic engine for calculating SHA256/SHA1/MD5 of data up to 4G bytes (used by many applications)
- PCI express Gen 2 four lanes interface
- Cascade Interface for chip expansion

## Determining the content processor in your FortiGate unit

Use the `get hardware status` CLI command to determine which content processor your FortiGate unit contains. The output looks like this:

```
get hardware status
Model name: FortiGate-4201F
ASIC version: CP9
ASIC SRAM: 64M
CPU: Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6248 CPU @ 2.50GHz
Number of CPUs: 80
RAM: 387740 MB
Compact Flash: 28738 MB /dev/sda
Hard disk: 1907729 MB /dev/nvme0n1
USB Flash: not available
Network Card chipset: Intel(R) Gigabit Ethernet Linux Driver (rev.0003)
Network Card chipset: FortiASIC NP7 Adapter (rev.)
Hardware Board ID: 000
```

The ASIC version line lists the content processor model number.

## Viewing SSL acceleration status

You can view the status of SSL acceleration using the following command:

```
get vpn status ssl hw-acceleration-status
Acceleration hardware detected: kxp=on cipher=on
```

Where kxp means key exchange acceleration.

# Network processors (NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite)

FortiASIC network processors work at the interface level to accelerate traffic by offloading traffic from the main CPU. Current models contain NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite network processors. Older FortiGate models include NP1 network processors (also known as FortiAccel, or FA2), NP2, NP4, and NP4Lite network processors.

The traffic that can be offloaded, maximum throughput, and number of network interfaces supported by each varies by processor model:

- NP7 supports offloading of most IPv4 and IPv6 traffic, IPsec VPN encryption (including Suite B), GTP traffic, CAPWAP traffic, VXLAN traffic, multicast traffic, NAT session setup for NAT44, NAT66, NAT64 and NAT46 traffic, and DoS protection. On FortiGates licensed for hyperscale firewall support, NP7 offloads session setup, Carrier Grade NAT (CGN), hardware logging, HA hardware session synchronization, DoS protection, and data communication from the FortiGate CPU. The NP7 has a maximum throughput of 200 Gbps using 2 x 100 Gbps interfaces. For details about the NP7 processor, see [NP7 acceleration on page 39](#) and for information about FortiGate models with NP7 processors, see [FortiGate NP7 architectures on page 97](#). For information about hyperscale firewall functionality, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).
- NP6 supports offloading of most IPv4 and IPv6 traffic, IPsec VPN encryption, CAPWAP traffic, DoS protection, NAT session setup for NAT44, NAT66, NAT64 and NAT46 traffic, and multicast traffic. The NP6 has a maximum throughput of 40 Gbps using 4 x 10 Gbps XAUI or Quad Serial Gigabit Media Independent Interface (QSGMII) interfaces or 3 x 10 Gbps and 16 x 1 Gbps XAUI or QSGMII interfaces. For details about the NP6 processor, see [NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite acceleration on page 135](#) and for information about FortiGate models with NP6 processors, see [FortiGate NP6 architectures on page 193](#).
- NP6XLite is a component of the Fortinet SOC4 and supports the same features as the NP6 but with slightly lower throughput. The NP6XLite also includes new features and improvements, such as the ability to offload AES128-GCM and AES256-GCM encryption for IPsec VPN traffic. The NP6XLite has a maximum throughput of 36 Gbps using 4x KR/USXGMII/QSGMII and 2x(1x) Reduced gigabit media-independent interface (RGMII) interfaces. For details about the NP6XLite processor, see [NP6XLite processors on page 137](#) and for information about FortiGate models with NP6XLite processors, see [FortiGate NP6XLite architectures on page 281](#).
- The NP6Lite is a component of the Fortinet SOC3 and is similar to the NP6 but with a lower throughput and some functional limitations (for example, the NP6Lite does not offload CAPWAP traffic). The NP6Lite has a maximum throughput of 10 Gbps using 2x QSGMII and 2x RGMII interfaces. For details about the NP6Lite processor, see [NP6Lite processors on page 138](#) and for information about FortiGate models with NP6 processors, see [FortiGate NP6Lite architectures on page 293](#).



Sessions that require proxy-based security features are not fast pathed and must be processed by the CPU. Sessions that require flow-based security features can be offloaded to NPx network processors if the FortiGate supports NTurbo.

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## Accelerated sessions on FortiView All Sessions page

When viewing sessions in the FortiView All Sessions console, NP6 or NP7 accelerated sessions are highlighted with an NP6 or NP7 icon. The tooltip for the icon includes the NP processor type and the total number of accelerated sessions.

You can also configure filtering to display FortiASIC sessions.

## NP session offloading in HA active-active configuration

Network processors can improve network performance in active-active (load balancing) high availability (HA) configurations, even though traffic deviates from general offloading patterns, involving more than one network processor, each in a separate FortiGate unit. No additional offloading requirements apply.

Once the primary FortiGate unit's main processing resources send a session key to its network processor(s), network processor(s) on the primary unit can redirect any subsequent session traffic to other cluster members, reducing traffic redirection load on the primary unit's main processing resources.

As subordinate units receive redirected traffic, each network processor in the cluster assesses and processes session offloading independently from the primary unit. Session key states of each network processor are not part of synchronization traffic between HA members.

## Configuring NP HMAC check offloading

Hash-based Message Authentication Code (HMAC) checks offloaded to network processors by default. You can enter the following command to disable this feature:

```
configure system global
  set ipsec-hmac-offload disable
end
```

## Software switch interfaces and NP processors

FortiOS supports creating a software switch by grouping two or more interfaces into a single virtual or software switch interface. All of the interfaces in the software switch act like interfaces in a hardware switch in that they all have the same IP address and can be connected to the same network.

- You create a software switch interface from the GUI by going to **Network > Interfaces**, selecting **Create New > Interface** and setting **Type** to **Software Switch**. Among other settings you can set **intra-switch-policy** to **Implicit** or **Explicit**.
- You create a software switch interface from the CLI using the commands `config system switch-interface` and `config system interface`:

```
config system switch-interface
  edit <switch-interface-name>
    set vdom <vdom>
    set member <interface1> <interface2> ...
    set intra-switch-policy {implicit | explicit}
  next
end
config system interface
  edit <switch-interface-name>
    set vdom <vdom>
    set type switch
    set ip <ip_address>
  next
end
```

The default setting of `intra-switch-policy` is `implicit`, which means traffic is allowed to pass between member interfaces. Setting `intra-switch-policy` to `explicit` means that you must create firewall policies between member interfaces to allow traffic to pass between them.

All NP processors support offloading software switch traffic if `intra-switch-policy` is set to `explicit`, device-identification is disabled for the interfaces added to the software switch, and you have created firewall policies that allow traffic between software switch interfaces.

NP processors cannot offload software switch traffic if `intra-switch-policy` is set to `implicit`. In this case, the software switch is a bridge group of several interfaces, and the FortiGate CPU maintains the mac-port table for this bridge. As a result of this CPU involvement, traffic processed by a software switch with `intra-switch-policy` set to `implicit` is not offloaded to network processors.

For more information about software switch interfaces, see [Software switch](#).

## Disabling NP offloading for firewall policies

Use the following options to disable NP offloading for specific security policies:

For IPv4 security policies.

```
config firewall policy
  edit 1
    set auto-asic-offload disable
  end
```

For IPv6 security policies.

```
config firewall policy6
  edit 1
    set auto-asic-offload disable
  end
```

For multicast security policies.

```
config firewall multicast-policy
edit 1
set auto-asic-offload disable
end
```

## Disabling NP offloading for individual IPsec VPN phase 1s

Use the following command to disable NP offloading for an interface-based IPsec VPN phase 1:

```
config vpn ipsec phase1-interface
edit phase-1-name
set npu-offload disable
end
```

Use the following command to disable NP offloading for a policy-based IPsec VPN phase 1:

```
config vpn ipsec phase1
edit phase-1-name
set npu-offload disable
end
```

The `npu-offload` option is enabled by default.

## NP acceleration, virtual clustering, and VLAN MAC addresses

In some configurations, when a FortiGate with NP7 or NP6 processors is operating with virtual clustering enabled, traffic cannot be offloaded by the NP7 or NP6 processors if the MAC address of the VLAN interface accepting the traffic is different from the MAC address of the physical interface that the VLAN interface has been added to. If you are running a configuration like this, traffic from the VLAN interface can be dropped by the NP7 or NP6 processors. If you notice traffic being dropped, you can disable NP offloading in the firewall policy that accepts the traffic to resolve the issue.

NP7 and NP6 offloading can still work in some network configurations when a VLAN and its physical interface have different MAC addresses. For example, offloading can still work as long as other network devices learn the FortiGate's MAC addresses from ARP. As well, offloading can work if the reply traffic destination MAC is the same as the MAC of the underlying interface.

## Determining the network processors installed in your FortiGate

Use the following command to list the NP7 processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
```

Use either of the following command to list the NP6 processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list  
diagnose npu np6 port-list
```

Use the following command to list the NP6XLite processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
get hardware npu np6xlite port-list
```

Use either of the following commands to list the NP6Lite processors in your FortiGate unit:

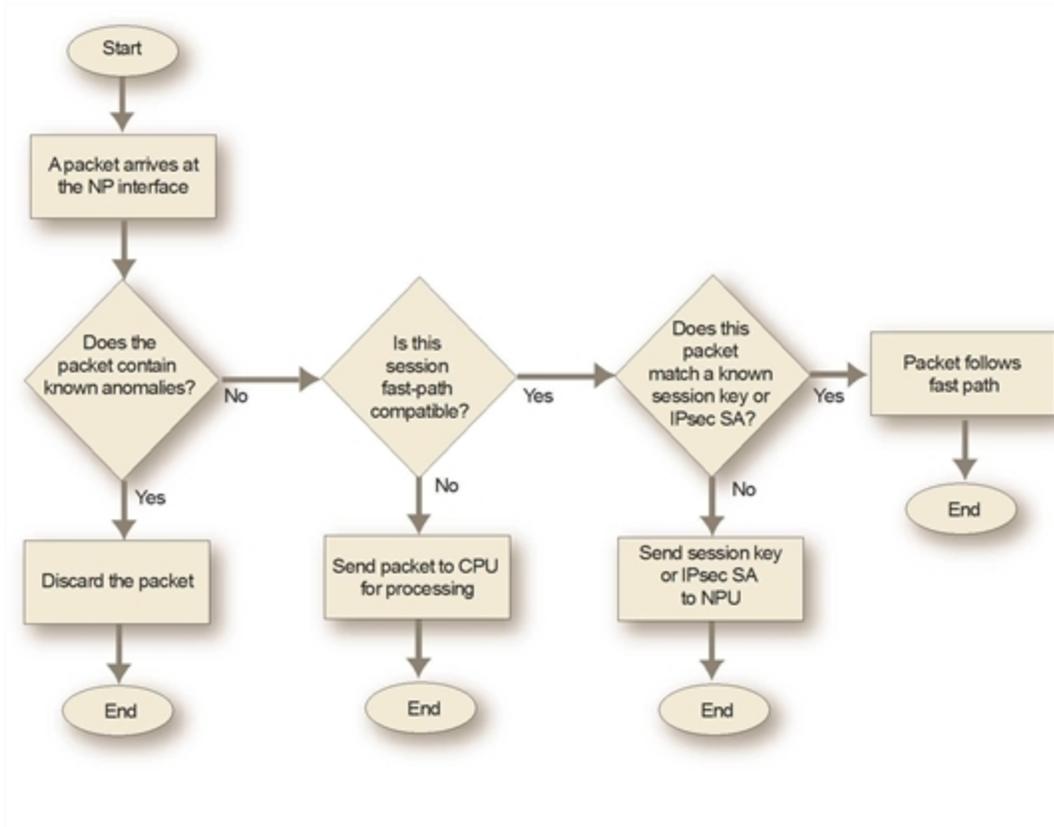
```
get hardware npu np6lite port-list  
diagnose npu np6lite port-list
```

## NP hardware acceleration alters packet flow

NP hardware acceleration generally alters packet flow as follows:

1. Packets initiating a session pass to the FortiGate unit's main processing resources (CPU).
2. The FortiGate unit assesses whether the session matches fast path (offload) requirements.  
To be suitable for offloading, traffic must possess only characteristics that can be processed by the fast path. The list of requirements depends on the processor, see [NP7 session fast path requirements on page 40](#) or [NP6 session fast path requirements on page 136](#).  
If the session can be fast pathed, the FortiGate unit sends the session key or IPsec security association (SA) and configured firewall processing action to the appropriate network processor.
3. Network processors continuously match packets arriving on their attached ports against the session keys and SAs they have received.
  - If a network processor's network interface is configured to perform hardware accelerated anomaly checks, the network processor drops or accepts packets that match the configured anomaly patterns. These checks are separate from and in advance of anomaly checks performed by IPS, which is not compatible with network processor offloading. See .
  - The network processor next checks for a matching session key or SA. If a matching session key or SA is found, and if the packet meets packet requirements, the network processor processes the packet according to the configured action and then sends the resulting packet. This is the actual offloading step. Performing this processing on the NP processor improves overall performance because the NP processor is optimized for this task. As well, overall FortiGate performance is improved because the CPU has fewer sessions to process.

## NP network processor packet flow



- If a matching session key or SA is not found, or if the packet does not meet packet requirements, the packet cannot be offloaded. The network processor sends the data to the FortiGate unit's CPU, which processes the packet.

Encryption and decryption of IPsec traffic originating from the FortiGate can utilize network processor encryption capabilities.

Packet forwarding rates vary by the percentage of offloadable processing and the type of network processing required by your configuration, but are independent of frame size. For optimal traffic types, network throughput can equal wire speed.

## NP traffic logging and performance monitoring

NP7, NP7Lite, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite processors support per-session traffic and byte counters, Ethernet MIB matching, and reporting through messages resulting in traffic statistics and traffic log reporting.

- For information about NP7 and NP7Lite per-session accounting and , see [Per-session accounting for offloaded NP7 sessions \(NP7 performance monitoring\) on page 46](#).
- For information about NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite per-session accounting, see [Per-session accounting for offloaded NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite sessions \(NP6 performance monitoring\) on page 167](#).

## sFlow and NetFlow and hardware acceleration

NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite offloading is supported when you configure NetFlow for interfaces connected to NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processors. Offloading of other sessions is not affected by configuring NetFlow. Full NetFlow is supported through the information maintained in the firewall session.

Configuring sFlow on any interface disables all NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite offloading for all traffic on that interface.

## Checking that traffic is offloaded by NP processors

A number of diagnose commands can be used to verify that traffic is being offloaded.

### Using the packet sniffer

Use the packet sniffer to verify that traffic is offloaded. Offloaded traffic is not picked up by the packet sniffer so if you are sending traffic through the FortiGate unit and it is not showing up on the packet sniffer you can conclude that it is offloaded.

```
diagnose sniffer packet port1 <option>
```



If you want the packet sniffer to be able to see offloaded traffic you can temporarily disable offloading the traffic, run the packet sniffer to view it and then re-enable offloading. As an example, you may want to sniff the traffic that is accepted by a specific firewall policy. You can edit the policy and set the `auto-asic-offload` option to `disable` to disable offloading this traffic. You can also disable offloading for IPsec VPN traffic, see [Network processors \(NP7, NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite\) on page 26](#).

FortiGates with NP7 processors include an NP7 packet sniffer that you can use for offloaded traffic, see.

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## Checking the firewall session offload tag

Use the `diagnose sys session list` command to display sessions. If the output for a session includes the `npu info` field you should see information about session being offloaded. If the output doesn't contain an `npu info` field then the session has not been offloaded.

```
diagnose sys session list
session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=34 expire=3565 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
              sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
```

```

per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=295/3/1 reply=60/1/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=48->6/6->48 gwy=10.1.100.11/11.11.11.1
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 172.16.200.55:56453->10.1.100.11:80(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 10.1.100.11:80->172.16.200.55:56453(0.0.0.0:0)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=4
serial=0000091c tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=172.16.200.55, bps=393
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=4/4, ips_offload=0/0, epid=1/23, ipid=23/1, vlan=32779/0

```

## Verifying IPsec VPN traffic offloading

The following commands can be used to verify IPsec VPN traffic offloading to NP processors.

```

diagnose vpn ipsec status
NP1/NP2/NP4_0/sp_0_0:
  null: 0 0
  des: 0 0
  3des: 4075 4074
  aes: 0 0
  aria: 0 0
  seed: 0 0
  null: 0 0
  md5: 4075 4074
  sha1: 0 0
  sha256: 0 0
  sha384: 0 0
  sha512: 0 0
diagnose vpn tunnel list
list all ipsec tunnel in vd 3
-----
name=p1-vdom1 ver=1 serial=5 11.11.11.1:0->11.11.11.2:0 lgwy=static tun=tunnel mode=auto bound_
if=47
proxyid_num=1 child_num=0 refcnt=8 ilast=2 olast=2
stat: rxp=3076 txp=1667 rxb=4299623276 txb=66323
dpd: mode=active on=1 idle=5000ms retry=3 count=0 seqno=20
natt: mode=none draft=0 interval=0 remote_port=0
proxyid=p2-vdom1 proto=0 sa=1 ref=2 auto_negotiate=0 serial=1
src: 0:0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0:0
dst: 0:0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0:0
SA: ref=6 options=0000000e type=00 soft=0 mtu=1436 expire=1736 replaywin=2048 seqno=680
life: type=01 bytes=0/0 timeout=1748/1800
dec: spi=ae01010c esp=3des key=24 18e021bcace225347459189f292fbc2e4677563b07498a07
ah=md5 key=16 b4f44368741632b4e33e5f5b794253d3
enc: spi=ae01010d esp=3des key=24 42c94a8a2f72a44f9a3777f8e6aa3b24160b8af15f54a573
ah=md5 key=16 6214155f76b63a93345dcc9ec02d6415
dec:pkts/bytes=3073/4299621477, enc:pkts/bytes=1667/66375
  npu_flag=03 npu_rgwy=11.11.11.2 npu_lgwy=11.11.11.1 npu_selid=4
diagnose sys session list

```

```

session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=34 expire=3565 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
             sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/p1-vdom2
state=re may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=112/2/1 reply=112/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=57->7/7->57 gwy=10.1.100.11/11.11.11.1
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 172.16.200.55:35254->10.1.100.11:80(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 10.1.100.11:80->172.16.200.55:35254(0.0.0.0:0)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=4
serial=00002d29 tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=172.16.200.55, bps=260
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x82, offload=7/7, ips_offload=0/0, epid=1/3, ipid=3/1, vlan=32779/0

```

## Dedicated management CPU

The GUI and CLI of FortiGate units with NP7 and NP6 processors may become unresponsive when the system is under heavy processing load because NP7 or NP6 interrupts overload the CPUs preventing CPU cycles from being used for management tasks. You can resolve this issue by using the following command to dedicate CPU core 0 to management tasks.

```

config system npu
    set dedicated-management-cpu enable
end

```

All management tasks are then processed by CPU 0. NP6 or NP7 interrupts that would normally be handed by CPU 0 are added to CPU 1, resulting in CPU 1 processes more interrupts. The `dedicated-management-cpu` option is disabled by default.

## NP processors and packet ordering under heavy load

In some cases when FortiGate units with NP7, NP7Lite, NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processors are under heavy load, the packets of some sessions may be transmitted by the FortiGate in the wrong order, resulting in the TCP sessions failing or causing packets to be re-transmitted.

NP7, NP7Lite, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite processors include a packet ordering engine that prevents packet ordering issues. So packet ordering issues are much less common on FortiGates with NP7, NP7Lite, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite processors than on FortiGates with NP6 processors.

If you notice TCP sessions failing when a FortiGate with NP7, NP7Lite, NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processors is very busy you can enable `delay-tcp-npu-session` in the firewall policy receiving the traffic. This option resolves the

problem by delaying the session to make sure that there is time for all of the handshake packets to reach the destination before the session begins transmitting data.

```
config firewall policy
    set delay-tcp-npu-session enable
end
```

You can also use the following command to prevent packet ordering problems for all traffic.

```
config system global
    set delay-tcp-npu-session enable
end
```

This is a global option that applies to all traffic and overrides the per-policy setting.



NP6 processors are limited in how they handle burst traffic packet ordering problems. Some additional options are available to reduce packet ordering problems on FortiGates with NP6 processors see, [Supporting IPsec anti-replay protection on page 153](#).

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## NP processors and IPsec anti-replay protection

IPsec Anti-replay protection protects IPsec tunnel traffic by making sure that replayed packets cannot be used to subvert tunnel security. Anti-replay protection can introduce packet reordering issues, as the very nature of anti-replay is that the right packet arrives in the correct sequence for the appropriate security control (decryption) to be applied.

NP7, NP7Lite, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite processors include a packet ordering engine that works in conjunction with IPsec functions to control anti-replay and packet ordering issues. This is inherent to the functions of these processors, and therefore IPsec anti-replay can be enabled on FortiGate models with NP7, NP7Lite, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite processors.

NP6 processors do not have an integrated packet ordering function. Each NP6 operates multiple crypto engines to provide high crypto performance, and this can cause packet ordering issues with large packet size variations. For more information, see [Supporting IPsec anti-replay protection on page 153](#).

# Strict protocol header checking disables hardware acceleration

You can use the following command to cause the FortiGate to apply strict header checking to verify that a packet is part of a session that should be processed. Strict header checking includes verifying the layer-4 protocol header length, the IP header length, the IP version, the IP checksum, IP options, and verifying that ESP packets have the correct sequence number, SPI, and data length. If the packet fails header checking it is dropped by the FortiGate unit.

```
config system global
    set check-protocol-header strict
end
```

Enabling strict header checking disables all hardware acceleration. This includes NP, SP, and CP processing.

# NTurbo and IPSA

You can use the following command to configure NTurbo and IPS Acceleration (IPSA) for firewall sessions that have flow-based security profiles. This includes firewall sessions with IPS, application control, flow-based antivirus, and flow-based web filtering.

```
config ips global
  set np-accel-mode {none | basic}
  set cp-accel-mode {none | basic | advanced}
end
```

np-accel-mode select the NTurbo mode.

cp-accel-mode select the IPSA mode.

## NTurbo offloads flow-based processing

For firewall sessions with flow-based security profiles, NTurbo offloads firewall and NAT sessions from the FortiGate CPU to NP7 or NP6 network processors. NTurbo distributes these sessions to different IPS engine processes spread across multiple CPU cores, ensuring a load-balanced approach for handling IPS signature/pattern matching tasks.

Without NTurbo, or with NTurbo disabled, all firewall and NAT processing is done by the FortiGate CPU and sessions requiring IPS signature/pattern matching are evenly distributed among multiple CPU cores using a round-robin distribution method.



Firewall sessions that include proxy-based security profiles are never offloaded to network processors and are always processed by the FortiGate CPU.

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NTurbo creates a special data path to redirect traffic from the ingress interface to IPS, and from IPS to the egress interface. NTurbo allows firewall operations to be offloaded along this path, and still allows IPS to behave as a stage in the processing pipeline, reducing the workload on the FortiGate CPU and improving overall throughput.

If NTurbo is supported by your FortiGate unit, you can use the following command to configure it:

```
config ips global
  set np-accel-mode {basic | none}
end
```

basic enables NTurbo and is the default setting for FortiGate models that support NTurbo. none disables NTurbo. If the np-accel-mode option is not available, then your FortiGate does not support NTurbo.

There are some special cases (listed below) where sessions may not be offloaded by NTurbo, even when NTurbo is explicitly enabled. In these cases, the sessions are handled by the FortiGate CPU.

- NP acceleration is disabled. For example, auto-asic-offload is disabled in the firewall policy configuration.
- The firewall policy includes proxy-based security profiles.

- The sessions require FortiOS session-helpers. For example, FTP sessions can not be offloaded to NP processors because FTP sessions use the FTP session helper.
- Tunneling is enabled. Any traffic to or from a tunneled interface (IPinIP, SSL VPN, GRE, CAPWAP, etc.) cannot be offloaded by NTurbo. (However, IPsec VPN sessions can be offloaded by NTurbo if the SA can be offloaded.)
- After an FGCP HA failover, failed over NTurbo sessions are processed by the CPU instead of by NP processors. This may result in reduced throughput after an FGCP HA failover until all failed over NTurbo sessions have been completed.

## Disabling nTurbo for firewall policies

If you want to disable nTurbo for test purposes or other reasons, you can do so in firewall policies by setting the np-acceleration option to disable.

```
config firewall policy
  edit 1
    set np-acceleration disable
  end
```

## IPSA offloads flow-based pattern matching

IPS Acceleration (IPSA) offloads enhanced pattern matching operations required for flow-based content processing to CP8 and CP9 Content Processors. IPSA offloads enhanced pattern matching for NTurbo firewall sessions and firewall sessions that are not offloaded to NP processors. When IPSA is turned on, flow-based pattern databases are compiled and downloaded to the content processors. Flow-based pattern matching requests are redirected to the CP hardware, reducing the load on the FortiGate CPU and accelerating pattern matching.

If IPSA is supported on your FortiGate, you can use the following command to configure it:

```
config ips global
  set cp-accel-mode {advanced | basic | none}
end
```

basic offloads basic pattern matching.

advanced offloads more types of pattern matching resulting in higher throughput than basic mode. advanced is only available on FortiGate models with two or more CP8s or one or more CP9s.

If the cp-accel-mode option is not available, then your FortiGate does not support IPSA.

On FortiGates with one CP8, the default cp-accel-mode is basic. Setting the mode to advanced does not change the types of pattern matching that are offloaded.

On FortiGates with two or more CP8s or one or more CP9s, the default cp-accel-mode is advanced. You can set the mode to basic to offload fewer types of pattern matching.

# NP7 acceleration

NP7 network processors provide fastpath acceleration by offloading communication sessions from the FortiGate CPU. When the first packet of a new session is received by an interface connected to an NP7 processor, just like any session connecting with any FortiGate interface, the session is forwarded to the FortiGate CPU where it is matched with a security policy. If the session is accepted by a firewall policy and if the session can be offloaded its session key is copied to the NP7 processor that received the packet. All of the rest of the packets in the session are intercepted by the NP7 processor and fast-pathed to their destination without ever passing through the FortiGate CPU. The result is enhanced network performance provided by the NP7 processor plus the network processing load is removed from the CPU. In addition the NP7 processor can handle some CPU intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption.

On FortiGates licensed for hyperscale firewall support, NP7 network processors provide fastpath acceleration by offloading session setup, Carrier Grade NAT (CGN), hardware logging, HA hardware session synchronization, DoS protection, and data communication from the FortiGate CPU. When the first packet of a new session is received by an interface connected to an NP7 processor, session and NAT setup takes place entirely on the NP7 policy and NAT engine without any involvement of the system bus or CPU, resulting in much higher connections per second. To support hardware session setup, the NP7 policy and NAT engine has a copy of the FortiGate policy, NAT, and routing tables. For information about hyperscale firewall functionality, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

If the session is accepted by a firewall policy, and if the session can be offloaded, its session key is stored in the session table of the NP7 that received the session. All of the rest of the packets in the session are intercepted by the NP7 processor and fast-pathed out of the FortiGate unit to their destination. The result is enhanced connection per second (CPS) and network throughput performance provided by the NP7 processor plus the network processing load is removed from the CPU.

In addition, the NP7 processor can handle some CPU intensive tasks, like IPsec encryption/decryption.

In FortiGate with multiple NP7s, session keys (and IPsec SA keys) are stored in the memory of the NP7 processor that is connected to the interface that received the packet that started the session. All sessions are fast-pathed and accelerated, even if they exit the FortiGate unit through an interface connected to another NP7. There is no dependence on getting the right pair of interfaces since the offloading is done by the receiving NP7.

The key to making this possible is an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) that connects the NP7s and the FortiGate interfaces together. The ISF allows any interface connectivity with any NP7 on the same ISF. There are no special ingress and egress fast path requirements as long as traffic enters and exits on interfaces connected to the same ISF.

Each NP7 has a maximum throughput of 200 Gbps using two 100-Gigabit interfaces. Some FortiGates with NP7 processors also support creating NP7 port maps, allowing you to map data interfaces to specific NP7 100G interfaces. This feature allows you to control the balance traffic between the NP7 interfaces.

There is one limitation to keep in mind:

- The capacity of the NP7 processor. An individual NP7 processor can support up to 12 million sessions. This number is limited by the amount of memory the processor has. Once an NP7 processor hits its session limit, sessions that are over the limit are sent to the CPU. You can avoid this problem by as much as possible distributing incoming sessions evenly among multiple NP7 processors. To be able to do this you need to be aware of which interfaces connect to which NP7 processors and distribute incoming traffic accordingly.

## NP7 session fast path requirements

This section lists all the criteria that determine whether a session can be offloaded by NP7 processors.

- [Protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors on page 41](#) provides a quick reference to the protocols that can be offloaded.
- [Tunneling protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors on page 42](#) provides a quick reference to the tunneling protocols that can be offloaded.

NP7 processors can offload most IPv4 and IPv6 traffic and IPv4 and IPv6 versions of the following traffic types where appropriate:

- NAT session setup for NAT44, NAT66, NAT64 and NAT46 traffic.
- Link aggregation (LAG) (IEEE 802.3ad) traffic and traffic from static redundant interfaces (see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#)[Increasing NP7 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 48](#)).
- TCP, UDP, ICMP, SCTP, GTP-u, and RDP traffic.
- IPsec VPN traffic terminating on the FortiGate. NP7 processors also offload IPsec encryption/decryption including:
  - Null, DES, 3DES, AES128, AES192, AES256, AES128-GCM, AES256-GCM, AES-GMAC128, AES-GMAC192, AES-GMAC256 encryption algorithms.
  - Null, MD5, SHA1, SHA256, SHA384, SHA512, HMAC-MD5, SHA2-256 and SHA2-512 authentication algorithms.
- IPsec traffic that passes through a FortiGate without being unencrypted.
- Anomaly-based intrusion prevention, checksum offload, and packet defragmentation.
- Encapsulation protocols including IPIP tunneling (also called IP in IP tunneling), SIT tunneling, and IPv6 tunneling (supported by both NP7 and NP7Lite processors).
- Multicast traffic (including Multicast over IPsec).
- CAPWAP and wireless bridge traffic tunnel encapsulation to enable line rate wireless forwarding from FortiAP devices.
- Virtual switch traffic including MAC management and forwarding, STP, and 802.1x.
- GRE. (Offloading GRE over a loopback interface is not supported and offloaded traffic is blocked. In the firewall policy, disable `auto-asic-offload` to allow traffic to flow.)
- GTP.
- VXLAN.
- CAPWAP and VXLAN over IPsec.
- SD-WAN segmentation over single relay sessions that include an IPsec VPN phase 1 configuration that enables VPN ID with IPIP encapsulation. For more information, see [SD-WAN segmentation over a single overlay](#).
- Fragmented packets (if the packet has been fragmented into two packets (see [Reassembling and offloading fragmented packets on page 53](#))).
- Traffic shaping and priority queuing including:
  - Shared and per IP traffic shaping.
  - Interface-based egress traffic shaping.
  - Interface-based ingress traffic shaping is not supported by NP7 and NP7Lite (SOC5) offloaded traffic, see [Ingress traffic shaping profile](#).
- QoS.

- Syn proxying.
- DNS session helper.
- Inter-VDOM link traffic.
- Traffic over a loopback interface (including IPsec traffic terminated by the FortiGate). For information about using loopback interfaces, see the Fortinet KB article: [Technical Tip : Configuring and using a loopback interface on a FortiGate](#).

Sessions that are offloaded must be fast path ready. For a session to be fast path ready it must meet the following criteria:

- Layer 2 type/length must be 0x0800 for IPv4 or 0x86dd for IPv6 (IEEE 802.1q VLAN specification is supported).
- Layer 3 protocol can be IPv4 or IPv6.
- Layer 4 protocol can be UDP, TCP, ICMP, or SCTP.
- In most cases, Layer 3 / Layer 4 header or content modification sessions that require a session helper can be offloaded.
- NTurbo sessions can be offloaded if they are accepted by firewall policies that include IPS, Application Control, flow-based antivirus, or flow-based web filtering.

Offloading application layer content modification is not supported. This means that sessions are not offloaded if they are accepted by firewall policies that include proxy-based virus scanning, proxy-based web filtering, DNS filtering, DLP, Anti-Spam, VoIP, ICAP, Web Application Firewall, or Proxy options.



If you disable anomaly checks by Intrusion Prevention (IPS), you can still enable hardware accelerated anomaly checks using the `fp-anomaly` field of the `config system interface` CLI command. See [Configuring individual NP6 processors on page 163](#).

If a session is not fast path ready, the FortiGate will not send the session key or IPsec SA key to the NP7 processor. Without the session key, all session key lookup by a network processor for incoming packets of that session fails, causing all session packets to be sent to the main processing resources, and processed at normal speeds.

If a session is fast path ready, the FortiGate sends the session key or IPsec SA key to the network processor. Session key or IPsec SA key lookups then succeed for subsequent packets from the known session or IPsec SA.

## Mixing fast path and non-fast path traffic

If packet requirements are not met, an individual packet will be processed by the FortiGate CPU regardless of whether other packets in the session are offloaded to the NP7.

Also, in some cases, a protocol's session(s) may receive a mixture of offloaded and non-offloaded processing. For example, VoIP control packets may not be offloaded but VoIP data packets (voice packets) may be offloaded.

## Protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors

The following table is a quick reference to the the internet traffic protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors:

Protocol number	Keyword	Protocol
1	ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol
4	IP-in-IP	IPv4 IPIP tunneling (also called IP in IP tunneling)*
6	TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
17	UDP	User Datagram Protocol
27	RDP	Reliable Data Protocol
41	IPv6	IPv6 Encapsulation*
47	GRE	Generic Routing Encapsulation* (Offloading GRE over a loopback interface is not supported and offloaded traffic is blocked. In the firewall policy, disable auto-asic-offload to allow traffic to flow.)
50	ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload*
97	ETHERIP or EoIP	Ethernet-within-IP Encapsulation, also called Ethernet over IP.
132	SCTP	Stream Control Transmission Protocol

\* Tunneling protocols are offloaded in passthrough mode.

## Tunneling protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors

The following table is a quick reference to the common internet tunneling protocols that can be offloaded by NP7 processors:

Keyword	Description	Protocol number
ESP used for IPsec VPN	IPSec VPN tunneling	50
IP-in-IP	IPv4 IPIP tunneling (also called IP in IP tunneling)	4
L2TP	Layer Two Tunneling Protocol	115
CAPWAP	Communication between wireless access points and wired LANs or between different wireless access points	N/A
VXLAN	VXLAN and VXLAN over IPsec. Provides secure communication between data centers over public	N/A

Keyword	Description	Protocol number
	networks.	
GRE	Generic Routing Encapsulation (Offloading GRE over a loopback interface is not supported and offloaded traffic is blocked. In the firewall policy, disable auto-asic-offload to allow traffic to flow.)	47
GTP	GPRS Tunneling protocol	N/A
IPv6 encapsulation	Tunnel to send IPv6 traffic over an IPv4 network.	41

## Viewing your FortiGate NP7 processor configuration

Use the following command to view the NP7 processor hardware configuration of your FortiGate:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
```

For example, for the FortiGate 4200F or 4201F the output would be:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
port1     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          37         xe10
port2     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          38         xe11
port3     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          39         xe12
port4     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          40         xe13
port5     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          41         xe14
port6     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          42         xe15
port7     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          43         xe16
port8     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          44         xe17
port9     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          45         xe18
port10    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          46         xe19
port11    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          47         xe20
port12    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          48         xe21
port13    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          49         xe22
port14    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          50         xe23
port15    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          51         xe24
port16    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          52         xe25
port17    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          57         ce5
port18    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          53         ce4
port19    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          67         ce7
port20    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          61         ce6
port21    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          75         ce9
port22    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          71         ce8
port23    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          83         ce11
port24    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          79         ce10
```

```

-----
NP Port:
Name  Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
np0_0  0         5         ce0
np0_1  0         9         ce1
np1_0  0         13        ce2
np1_1  0         17        ce3
np2_0  0         115       ce13
np2_1  0         111       ce12
np3_0  0         123       ce15
np3_1  0         119       ce14
-----
* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name

```

For more example output for different FortiGate models, see [FortiGate NP7 architectures on page 97](#).

You can also use the following command to view the features enabled or disabled on the NP7 processors in your FortiGate unit:

```

diagnose npu np7 system-config
default_qos_type      : shaping (1)
max_sse_tmo          : 40 (seconds)
per_sess_accounting   : enabled-by-log (0)
sess_acct_intvl      : 5 (seconds)
mcast_sess_accounting : tpe-based (0)
ip_assembly          : disabled
ip_assembly_min_tmo  : 64 (us)
ip_assembly_max_tmo  : 10000 (us)

```

## NP7 performance optimized over KR links

The NP7 processor has a bandwidth capacity of 200 Gigabits consisting of two 100 GbE KR links numbered 0 and 1 that operate as a LAG. In most FortiGate NP7 architectures, if all of the FortiGate front panel data interfaces are operating at their maximum bandwidth, the NP7 processors would not be able to offload all of the traffic; the NP7 processors are oversubscribed. Usually though, interfaces don't operate at maximum bandwidth.



KR is the hardware technology employed by the 100G physical interfaces of the NP7 processor. The K indicates the interface is a 100G electrical (and not optical fiber) interface. R represents the physical coding sublayer (PCS) used by the interface. NP7 processor KR interfaces use 64B/66B scrambled encoding. For more information see the following Wikipedia articles:

- [100 Gigabit Ethernet](#)
- [Physical coding sublayer](#)

NP7 architectures include an internal switch fabric (ISF) that distributes traffic from front panel data interfaces to the interfaces of the NP7 processor LAG if the FortiGate has one NP7 processor, or LAGs if the FortiGate has multiple NP7 processors.

For FortiGates with model number 1000 or higher, you can use the following command to configure NPU port mapping to control how traffic is distributed to the NP7 processor LAGs and optionally to individual NP7 processor interfaces.

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group-index <index>
    end
```

You can refer to individual NP7 architectures in [FortiGate NP7 architectures on page 97](#), starting with the [FortiGate 1800F and 1801F fast path architecture on page 102](#) for details about configuring NPU port mapping for individual FortiGate models.

## Bandwidth control for NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces

NP7 processors include a module called the Virtual Egress Processor (VEP) that processes all traffic that passes through NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces, including interfaces that have been added to NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces (for example VLANs).

VEP allows you to tune improve overall performance by keeping accelerated VDOM link interfaces from consuming excessive NP7 bandwidth. By default, VEP imposes the following maximum bandwidth allocations on NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces:

- Maximum bandwidth supported across an NPU accelerated VDOM link with multiple sessions is 200Gbps.
- Maximum bandwidth supported across an NPU accelerated VDOM link with one session is 100Gbps.

You can use the following command to change the VEP mode:

```
diagnose npu np7 vep-mode {100G-2 | 100G | 50G-4 | 50G-2 | 50G}
```

100G-2 the default VEP mode. Multiple session bandwidth limited to 200Gbps. Single session bandwidth limited to 100Gbps.

100G both multiple session and single-session bandwidth limited to 100Gbps.

50G-4 multiple session bandwidth limited to 200Gbps. Single session bandwidth limited to 50Gbps.

50G-2 multiple session bandwidth limited to 100Gbps. Single session bandwidth limited to 50Gbps.

50G multiple session bandwidth limited to 50Gbps. Single session bandwidth limited to 50Gbps.

After using this command to select a VEP mode, you must manually restart the FortiGate for the new VEP mode to take affect.

The VEP mode is applied per NP7 processor. If your FortiGate has multiple NP7 processors, they will all operate in the same VEP mode.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## Controlling the maximum outgoing VLAN bandwidth

When configuring a VLAN interface, you can use the `outbandwidth` option to set the maximum outgoing bandwidth that traffic over the VLAN interface can use.

```
config system interface
  edit "vlan11-vdom1"
    set vdom "vdom1"
    ...
    set outbandwidth <max-bandwidth>
    ...
  set interface "npu0_vlink0"
  set vlanid 11
end
```

`<max-bandwidth>` set the maximum outgoing bandwidth in kbps for the VLAN interface. The default is 0 which means no maximum. The range is 0 to 100000000 kbps.

Controlling outgoing VLAN bandwidth can be useful for limiting the amount of bandwidth used by a VLAN interface added to an NPU accelerated VDOM link interface. The NP7 virtual egress processor (VEP) controls the amount of bandwidth that can be used by NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces. If you are experiencing VEP over subscription issues due to the amount of traffic passing through VLAN interfaces added to NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces, you can use the VLAN interface `outbandwidth` option to control the amount of traffic that can pass through the VLAN interface. For more information about VEP, see [Bandwidth control for NPU accelerated VDOM link interfaces on page 45](#).

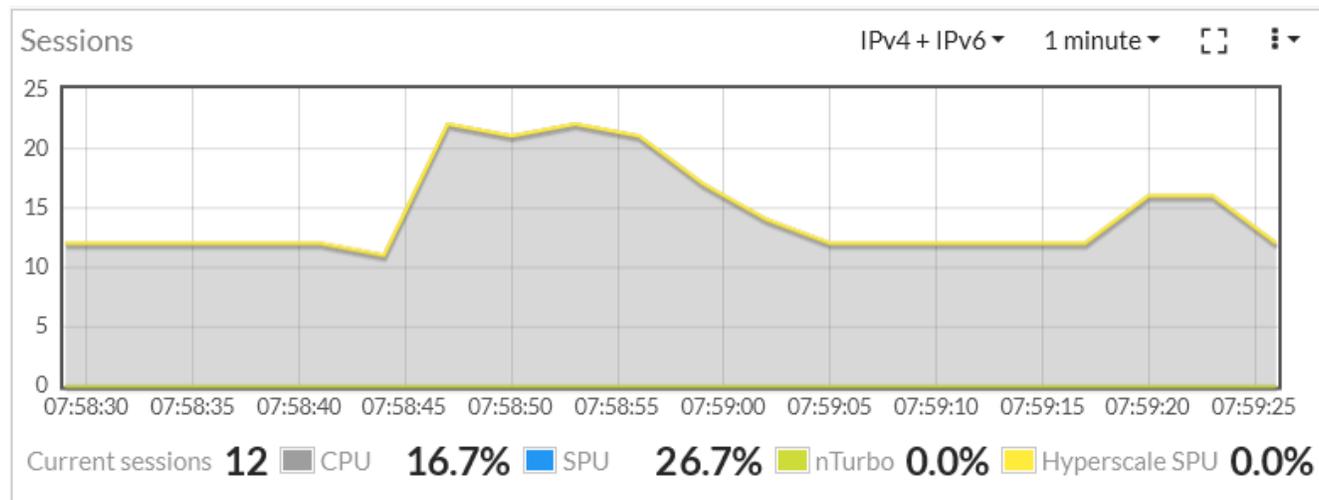
## Per-session accounting for offloaded NP7 sessions (NP7 performance monitoring)

Per-session accounting is an NP7 hardware logging feature that allows the FortiGate to report the correct bytes/pkt numbers per session for sessions offloaded to an NP7 processor. This information appears in traffic log messages as well as in FortiView. The following example shows the Sessions dashboard widget tracking SPU and nTurbo sessions. **Current sessions** shows the total number of sessions, **CPU** shows the percent of sessions handled by the

CPU, **SPU** shows the percentage of these sessions that are SPU sessions, and **Nturbo** shows the percentage that are nTurbo sessions.

If your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall features, the Sessions widget also includes **Hyperscale**, which shows the percentage of the sessions set up by NP7 processors using hardware session setup. For information about hyperscale firewall functionality, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

You can also enable per-session accounting separately for TCP multicast sessions.



By default NP7 per-session accounting is enabled for all traffic accepted by firewall policies that have traffic logging enabled. You can use the following command to disable NP7 per-session accounting or enable per-session accounting for all traffic offloaded by NP7 processors.

```
config system npu
  set per-session-accounting {disable | enable | traffic-log-only}
end
```

`enable` enables per-session accounting for all traffic offloaded by NP7 processors.

`disable` turns off per-session accounting.

`traffic-log-only` (the default) turns on NP7 per-session accounting for traffic accepted by firewall policies that have traffic logging enabled.

Enabling per-session accounting can affect NP7 offloading performance.

## Enabling per-session accounting

You configure per-session accounting for the FortiGate, all NP7s in the FortiGate have the same per-session accounting configuration. Use the following command to enable per-session accounting:

```
config system npu
  set per-session-accounting { disable | enable | traffic-log-only}
end
```

`disable` turns off per-session accounting.

`enable` enables per-session accounting for all traffic offloaded by the NP7 processor.

`traffic-log-only` (the default) turns on NP7 per-session accounting for traffic accepted by firewall policies that have traffic logging enabled.

Enabling per-session accounting can affect NP7 offloading performance.

## Enabling multicast per-session accounting

You can use the following command to configure multicast per-session accounting:

```
config system npu
  set mcast-session-accounting {tpe-based | session-based | disable}
end
```

`tpe-based` (the default) enables TPE-based multicast session accounting. TPE is the NP7 accounting and traffic shaping module. In most cases, if you want multicast session accounting, you should select `tpe-based` for optimal performance and reliability. This setting may be incompatible with some traffic. If problems such as packet order issues occur, you can disable multicast session accounting or select `session-based` multicast accounting.

`session-based` enables session-based multicast session accounting.

`disable` disables multicast session accounting.

Generally speaking, session-based accounting has better performance than TPE-based when there are high number of multicast sessions (on the order of 7,000 sessions, depending on network and other conditions).

TPE-based accounting, generally can have better performance when there are a fewer multicast sessions with very high throughput.

Per-session accounting can affect offloading performance. So you should only enable per-session accounting if you need the accounting information.

Enabling per-session accounting does not provide traffic flow data for sFlow or NetFlow.

## Changing the per-session accounting interval

Use the following command to configure how often NP7 processors send per-session accounting log messages

```
config system npu
  set session-acct-interval <interval>
end
```

The default is to send session accounting log messages every 5 seconds and the range is 1 to 10 seconds. Increase the interval to reduce bandwidth usage.

## Increasing NP7 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups (LAGs)

NP7 processors can offload sessions received by interfaces in link aggregation groups (LAGs) (IEEE 802.3ad). A 802.3ad Link Aggregation and its management protocol, Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) LAG combines

more than one physical interface into a group of interfaces that functions like a single interface with a higher capacity than a single physical interface. NP7 processors use CRC16 hashing to distribute sessions to the interfaces in the LAG. For example, you could use a LAG if you want to offload sessions on a 100 Gbps link by adding four 25-Gbps interfaces to the same LAG.

All offloaded traffic types are supported by LAGs. Just like with normal interfaces, traffic accepted by a LAG is offloaded by the NP7 processor connected to the interfaces in the LAG that receive the traffic to be offloaded. If all interfaces in a LAG are connected to the same NP7 processor, traffic received by that LAG is offloaded by that NP7 processor. The amount of traffic that can be offloaded is limited by the capacity of the NP7 processor.

If a FortiGate has two or more NP7 processors connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF), you can use LAGs to increase offloading by sharing the traffic load across multiple NP7 processors. You do this by adding physical interfaces connected to different NP7 processors to the same LAG.

Adding a second NP7 processor to a LAG effectively doubles the offloading capacity of the LAG. Adding a third further increases offloading. The actual increase in offloading capacity may not actually be doubled by adding a second NP7 or tripled by adding a third. Traffic and load conditions and other factors may limit the actual offloading result.

The increase in offloading capacity offered by LAGs and multiple NP7s is supported by the integrated switch fabric (ISF) that allows multiple NP7 processors to share session information.

There is also the following limitation to LAG NP7 offloading support for IPsec VPN:

- Because the encrypted traffic for one IPsec VPN tunnel has the same 5-tuple, the traffic from one tunnel can only be balanced to one interface in a LAG. This limits the maximum throughput for one IPsec VPN tunnel in an NP7 LAG group to 100Gbps (since each NP7 is connected to the ISF using two 100Gbps interfaces).

## NP7 processors and redundant interfaces

NP7 processors can offload sessions received by interfaces that are part of a redundant interface. You can combine two or more physical interfaces into a redundant interface to provide link redundancy. Redundant interfaces ensure connectivity if one physical interface, or the equipment on that interface, fails. In a redundant interface, traffic travels over one interface at a time. This differs from an aggregated interface where traffic is distributed over all of the interfaces in the group.

All offloaded traffic types are supported by redundant interfaces. Just like with normal interfaces, traffic accepted by a redundant interface is offloaded by the NP7 processor connected to the interfaces in the redundant interface.

If all interfaces in a redundant interface are connected to the same NP7 processor, traffic received by that redundant interface is offloaded by that NP7 processor. The amount of traffic that can be offloaded is limited by the capacity of the NP7 processor.

If a FortiGate has two or more NP7 processors connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF), you can create redundant interfaces that include physical interfaces connected to different NP7 processors. However, with a redundant interface, only one of the physical interfaces is processing traffic at any given time. So you cannot use redundant interfaces to increase performance in the same way as you can with aggregate interfaces.

The ability to add redundant interfaces connected to multiple NP7s is supported by the integrated switch fabric (ISF) that allows multiple NP7 processors to share session information.

# Configuring inter-VDOM link acceleration with NP7 processors

FortiGates with NP7 processors include NPU VDOM links that can be used to accelerate inter-VDOM traffic. One NPU VDOM link and two NPU VDOM link interfaces are available for each NP7 processor.

For example, the FortiGate-4200F includes four NP7 processors (npu0 to npu3) and eight NPU VDOM link interfaces:

- npu0\_vlink0
- npu0\_vlink1
- npu1\_vlink0
- npu1\_vlink1
- npu2\_vlink0
- npu2\_vlink1
- npu3\_vlink0
- npu3\_vlink1

While the FortiGate-1800F includes one NP7 processor (npu0) and two NPU VDOM link interfaces:

- npu0\_vlink0
- npu0\_vlink1

These interfaces are visible from the GUI and CLI when VDOMs are enabled. Use the following CLI command to display the FortiGate-4200F NPU VDOM link interfaces:

```
get system interface | grep vlink
== [ npu0_vlink0 ]
name: npu0_vlink0  mode: static  ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0  status: up  netbios-forward: disable
type: physical  netflow-sampler: disable  sflow-sampler: disable  scan-botnet-connections:
disable  src-check: enable  mtu-override: disable  wccp: disable  drop-overlapped-
fragment: disable  drop-fragment: disable
== [ npu0_vlink1 ]
name: npu0_vlink1  mode: static  ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0  status: up  netbios-forward: disable
type: physical  netflow-sampler: disable  sflow-sampler: disable  scan-botnet-connections:
disable  src-check: enable  mtu-override: disable  wccp: disable  drop-overlapped-
fragment: disable  drop-fragment: disable
...
```

By default the NPU VDOM link interfaces are assigned to the root VDOM. To use these interfaces to accelerate inter-VDOM traffic, assign each interface to the VDOMs that you want to offload traffic between. For example, if you have added a VDOM named New-VDOM, you can go to **System > Network > Interfaces**, edit the **npu0\_vlink1** interface, and set the **Virtual Domain** to **New-VDOM**. This results in an accelerated inter-VDOM link between root and New-VDOM. You can also do this from the CLI:

```
config system interface
  edit npu0_vlink1
    set vdom New-VDOM
  end
```



See [Hyperscale firewall inter-VDOM link acceleration](#) for information about how to set up inter-VDOM links if hyperscale firewall support is enabled.

## Using VLANs to add more accelerated inter-VDOM links

You can add VLAN interfaces to the NPU VDOM link interfaces to create inter-VDOM links between more VDOMs. For the links to work, the VLAN interfaces must be added to the same NPU VDOM link interface, must be on the same subnet, and must have the same VLAN ID.

For example, to accelerate inter-VDOM traffic between VDOMs named Marketing and Engineering using VLANs with VLAN ID 100, go to **System > Network > Interfaces** and select **Create New** to create the VLAN interface associated with the Marketing VDOM:

<b>Name</b>	Marketing-link
<b>Type</b>	VLAN
<b>Interface</b>	npu0_vlink0
<b>VLAN ID</b>	100
<b>Virtual Domain</b>	Marketing
<b>IP/Network Mask</b>	172.20.120.12/24

Create the VLAN associated with Engineering VDOM:

<b>Name</b>	Engineering-link
<b>Type</b>	VLAN
<b>Interface</b>	npu0_vlink1
<b>VLAN ID</b>	100
<b>Virtual Domain</b>	Engineering
<b>IP/Network Mask</b>	172.20.120.22/24

Or do the same from the CLI:

```
config system interface
  edit Marketing-link
    set vdom Marketing
    set ip 172.20.120.12/24
    set interface npu0_vlink0
    set vlanid 100
  next
  edit Engineering-link
    set vdom Engineering
    set ip 172.20.120.22/24
    set interface npu0_vlink1
    set vlanid 100
end
```

## Confirm that the traffic is accelerated

Use the following diagnose commands to obtain the interface index of NP7 inter-VDOM link interfaces and then correlate them with the session entries to verify that sessions through these inter-VDOM links are offloaded. In the following example, traffic was flowing between new accelerated inter-VDOM links and physical interfaces port1 and port2.

### diagnose ip address list

```
IP=172.31.17.76->172.31.17.76/255.255.252.0 index=5 devname=port1
IP=10.74.1.76->10.74.1.76/255.255.252.0 index=6 devname=port2
IP=172.20.120.12->172.20.120.12/255.255.255.0 index=55 devname=IVL-VLAN1_ROOT
IP=172.20.120.22->172.20.120.22/255.255.255.0 index=56 devname=IVL-VLAN1_VDOM1
```

### diagnose sys session list

```
session info: proto=1 proto_state=00 duration=282 expire=24 timeout=0 session info: proto=1
  proto_state=00 duration=124 expire=59 timeout=0 flags=00000000 sockflag=00000000 sockport=0
  av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=180/3/1 reply=120/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=55->5/5->55 gwy=172.31.19.254/172.20.120.22
hook=post dir=org act=snat 10.74.2.87:768->10.2.2.2:8(172.31.17.76:62464)
hook=pre dir=reply act=dnat 10.2.2.2:62464->172.31.17.76:(10.74.2.87:768)
misc=0 policy_id=4 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=0000004e tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=10.74.2.87, bps=880
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=9/9, ips_offload=0/0, epid=160/218, ipid=218/160, vlan=32769/0
```

```
session info: proto=1 proto_state=00 duration=124 expire=20 timeout=0 flags=00000000
  sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=180/3/1 reply=120/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=6->56/56->6 gwy=172.20.120.12/10.74.2.87
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 10.74.2.87:768->10.2.2.2:8(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 10.2.2.2:768->10.74.2.87:(0.0.0.0:0)
misc=0 policy_id=3 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=1
serial=0000004d tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=10.74.2.87, bps=880
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=9/9, ips_offload=0/0, epid=219/161, ipid=161/219, vlan=0/32769
total session 2
```

## Reassembling and offloading fragmented packets

When enabled, NP7 processors uses defrag/reassembly (DFR) to re-assemble fragmented packets. The NP7 can re-assemble and offload packets that have been fragmented into two packets (1 header and 1 packet fragment). Traffic that has been fragmented into more than two packets is handled by the CPU.

The DFR uses a de-fragmentation table with 512 entries per NP7 processor. The table is used as a buffer and every fragmented packet is entered into the table as de-frag context with Source IP, Destination IP, and context ID. If there is no match and the table is not full the context is stored and pending `min_timeout` and `max_timeout` timers are started. When the second fragment is received, it is matched with the the corresponding fragment in the table. The reassembled packet is then sent to its destination by the NP7 processor.

Reassembling and offloading fragmented packets is disabled by default and all fragmented packets are handled by the CPU. If your system is processing relative large amounts of fragmented packets, you can use the following command to improve performance by enabling fragmented packet reassembly for NP7 processors.

```
config system npu
  config ip-reassembly
    set status {disable | enable}
    set min_timeout <micro-seconds>
    set max_timeout <micro-seconds>
  end
```

Where:

`status`, `enable` or `disable` IP reassembly. IP reassembly is disabled by default.

`min_timeout` is the minimum timeout value for IP reassembly in the range 5 to 600,000,000  $\mu$ s (micro seconds). The default min-timeout is 64  $\mu$ s.

`max_timeout` is the maximum timeout value for IP reassembly 5 to 600,000,000  $\mu$ s. The default max-timeout is 1000  $\mu$ s.

The timeouts are quite sensitive and may require tuning to get best performance depending on your network and FortiGate configuration and traffic mix.



The CLI help uses  $\mu$ s to represent  $\mu$ s or micro seconds.

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## NP7 traffic shaping

By default, if you configure traffic shaping for a FortiGate with NP7 processors, traffic shaping is applied to offloaded traffic by applying traffic shaping with policing.



NP7 offloading of ingress traffic shaping is not supported, see [Ingress traffic shaping profile](#).

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You can use the following command to configure NP7 processors to switch between traffic shaping with policing and traffic shaping with queuing:

```
config system npu
  set default-qos-type {policing | shaping}
end
```

`policing`, NP7 processors apply traffic shaping with policing using the NP7 accounting and traffic shaping module (called the TPE module). When traffic exceeds configured traffic shaping bandwidth limits, traffic is dropped.

`shaping`, (the default) enable traffic shaping with queuing using the NP7 Queuing based Traffic Management (QTM) module. Traffic shaping with queuing schedules traffic in queues by implementing variations of a round robin algorithm. When traffic exceeds configured traffic shaping bandwidth limits, traffic is delayed for transport until bandwidth frees up. Traffic may be dropped if the queues are full. In most cases, traffic shaping with queuing will be more stable and will also improve performance for traffic shaping applied by NP7 processors.

The FortiGate restarts after changing the QoS type.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).



Traffic shaping with queuing using the NP7 QTM module is not compatible with carrier-grade NAT and hyperscale firewall features. If you enable the hyperscale firewall license you cannot set `default-qos-type` to `shaping`.

In some cases, setting the `default-qos-type` to `shaping` to enable QTM may cause the NP7 processor to periodically stop forwarding traffic. This may occur randomly every few days. If this happens you need to restart the FortiGate unit to resume normal operation.

You can use the following command to prevent NP7 QTM from blocking traffic:

```
config system npu
  set qtm-buf-mode 4ch
end
```

For more information, see [qtm-buf-mode {6ch | 4ch}](#) on page 75.

## Disabling offloading IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange

You can use the following command to disable using ASIC offloading to accelerate IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange for IPsec ESP traffic. By default hardware offloading is used. For debugging purposes or other reasons you may want this function to be processed by software.

Use the following command to disable using ASIC offloading for IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange:

```
config system global
  set ipsec-asic-offload disable
end
```

## NP7 access control lists (ACLs)

Access Control Lists (ACLs) use NP7 offloading to drop IPv4 or IPv6 packets at the physical network interface before the packets are analyzed by the CPU. On a busy appliance this can really help the performance.



ACLs are also supported by FortiGates with NP6 and NP6XLite processors. See [NP6 access control lists \(ACLs\)](#) on page 154.

ACL checking is one of the first things that happens to the packet and checking is done by the NP7 processor. The result is very efficient protection that does not use CPU or memory resources.

Use the following command to configure IPv4 ACL lists:

```
config firewall acl
  edit 0
    set status enable
    set interface <interface-name>
    set srcaddr <firewall-address>
    set dstaddr <firewall-address>
    set service <firewall-service>
  end
```

Use the following command to configure IPv6 ACL lists:

```
config firewall acl6
  edit 0
    set status enable
    set interface <interface-name>
    set srcaddr <firewall-address6>
    set dstaddr <firewall-address6>
    set service <firewall-service>
  end
```

Where:

<interface-name> is the interface on which to apply the ACL. There is a hardware limitation that needs to be taken into account. The ACL is a Layer 2 function and is offloaded to the ISF hardware, therefore no CPU resources are used in the processing of the ACL. It is handled by the inside switch chip which can do hardware acceleration, increasing the performance of the FortiGate. The ACL function is only supported on switch fabric driven interfaces.

<firewall-address> <firewall-address6> can be any of the address types used by the FortiGate, including address ranges. The traffic is blocked not on an either or basis of these addresses but the combination of the two, so that they both have to be correct for the traffic to be denied. To block all of the traffic from a specific address all you have to do is make the destination address ALL.

Because the blocking takes place at the interface based on the information in the packet header and before any processing such as NAT can take place, a slightly different approach may be required. For instance, if you are trying to protect a VIP which has an external address of x.x.x.x and is forwarded to an internal address of y.y.y.y, the

destination address that should be used is x.x.x.x, because that is the address that will be in the packet's header when it hits the incoming interface.

<firewall-service> the firewall service to block. Use ALL to block all services.

## DoS policy hardware acceleration

DoS policy hardware acceleration offloads processing required for IPv4 and IPv6 DoS policies, interface policies, and access control list (ACL) policies to NP7 processors.

Use the following command to configure DoS policy offloading:

```
config system npu
  set policy-offload-level {dos-offload | full-offload}
  config dos-options
    set npu-dos-meter-mode {global | local}
    set npu-dos-tpe-mode {disable | enable}
  end
```

`policy-offload-level` can be set to `dos-offload` or `full-offload` to support DoS policy hardware acceleration. `full-offload` is only available if your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall.

`npu-dos-meter-mode` select `global` (the default) to configure DoS metering across all NP7 processors. Select `local` to configure metering per NP7 processor.

DoS metering controls how the threshold for each configured anomaly is distributed among NP7 processors. For example, for a FortiGate with four NP7 processors and the `tcp_syn_flood` anomaly threshold set to 400. If `npu-dos-meter-mode` is set to `global`, the threshold of 400 is divided between the NP7 processors and the `tcp_syn_flood` threshold would be set to 100 for each NP7 (for a total threshold of 400 for the FortiGate). If `npu-dos-meter-mode` is set to `local`, then each NP7 would have a threshold of 400 (for a total threshold of 1600 for a FortiGate with four NP7 processors).

`npu-dos-tpe-mode` select `enable` (the default) to insert the dos meter ID into the session table. Select `disable` if you don't want to insert the DoS meter into the session table. If set to `enable`, UDP\_FLOOD and ICMP\_FLOOD DoS protection applies to offloaded sessions. If set to `disable`, UDP\_FLOOD and ICMP\_FLOOD DoS protection will not apply to offloaded sessions.

NP7 DoS offloading does not offload processing for all DoS policy anomalies. The following table shows that some anomaly sessions are offloaded to NP7 processors and some are handled by the CPU. In addition, when `full-offload` is enabled, more types of anomaly processing are handled by NP7 processors than when `dos-offload` is selected.

NP7 processors offload DoS sessions differently depending on the policy offload level:

DoS policy anomaly	dos-offload selected	full-offload selected
tcp_syn_flood	NP7	NP7
tcp_port_scan	NP7	NP7
tcp_src_session	NP7	NP7
tcp_dst_session	NP7	NP7

DoS policy anomaly	dos-offload selected	full-offload selected
udp_flood	NP7	NP7
udp_scan	CPU	NP7
udp_src_session	CPU	NP7
udp_dst_session	CPU	NP7
icmp_flood	NP7	NP7
icmp_sweep	CPU	CPU
icmp_src_session	CPU	CPU
icmp_dst_session	CPU	CPU
ip_src_session	TCP sessions are offloaded to NP7 processors. Other sessions are handled by the CPU.	TCP and UDP sessions are offloaded to NP7 processors. Other sessions are handled by the CPU.
ip_dst_session	TCP sessions are offloaded to NP7 processors. Other sessions are handled by the CPU.	TCP and UDP sessions are offloaded to NP7 processors. Other sessions are handled by the CPU.
sctp_flood	CPU, because the NP7 processor can only send sctp-init packets to MSE	CPU
sctp_scan	CPU	CPU
sctp_src_session	CPU	CPU
sctp_dst_session	CPU	CPU

## Distributing HA session synchronization packets to multiple CPUs

FortiGates with NP7 processors support using the following command to synchronize HA session sync packets to multiple CPUs:

```
config system ha
  set sync-packet-balance {disable | enable}
end
```

If your FortiGate with NP7 processors is processing a large number of HA session sync packets, enabling `sync-packet-balance` can improve performance if you have enabled the `session-sync-dev` option of your HA configuration. Enabling `sync-packet-balance` can also improve performance if you are using HA or AUX interfaces for session sync traffic.

## NP7 Host Protection Engine (HPE)

The NP7 host protection engine (HPE) uses NP7 processors to protect the FortiGate CPU from excessive amounts of ingress traffic, which typically occurs during DDoS attacks or network problems (for example an ARP flood due to a network loop). You can use the HPE to prevent ingress traffic received on data interfaces connected to NP7 processors from overloading the FortiGate CPU.

You configure the HPE by enabling it and setting traffic thresholds. The HPE then acts like a traffic shaper, dropping packets that exceed the configured traffic thresholds. You can enable HPE monitoring to record log messages when the HPE drops packets. You can also run the HPE with monitoring enabled but without dropping packets. Using these tools you can monitor HPE activity and set HPE threshold values that are low enough to protect the CPU and high enough to not impact legitimate traffic.



On the FortiGate 7000F platform, the NP7 processors in the FPM-7620Fs support HPE protection. The NP7 processors in the FIMs are used for SLBC load balancing. For more information, see:

- [FPM-7620F and HPE on page 131.](#)
- [FIM-7921F NP7 processors on page 124.](#)
- [FIM-7941F NP7 processors on page 127.](#)

The HPE does not affect offloaded traffic, just CPU traffic. The HPE is not as granular as DoS policies and should be used as a first level of protection.

DoS policies can be used as a second level of protection. NP7 processors support offloading DoS policies. For information about DoS policies, see [DoS protection](#).

You can use the following command to configure the HPE.

```
config system npu
  config hpe
    set enable-shaper {disable | enable}
    set all-protocol <packets-per-second>
    set tcpsyn-max <packets-per-second>
    set tcpsyn-ack-max <packets-per-second>
    set tcpfin-rst-max <packets-per-second>
    set tcp-max <packets-per-second>
    set udp-max <packets-per-second>
    set icmp-max <packets-per-second>
    set sctp-max <packets-per-second>
    set esp-max <packets-per-second>
    set ip-frag-max <packets-per-second>
    set ip-others-max <packets-per-second>
    set arp-max <packets-per-second>
    set l2-others-max <packets-per-second>
    set high-priority <packets-per-second>
  end
end
```

## NP7 HPE recommended configuration

The optimal way to set up the NP7 HPE is to set the `a11-protocol` option to a maximum packet rate threshold that protects the FortiGate CPU from excessive traffic. If `a11-protocol` is set to a value other than 0, the number of host packets received for all traffic of all packet types that the HPE shapes is controlled by the `a11-protocol` threshold. By default `a11-protocol` is set to 400000. This default threshold is designed to work well for most FortiGates and most networks.

You can use HPE monitoring to verify how many packets the HPE is actually dropping and adjust the `a11-protocol` threshold. See [Monitoring NP7 HPE activity on page 63](#). You can also use the `diagnose npu np7 monitor-hpe` command to monitor HPE activity without dropping packets. See [Monitor HPE activity without dropping packets on page 64](#).

If you set `a11-protocol` to 0, you can configure thresholds for individual traffic types, see [NP7 HPE for individual traffic types on page 60](#).

The HPE also includes an overflow option for high-priority traffic, see [NP7 HPE and high priority traffic on page 62](#).

## NP7 HPE packet flow and host queues

The NP7 HPE configuration is applied to all NP7 processors in the FortiGate. Each NP7 processor has multiple host queues and each HPE packets-per-second setting is applied separately to each host queue. The actual amount of traffic allowed by an HPE threshold depends on the number of host queues that the NP7 processor has. You can use the following command to see the number of host queues of the NP7 processors in your FortiGate.

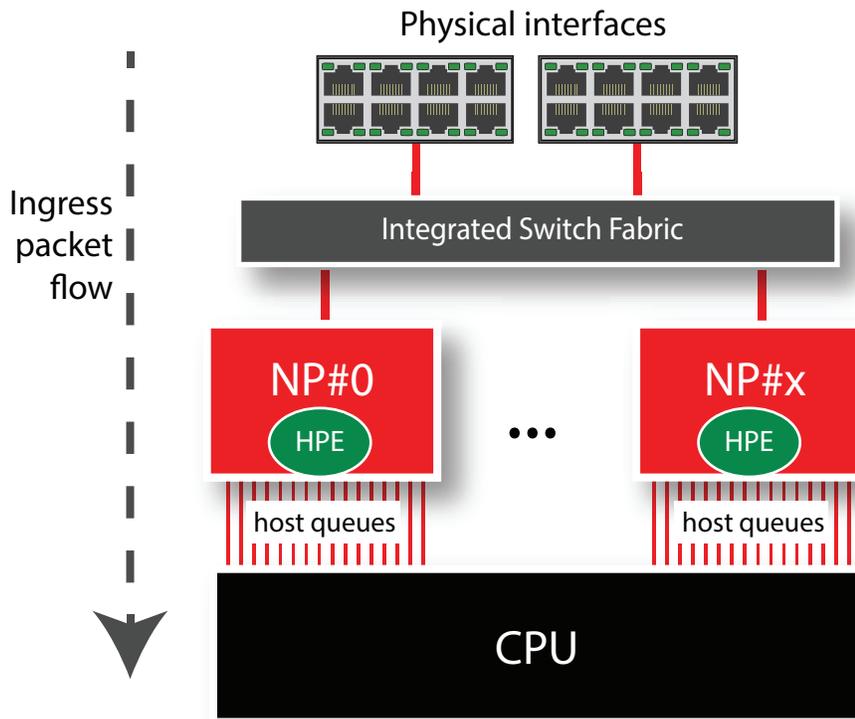
For example, for a FortiGate-1800F, the following command output shows that the number of host queues is 16 (`hif->nr_ring:16`).

```
diagnose npu np7 hpe | grep ring
PE HW pkt_credit:29632 , tsref_inv:20000, tsref_gap:32, hpe_refskep:0 , hif->nr_ring:16
```

Based on the number of host queues, you can calculate the total number of packets per second allowed for a given HPE threshold. Some examples:

- The FortiGate-1800F has one NP7 processor and all front panel data interfaces are connected to this NP7 processor over the integrated switch fabric. The default `a11-protocol` setting of 400000 limits the total number of host packets per second that the FortiGate-1800F can process to  $400000 \times 16 = 6,400,000$  host packets per second.
- The FortiGate-4400F has six NP7 processors and each NP7 processor has 40 host queues. All front panel data interfaces are connected to all NP7 processors over the integrated switch fabric. The default `a11-protocol` setting of 400000 limits the total number of host packets per second that the FortiGate-4400F can process to  $400000 \times 40 \times 6 = 96,000,000$  host packets per second.
- If `a11-protocol` is set to 0, the limits applied by individual HPE options are also calculated in the same way. For example, the FortiGate-4200F has four NP7 processors and each NP7 processor has 40 host queues. All front panel data interfaces are connected to all NP7 processors over the integrated switch fabric. If `a11-protocol` is set to 0, the default `tcpsyn-ack-max` setting of 40000 limits the total number of TCP SYN\_ACK host packets per second that the FortiGate-4200F can process to  $40000 \times 40 \times 4 = 6,400,000$  TCP SYN\_ACK host packets per second.

## HPE packet flow with multiple NP7 processors



## NP7 HPE for individual traffic types

If you want to set different maximum packet rates for different packet types, you can disable `all-protocol` by setting it 0. When you do this, the NP7 HPE supports setting individual limits for the following traffic types:

- TCP SYN
- TCP SYN\_ACK
- TCP FIN and RST
- TCP
- UDP
- ICMP
- SCTP
- ESP
- Fragmented IP packets
- Other types of IP packets
- ARP
- Other layer-2 packets that are not ARP packets

The following table lists and describes the HPE options for individual traffic types.

Option	Description	Default
tcpsyn-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP SYN packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	40000
tcpsyn-ack-max	Prevent SYN_ACK reflection attacks by limiting the number of TCP SYN_ACK packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps. TCP SYN_ACK reflection attacks consist of an attacker sending large amounts of SYN_ACK packets without first sending SYN packets. These attacks can cause high CPU usage because the firewall assumes that these SYN_ACK packets are the first packets in a session, so the packets are processed by the CPU instead of the NP7 processors. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	40000
tcpfin-rst-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP FIN and RST packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	40000
tcp-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP packets received per second per host queue that are not filtered by tcpsyn-max, tcpsyn-ack-max, or tcpfin-rst-max. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	40000
udp-max	Limit the maximum number of UDP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	40000
icmp-max	Limit the maximum number of ICMP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
sctp-max	Limit the maximum number of SCTP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
esp-max	Limit the maximum number of ESP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
ip-frag-max	Limit the maximum number of fragmented IP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
ip-others-max	Limit the maximum number of other types of IP packets received per second per host queue. Other packet types are IP packets that cannot be set with other HPE options. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
arp-max	Limit the maximum number of ARP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps.	5000
l2-others-max	Limit the maximum number of other layer-2 packets that are not ARP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 40000000 pps. This option limits HA heartbeat, HA session sync, LACP/802.3ad, FortiSwitch heartbeat, and wireless-controller CAPWAP packets.	5000

## NP7 HPE and high priority traffic

The NP7 HPE high-priority option allows you to set a maximum overflow limit for high-priority traffic. The range is 1000 to 4000000 packets per second per host queue. The default high-priority setting is 40000.

By default, the high-priority overflow is applied to the following types of traffic that are treated as high-priority by the NP7 processor:

- HA heartbeat
- LACP/802.3ad
- OSPF
- BGP
- IKE
- SLBC
- BFD

The high-priority setting adds an overflow for high priority traffic, causing the HPE to allow more of these high priority packets.

The overflow is added to the maximum number of packets allowed by the HPE based on other HPE settings. For example, by default, the HPE limits IKE traffic to `all-protocol + pri-type-max pps`, which works out to  $400000 + 40000 = 440,000$  packets per second per host queue.

The protocols that are considered high-priority by the HPE are defined by the configuration of the following command:

```
config system npu
  config np-queues
end
```

You can use this command to add or remove high-priority traffic types. For more information, see [Configuring NP7 queue protocol prioritization on page 83](#).

## Adjusting NP7 HPE BGP, SLBC, and BFD priorities

Use the following command to adjust the priority of BGP, SLBC, and BFD traffic to control whether the NP7 HPE treats these traffic types as high-priority traffic

```
config system npu
  config priority-protocol
    set bgp {disable | enable}
    set slbc {disable | enable}
    set bfd {disable | enable}
  end
```

By default, all options are set to `enable` and BGP, SLBC, and BFD packets are treated by the HPE as high priority traffic subject to high-priority overflow. In some cases, the overflow can allow excessive amounts of BGP, SLBC, and BFD host traffic that can cause problems such as route flapping and CPU spikes. If you encounter this problem, or for other reasons you can use this command to set BGP, SLBC, or BFD traffic to low priority, bypassing the HPE high-priority overflow. For example, if your FortiGate is not processing one or more of these traffic types, you can set them to low priority to limit the amount of the selected type of packets allowed by the HPE.



Changing these traffic types to low priority can cause problems if your FortiGate is actively processing traffic. Fortinet recommends that you make changes with this command during a maintenance window and then monitor your system to make sure its working properly once it gets busy again.

## Monitoring NP7 HPE activity

You can use the following command to generate event log messages when the NP7 HPE blocks packets:

```
config monitoring npu-hpe
  set status {disable | enable}
  set interval <interval>
  set multipliers <m1>, <m2>, ... <m12>
end
```

status enable or disable HPE status monitoring.

interval HPE status check interval in seconds. The range is 1 to 60 seconds. The default interval is 1 second.

multipliers set 12 multipliers to control how often an event log message is generated for each HPE packet type in the following order:

- tcpsyn-max default 4
- tcpsyn-ack-max default 4
- tcpfin-rst-max default 4
- tcp-max default 4
- udp-max default 8
- icmp-max default 8
- sctp-max default 8
- esp-max default 8
- ip-frag-max default 8
- ip-others-max default 8
- arp-max default 8
- 12-others-max default 8

An event log is generated after every (interval x multiplier) seconds for each HPE option when drops occur for that HPE type. Increase the interval or individual multipliers to generate fewer event log messages.

An attack log message is generated after every (4 x multiplier) continuous event logs.

### Example HPE monitoring configuration

```
config monitoring npu-hpe
  set status enable
  set interval 2
  set multipliers 3 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
end
```

## Monitor HPE activity without dropping packets

If you have enabled monitoring using the `config monitoring npu-hpe` command, you can use the following command to monitor HPE activity without causing the HPE to drop packets. This can be useful when testing HPE, allowing you to see how many packets the HPE would be dropping without actually affecting traffic.

```
diagnose npu np7 monitor-hpe {disable | enable}
```

This command is disabled by default. If you enable it, the HPE will not drop packets, but, if monitoring is enabled, will create log messages for packets that would have been dropped.

Since this is a diagnose command, monitoring the HPE without dropping packets will be disabled when the FortiGate restarts.

## Sample HPE event log messages

```
date=2021-01-13 time=16:00:01 eventtime=1610582401563369503 tz="-0800" logid="0100034418"
type="event" subtype="system" level="warning" vd="root" logdesc="NP7 HPE is dropping packets"
msg="NPU HPE module is stop dropping packet types of:udp in NP7_0."
```

```
date=2021-01-13 time=16:00:00 eventtime=1610582400562601540 tz="-0800" logid="0100034418"
type="event" subtype="system" level="warning" vd="root" logdesc="NP7 HPE is dropping packets"
msg="NPU HPE module is likely dropping packets of one or more of these types:udp in NP7_0."
```

```
date=2021-01-13 time=15:59:59 eventtime=1610582399558325686 tz="-0800" logid="0100034419"
type="event" subtype="system" level="critical" vd="root" logdesc="NP7 HPE under a packets
flood" msg="NPU HPE module is likely under attack of:udp in NP7_0."
```

## Displaying NP7 HPE configuration and status information

You can use the following diagnose command to display NP7 HPE configuration and status information for one of the NP7 processors in your FortiGate.

```
diagnose npu np7 hpe 2
```

```
[NP7_2]
```

Queue	Type	NPU-min	NPU-max	CFG-min(pps)	CFG-max(pps)	Pkt-credit
0	high-priority	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	TCP-syn	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	TCP-synack	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	TCP-finrst	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	TCP	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	UDP	39731	39731	40000	40000	0
0	ICMP	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	SCTP	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	ESP	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	IP-Frag	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	IP_others	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	ARP	19865	19865	20000	20000	0
0	l2_others	19865	19865	20000	20000	0

```
0      all-protocol 39731      39731      40000      40000      0
-----
HPE HW pkt_credit:11080 , tsref_inv:50000, tsref_gap:32, hpe_refskip:0 , hif->nr_ring:40
```

**Note:**

NPU-min and NPU-max: The register reading of max and min value for each queue in NPU.

CFG-min(pps): the setting value of hpe configuration in CLI command and it is packet per second rate limit for each host rx queue of NPU.

CFG-max(pps): The value is CFG-min of hpe configuration in CLI command.

## Configuring NP7 processors

You can use the `config system npu` command to configure a wide range of settings for the NP7 processors in your FortiGate, including adjusting session accounting and session timeouts. As well you can set anomaly checking for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic.

You can also enable and adjust Host Protection Engine (HPE) settings to protect networks from DoS attacks by categorizing incoming packets based on packet rate and processing cost and applying packet shaping to packets that can cause DoS attacks.

The settings that you configure with the `config system npu` command apply to all NP7 processors and traffic processed by all interfaces connected to NP7 processors. This includes the physical interfaces connected to the NP7 processors as well as all VLAN interfaces, IPsec interfaces, LAGs, and so on associated with the physical interfaces connected to the NP7 processors.

Some of the following options are only available if your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall features.

```
config system npu
  set dedicated-management-cpu {disable | enable}
  set ipsec-ob-np-sel {RR | packet | hash}
  set policy-offload-level {disable | dos-offload | full-offload}
  set hash-config {src-dst-ip | 5-tuple | scr-ip}
  set pba-eim {disallow | allow}
  set ippool-overload-low <threshold>
  set ippool-overload-high <threshold>
  set dse-timeout <seconds>
  set tcp-rst-timeout <timeout>
  set napi-break-interval <interval>
  set capwap-offload {disable | enable}
  set default-qos-type {policing | shaping}
  set gtp-support {disable | enable}
  set per-session-accounting {disable | enable | traffic-log-only}
  set per-policy-accounting {disable | enable}
  set session-acct-interval <seconds>
  set max-session-timeout <seconds>
  set hash-tbl-spread {disable | enable}
  set htx-icmp-csum-chk {drop | pass}
  set vlan-lookup-cache {disable | enable}
  set htab-msg-queue {data | idle | dedicated}
  set htab-dedi-queue-nr <number-of-queues>
  set mcast-session-accounting {tpe-based | session-based | disable}
  set inbound-dscp-copy-port <interface> [<interface> ...]
```

```
set ip-fragment-offload {disable | enable}
set double-level-mcast-offload {disable | enable}
set qtm-buf-mode {6ch | 4ch}
set hw-ha-scan-interval <interval>
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group-index <index>
  config port-path-option
    set ports-using-npu {ha1 ha2 aux1 aux2}
  config dos-options
    set npu-dos-meter-mode {global | local}
    set npu-dos-tpe-mode {disable | enable}
  config tcp-timeout-profile
    edit {5 | 6 | 7 | ... | 47}
      set tcp-idle <seconds>
      set fin-wait <seconds>
      set close-wait <seconds>
      set time-wait <seconds>
      set syn-sent <seconds>
      set syn-wait <seconds>
  config udp-timeout-profile {5 | 6 | 7 | ... | 63}
    edit {5 | 6 | 7 | ... | 63}
      set udp-idle <seconds>
  config hpe
    set tcpsyn-max <packets-per-second>
    set tcp-max <packets-per-second>
    set udp-max <packets-per-second>
    set icmp-max <packets-per-second>
    set sctp-max <packets-per-second>
    set esp-max <packets-per-second>
    set ip-frag-max <packets-per-second>
    set ip-others-max <packets-per-second>
    set arp-max <packets-per-second>
    set l2-others-max <packets-per-second>
    set pri-type-max <packets-per-second>
    set enable-shaper {disable | enable}
  config background-sse-scan
    set scan {disable | enable}
    set stats-update-interval <interval>
    set udp-keepalive-interval <interval>
  config priority-protocol
    set bgp {disable | enable}
    set slbc {disable | enable}
    set bfd {disable | enable}
  config fp-anomaly
    set tcp-syn-fin {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-fin-noack {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-fin-only {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-no-flag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-syn-data {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-winnuke {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set udp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set icmp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set icmp-frag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
```

```
set ipv4-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optssrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optlsrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optstream {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optsecurity {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-opttimestamp {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set udp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set icmp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-saddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-daddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optralert {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optjumbo {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opttunnel {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opthomeaddr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optnsap {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optendpid {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optinvld {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
config ip-reassembly
  set min_timeout <micro-seconds>
  set max_timeout <micro-seconds>
  set status {disable | enable}
config dsw-dts-profile
  edit <profile-id>
    set min-limit <limit>
    set step <number>
    set action {wait | drop | drop_tmr_0 | drop_tmr_1 | enqueue | enqueue_0 | enqueue_1 }
config dsw-queue-dts-profile
  edit <profile-name>
    set iport <iport>
    set oport <oport>
    set profile-id <profile-id>
    set queue-select <queue-id>
config np-queues
  config profile
    edit <profile-id>
      set type {cos | dscp}
      set weight <weight>
      set {cos0 | cos1 | ... | cos7} {queue0 | queue1 | ... | queue7}
      set {dscp0 | dscp1 | ... | dscp63} {queue0 | queue1 | ... | queue7}
    end
  config ethernet-type
    edit <ethernet-type-name>
      set type <ethertype>
      set queue <queue>
      set weight <weight>
  config ip-protocol
    edit <protocol-name>
      set protocol <ip-protocol-number>
      set queue <queue>
      set weight <weight>
  config ip-service
```

```
edit <service-name>
    set protocol <ip-protocol-number>
    set sport <port-number>
    set dport <port-number>
    set queue <queue>
    set weight <weight>
config scheduler
    edit <schedule-name>
        set mode {none | priority | round-robin}
```

## dedicated-management-cpu {disable | enable}

Enable dedicating CPU 0 for management tasks. See [Dedicated management CPU](#) on page 34. Disabled by default.

## ipsec-ob-np-sel {RR | packet | hash}

For future use.

## policy-offload-level {disable | dos-offload | full-offload}

Use the following command to configure how NP7 processors offload traffic.

```
config system npu
    set policy-offload-level {disable | dos-offload | full-offload}
end
```

If your FortiGate has multiple VDOMs, this is a global command:

```
config global
    config system npu
        set policy-offload-level {disable | dos-offload | full-offload}
    end
```

From individual VDOMs, you can use the following command to set the NP7 offload level for that VDOM.

```
config system settings
    set policy-offload-level {disable | dos-offload | full-offload}
end
```

`disable` is the default setting for FortiGate with NP7 processors. Hyperscale firewall features are disabled. Offloading DoS policy sessions to NP7 processors is disabled. All sessions are initiated by the CPU. Sessions that can be offloaded are sent to NP7 processors.

`dos-offload` offload DoS policy sessions to NP7 processors. All other sessions are initiated by the CPU. Sessions that can be offloaded are sent to NP7 processors.

`full-offload` only available if your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall features. Select this option to enable hyperscale firewall features either globally or for the individual VDOM. For information about hyperscale firewall functionality, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#). DoS policy sessions are also offloaded to NP7 processors. All other sessions are initiated by the CPU. Sessions that can be offloaded are sent to NP7 processors.

For more information about NP7 DoS policy hardware acceleration, see [DoS policy hardware acceleration on page 56](#).

## hash-config {src-dst-ip | 5-tuple | src-ip}

On FortiGates with multiple NP7 processors, you can use the following command to configure how the internal switch fabric (ISF) distributes sessions to the NP7 processors.

```
config system global
  config system npu
    set hash-config {src-dst-ip | 5-tuple | src-ip}
  end
```

Changing the hash-config causes the FortiGate to restart.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

`src-ip`, sessions are distributed by source IP address. All sessions from a source IP address are processed by the same NP7 processor.

`5-tuple`, to distribute sessions, a hash is created for each session based on the session's source and destination IP address, IP protocol, and source and destination TCP/UDP port. This option is available on FortiGates with multiple NP7 processors and an even number of NP7 processors (so most FortiGates with NP7 processors).

`src-dst-ip` use 2-tuple source and destination IP address hashing. This option is only available on FortiGates with an odd number of NP7 processors (for example, the FortiGate-3500F and 3501F have three NP7 processors).



Changing the hash-config also affects hyperscale firewall CGNAT functionality, see [Recommended NP7 traffic distribution for optimal CGNAT performance](#).

In most cases 2-tuple or 5-tuple distribution provides the best performance but `src-ip` is the required setting if your FortiGate processes traffic that requires session helpers or application layer gateways (ALGs).

Setting hash-config to `src-ip` is required to offload traffic that requires session helpers or application layer gateways (ALGs) (for example, FTP, TFTP, SIP, MGCP, H.323, PPTP, L2TP, ICMP Error/IP-options, PMAP, TNS, DCE-RPC, RAS, and RSH).

On a FortiGate with hyperscale firewall features enabled, session helper and ALG traffic should be processed by normal VDOMs and not by hyperscale firewall VDOMs. Traffic that requires session helpers or ALGs is not compatible with hyperscale firewall functionality since the initial packets of a new session must be processed by the CPU. As well, some traffic that requires ALGs, for example SIP traffic, also requires a security profile and security profiles are not compatible with hyperscale firewall functionality.

Session helper and ALG traffic can be partially offloaded by NP7 processors. For example, SIP setup sessions are processed by the CPU, but the RTP and RTCP sessions that result from SIP setup sessions can be accelerated by NP7 processors.

## ippool-overload-low <threshold>

Set the low IP pool overload threshold. The threshold range is 100 to 2000 and the default threshold is 150.

## ippool-overload-high <threshold>

Set the high IP pool overload threshold. The threshold range is 100 to 2000 and the default threshold is 200.

## dse-timeout <seconds>

Set the DSE timeout. Range is 0 to 3600 seconds. The default is 10 seconds.

## tcp-rst-timeout <timeout>

The NP7 TCP reset (RST) timeout in seconds. The range is 0-16777215. The default timeout is 5 seconds. This timeout is optimal in most cases, especially when hyperscale firewall is enabled. A timeout of 0 means no time out.

## napi-break-interval <interval>

Set the new API (NAPI) break interval. The range is 0 to 65535. The default interval is 0.

## capwap-offload {disable | enable}

Enable/disable offloading managed FortiAP and FortiLink CAPWAP sessions to the NP7 processor. Enabled by default.

## NP7 CAPWAP offloading compatibility

To be compatible with NP7 CAPWAP offloading, FortiAP E and F models should be upgraded to the following firmware versions:

- FortiAP (F models): version 6.4.7, 7.0.1, and later.
- FortiAP-S and FortiAP-W2 (E models): version 6.4.7, 7.0.1, and later.
- FortiAP-U (EV and F models): version 6.2.2 and later.

- FortiAP-C (FAP-C24JE): version 5.4.3 and later.

NP7 CAPWAP offloading is not compatible with FortiAP models that cannot be upgraded to the versions mentioned above and is also not compatible with FortiAP B, C, CR, or D models.

You can work around this issue by disabling CAPWAP offloading and then restarting your FortiGate.

## default-qos-type {policing | shaping}

Set the QoS type used by the NP7 for traffic shaping. The FortiGate restarts after changing this setting. See [NP7 traffic shaping on page 53](#).



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## gtp-support {disable | enable}

Enable or disable enhanced NP7 support for FortiOS Carrier GTP features. For more information, see [Improving NP6 or NP7 GTP performance](#).

```
config system npu
  set gtp-support enable
end
```

## per-session-accounting {disable | enable | traffic-log-only}

Disable NP7 per-session accounting or enable it and control how it works.

```
config system npu
  set per-session-accounting {disable | enable | traffic-log-only}
end
```

Where:

`enable` enables per-session accounting for all traffic offloaded by the NP7 processor.

`disable` turns off per-session accounting.

`traffic-log-only` (the default) turns on NP7 per-session accounting for traffic accepted by firewall policies that have traffic logging enabled.

Enabling per-session accounting can affect NP7 offloading performance.

For more information, see [Per-session accounting for offloaded NP7 sessions \(NP7 performance monitoring\) on page 46](#).

## per-policy-accounting {disable | enable}

Per-policy accounting records hit counts for packets accepted or denied by hyperscale firewall policies and makes this information available from the firewall policy GUI and from the CLI.

Per-policy accounting for hyperscale firewall policies can reduce hyperscale firewall performance. You can use the following command to enable or disable hyperscale firewall per-policy accounting for all hyperscale traffic:

```
config system npu
  set per-policy-accounting {disable | enable}
end
```

Per-policy accounting is disabled by default. When per-policy accounting is enabled, you can see hyperscale firewall policy hit counts on the GUI and CLI. If you disable per-policy-accounting for hyperscale firewall traffic, FortiOS will not collect hit count information for traffic accepted or denied by hyperscale firewall policies.



Enabling or disabling per-policy accounting deletes all current sessions, disrupting traffic. Changing the per-policy accounting configuration should only be done during a quiet period.

## session-acct-interval <seconds>

Change the session accounting update interval. The default is to send an update every 5 seconds. The range is 1 to 10 seconds.

For more information, see [Changing the per-session accounting interval on page 48](#).

## max-session-timeout <seconds>

Change the maximum time interval for refreshing NPU-offloaded sessions. The default refresh time is 40 seconds. The range is 10 to 1000 seconds.

To free up NP7 memory you can reduce this session timeout so that inactive sessions are removed from the session table more often. However, if your NP7 is processing sessions with long lifetimes, you can increase the max-session-timeout to reduce how often the system checks for and removes inactive sessions,

## hash-tbl-spread (disable | enable)

You can use the following command to enable or disable hash table entry spread for NP7 processors.

```
config system npu
  set hash-tbl-spread (disable | enable)
end
```

hash-table-spread is enabled by default. In most cases hash-table-spread should be enabled.

The following diagnose commands have been added to allow monitoring VLAN + LAG accounting when hash-table-spread is enabled:

```
diagnose npu np7 sse-tpe-accounting {enable|disable}
diagnose npu np7 vlan-accounting {enable | disable}
```

## vlan-lookup-cache {disable | enable}

You can use the following command to enable or disable VLAN lookup (SPV/TPV) caching. Enable this option to optimize performance of offloaded traffic passing through VLAN interfaces.

```
config system npu
  set vlan-lookup-cache {disable | enable}
end
```

This option is enabled by default. If your FortiGate with NP7 processors is offloading traffic passing through VLANs, VLAN lookup caching should be enabled for optimal performance.

Enabling or disabling `vlan-lookup-cache` requires a system restart. You should only change this setting during a maintenance window or quiet period.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## htx-icmp-csum-chk { drop | pass}

You can use the following command to configure NP7 processors to send ICMP packets with checksum errors to the CPU:

```
config system npu
  config fp-anomaly
    set icmp-csum-err trap-to-host
  end
```

You might set up this configuration if you have configured a DoS firewall policy that includes ICMP DoS protection.

In addition to the above configuration, you can use the following command to block or allow NP7 processors to send ICMP packets with checksum errors to the CPU:

```
config system npu
  set htx-icmp-csum-chk {drop | pass}
end
```

`drop` block ICMP packets with checksum errors. This is the default setting.

`pass` forward ICMP packets with checksum errors to the CPU.

## htab-msg-queue {data | idle | dedicated}

Set the hash table message queue mode. You can use this option to alleviate performance bottlenecks that may occur when hash table messages use up all of the available hyperscale NP7 data queues.

You can use the following commands to get the hash table message count and rate.

```
diagnose npu np7 msg htab-stats {all| chip-id}
diagnose npu np7 msg htab-rate {all| chip-id}
```

You can use the following command to show MSWM information:

```
diagnose npu np7 mswm
```

You can use the following command to show Session Search Engine (SSE) drop counters:

```
diagnose npu np7 dce-sse-drop 0 v
```

You can use the following command to show command counters:

```
diagnose npu np7 cmd
```

The following `htab-msg-queue` options are available:

- `data` (the default) use all available data queues.
- `idle` if you notice the data queues are all in use, you can select this option to use idle queues for hash table messages.
- `dedicated` use between 1 to 8 of the highest number data queues. Use the option `htab-dedi-queue-nr` to set the number of data queues to use. See [htab-dedi-queue-nr <number-of-queues>](#) on page 74.

## htab-dedi-queue-nr <number-of-queues>

If you are using dedicated queues for hash table messages for hyperscale firewall sessions, you can set the number of queues to use. The range is 1 to 8 queues. The default is 4 queues.

Use dedicated queues by setting `htab-msg-queue` to `dedicated`. See [htab-msg-queue {data | idle | dedicated}](#) on page 74.

## mcast-session-accounting {tpe-based | session-based | disable}

Use this option to configure multicast session accounting.

Where:

`tpe-based` (the default) enables TPE-based multicast session accounting.

`session-based` enables session-based multicast session accounting.

`disable` disables multicast session accounting.

For more information, see [Enabling multicast per-session accounting](#) on page 48.

## inbound-dscp-copy-port <interface> [<interface>...]

Configure one or more interfaces to support the DSCP copy feature. This feature copies the DSCP value from the ESP header to the inner IP Header for incoming packets. This feature can be used in situations where the network is expecting a DSCP value in the inner IP header but the traffic has the DSCP value in the ESP header.

## double-level-mcast-offload {disable | enable}

Enable to support NP7 offloading for more than 256 destinations for multicast replication. By default this option is disabled and NP7 processors support up to 256 destinations for multicast replication. You can enable this option to effectively double the number.

## qtm-buf-mode {6ch | 4ch}

Set the NP7 QTM channel configuration for packet buffers.

6ch 6 DRAM channels for packet buffer. This is the default setting.

4ch 4 DRAM channels for packet buffer. This is the safe mode setting.

In most cases, using 6 DRAM channels results in higher bandwidth. However, in some network configurations using 6 DRAM channels can cause packets to be dropped. Using 4 DRAM channels is a safer choice if the QTM engine gets into a stuck state and blocks packets.

## hw-ha-scan-interval <interval>

On FortiGates with NP7 processors in an FGCP HA cluster, you can configure FGCP hardware session synchronization to periodically re-synchronize hardware sessions between the primary and secondary FortiGates.

```
config system npu
  set hw-ha-scan-interval <interval>
end
```

<interval> the time interval between re-synchronizing hardware sessions from the primary to the secondary FortiGate. Set to 0 to disable (the default). Range 0 to 3600 seconds.

In some cases, setting a hardware session synchronization scan interval may help keep hardware sessions synchronized between the primary and secondary FortiGates in an FGCP HA cluster. Normally, you would only set a scan interval if the secondary FortiGate in the HA cluster has fewer hardware sessions than the primary.

## ull-port-mode {10G | 25G}

Change the speed of ultra low latency (ULL) interfaces. This option is only available for FortiGates with NP7 processors that also have ULL interfaces. For example, for the FortiGate-600F and 601F see [Changing the speed of the X5 to X8 ULL interfaces on page 102](#).

## config port-npu-map

Use the following command to configure NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group-index <index>
    end
```

You can use the port map to assign data interfaces to NP7 links.

See individual NP7 architectures in [FortiGate NP7 architectures on page 97](#) for details for individual FortiGate models.

## config port-path-option

By default, the FortiGate-4200F, 4201F, 4400F, 4401F, 4800F, and 4801F HA and AUX interfaces are not connected to the NP7 processors.

Normally, separating the traffic on the HA and AUX interfaces from the data traffic provides optimal performance and system stability. However, in some cases you might be able to improve some aspects of system performance by connecting the HA or AUX interfaces to the NP7 processors. For example, in some cases, FGCP or FGSP session synchronization may be improved by connecting HA or AUX interfaces to the NP7 processors and using them for FGCP or FGSP session synchronization.

The FortiGate-4200F, 4201F, 4400F, 4401F, 4800F, and 4801F include the following command that can be used to connect HA and AUX interfaces to the NP7 processors:

```
config system npu
  config port-path-option
    set ports-using-npu <interfaces>
  end
```

<interfaces> can be one or more HA and AUX interfaces.

For example, the following command connects to the HA1 and HA2 interfaces to the NP7 processor:

```
config system npu
  config port-path-option
    set ports-using-npu ha1 ha2
  end
```

Changing the port-path-option configuration restarts the FortiGate, temporarily interrupting traffic.

When connected to the NP7 processor, the HA and AUX interfaces operate in the same way as data interfaces accelerated by NP7 processors. In some configurations, using data interfaces for FGCP or FGSP heartbeat or session synchronization may improve performance or session synchronization.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## config dos-options

Use the following command to configure some NP7 DoS protection settings:

```
config system npu
  config dos-options
    set npu-dos-meter-mode {global | local}
    set npu-dos-tpe-mode {disable | enable}
  end
```

For more information, see [DoS policy hardware acceleration on page 56](#).

## Configuring hyperscale TCP timeout profiles

If your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall features, you can use the following command to create one or more TCP timeout profiles. Once you have created TCP timeout profiles, in a firewall policy in a hyperscale firewall VDOM, you can use the `tcp-timeout-pid` firewall policy option to select a TCP timeout profile to apply to traffic accepted by the hyperscale firewall policy.

```
config system npu
  config tcp-timeout-profile
    edit {6 | 7 | 8 | ... | 47}
      set tcp-idle <seconds>
      set fin-wait <seconds>
      set close-wait <seconds>
      set time-wait <seconds>
      set syn-sent <seconds>
      set syn-wait <seconds>
    end
```

`tcp-idle` TCP idle timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 3600.

`fin-wait` fin-wait timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 120.

`close-wait` close-wait timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 120.

`time-wait` time-wait timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 300, default 1.

`syn-sent` syn-sent timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 10.

`syn-wait` syn-wait timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 10.

For example, use the following command to create TCP timeout profile number 10:

```
config global
  config system npu
```

```

config tcp-timeout-profile
  edit 10
    set tcp-idle 10
    set fin-wait 20
    set close-wait 10
    set time-wait 5
  end

```

Use the following command to apply TCP timeout profile number 10 to a hyperscale firewall policy:

```

config vdom
  edit <hyperscale-firewall-vdom-name>
    config firewall policy
      edit 1
        set action accept
        set policy-offload enable
        ...
        set tcp-timout-pid 10
        ...
      end
    end
  end

```

## Configuring hyperscale UDP timeout profiles

If your FortiGate is licensed for hyperscale firewall features, you can use the following command to create one or more UDP timeout profiles. Once you have created UDP timeout profiles, in a firewall policy in a hyperscale firewall VDOM, you can use the `udp-timeout-pid` firewall policy option to select a UDP timeout profile to apply to traffic accepted by the hyperscale firewall policy.

```

config system npu
  config udp-timeout-profile
    edit {8 | 9 | 10 | ... | 63}
      set udp-idle <seconds>
    end
  end

```

`udp-idle` UDP idle timeout in seconds. Range 1 to 86400, default 180.

For example, use the following command to create UDP timeout profile number 45:

```

config global
  config system npu
    config udp-timeout-profile
      edit 45
        set udp-idle <seconds>
      end
    end
  end

```

Use the following command to apply UDP timeout profile number 45 to a hyperscale firewall policy:

```

config vdom
  edit <hyperscale-firewall-vdom-name>
    config firewall policy
      edit 1
        set action accept
        set policy-offload enable
        ...
        set udp-timout-pid 45
        ...
      end
    end
  end

```

## config background-sse-scan

To support reporting accurate UDP session statistics, normal UDP session synchronization is disabled for FortiGates with hyperscale firewall features enabled and background Session Search Engine (SSE) scanning is used to keep UDP sessions synchronized.

Background SSE scanning uses the CPU instead of the NP7 processors and can cause CPU spikes; however, these spikes should not usually affect overall performance. You can use the following command to adjust background SSE scanning behavior:

```
config system npu
  config background-sse-scan
    set scan {disable | enable}
    set stats-update-interval <interval>
    set udp-keepalive-interval <interval>
  end
```

`scan enable` or `disable` background SSE scanning. This option is enabled by default. If disabled, UDP O-session and R-session synchronization is enabled so UDP sessions will remain synchronized. However, the statistics reported by traffic logging for UDP O-sessions will be incorrect.

`stats-update-interval` statistics update interval in seconds. The range is 300 to 1073741823 seconds and the default update interval is 300 seconds. You can increase the statistics update interval to reduce how often the CPU is used for SSE background scanning.

`udp-keepalive-interval` UDP keepalive interval in seconds. The range is 90 to 1073741823 seconds and the default keepalive interval is 90 seconds. The 90 second keepalive interval is recommended because the default UDP session timeout is 180 seconds. If you increase the keepalive interval, some UDP sessions may be dropped prematurely.

## config fp-anomaly

Use the following command to configure the NP7 traffic anomaly protection:

```
config system npu
  config fp-anomaly
    set tcp-syn-fin {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-fin-noack {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-fin-only {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-no-flag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-syn-data {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-winnuke {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set tcp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set udp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set icmp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set icmp-frag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-optrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-optssrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-optlsrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-optstream {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
    set ipv4-optsecurity {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
```

```

set ipv4-opttimestamp {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set udp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set icmp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-saddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-daddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optralert {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optjumbo {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opttunnel {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opthomeaddr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optnsap {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optendpid {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optinvld {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
end

```

In most cases you can configure the NP7 processor to allow or drop the packets associated with an attack or forward the packets that are associated with the attack to FortiOS (called `trap-to-host`). Selecting `trap-to-host` turns off NP7 anomaly protection for that anomaly.

If you select `trap-to-host` for an anomaly protection option, you can use a DoS policy to configure anomaly protection for that anomaly. If you set the `policy-offload-level` NPU setting to `dos-offload`, DoS policy anomaly protection is offloaded to the NP7.

Command	Description	Default
<code>tcp-syn-fin {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood SYN/FIN flag set anomalies.	allow
<code>tcp-fin-noack {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood with FIN flag set without ACK setting anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>tcp-fin-only {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood with only FIN flag set anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>tcp-no-flag {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood with no flag set anomalies.	allow
<code>tcp-syn-data {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood packets with data anomalies.	allow
<code>tcp-winnuke {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP WinNuke anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>tcp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>udp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects UDP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>icmp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects ICMP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>icmp-frag {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects Layer 3 fragmented packets that could be part	allow

Command	Description	Default
to-host}	of a layer 4 ICMP anomalies.	
ipv4-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 land anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-proto-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects invalid layer 4 protocol anomalies. For information about the error codes that are produced by setting this option to drop, see <a href="#">NP6 anomaly error codes</a> .	trap-to-host
ipv4-unknopt {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects unknown option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optssrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with strict source record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optlsrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with loose source record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optstream {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects stream option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optsecurity {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects security option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-opttimestamp {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects timestamp option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 checksum errors.	drop
tcp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP checksum errors.	drop
udp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects UDP checksum errors.	drop
icmp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects ICMP checksum errors. The config system npu command includes a new <code>htx-icmp-csum-chk</code> option to block or allow NP7 processors to send ICMP packets with checksum errors to the CPU. See <a href="#">htx-icmp-csum-chk { drop   pass} on page 73</a> .	drop
ipv6-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv6 land anomalies	trap-to-host
ipv6-unknopt {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects unknown option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-saddr-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects source address as multicast anomalies.	trap-to-host

Command	Description	Default
<code>ipv6-daddr-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects destination address as unspecified or loopback address anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-optralert {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects router alert option anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-optjumbo {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects jumbo options anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-opttunnel {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects tunnel encapsulation limit option anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-opthomeaddr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects home address option anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-optnsap {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects network service access point address option anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-optendpid {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects end point identification anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>ipv6-optinvld {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects invalid option anomalies.	trap-to-host

## config ip-reassembly

Use the following command to enable IP reassembly, which configures the NP7 processor to reassemble fragmented IP packets:

```
config system npu
  config ip-reassembly
    set min_timeout <micro-seconds>
    set max_timeout <micro-seconds>
    set status {disable | enable}
  end
```

For more information, see [Reassembling and offloading fragmented packets on page 53](#).

## config dsw-dts-profile

Configure NP7 DSW DTS profiles.

```
config system npu
  config dsw-dts-profile
    edit <profile-id>
      set min-limit <limit>
      set step <number>
      set action {wait | drop | drop_tmr_0 | drop_tmr_1 | enqueue | enqueue_0 | enqueue_1 }
    end
```

`min-limit` NP7 DSW DTS profile min-limit. Range 32 to 2048, 1 is a special value, default 0.

step NP7 DSW DTS profile step. Range 0 to 64, default 0.

action set the NP7 DSW DTS profile action to one of the following:

- wait the default, DSW DTS profile WAIT indefinitely.
- drop DSW DTS profile DROP immediately.
- drop\_tmr\_0 DSW DTS profile DROP after interval #0 time-out.
- drop\_tmr\_1 DSW DTS profile DROP after interval #1 time-out.
- enqueue DSW DTS profile ENQUE immediately.
- enqueue\_0 DSW DTS profile ENQUE after interval #0 time-out.
- enqueue\_1 DSW DTS profile ENQUE after interval #1 time-out.

## Configuring NP7 queue protocol prioritization

Use the following command to configure priority settings for traffic passing through NP7 processors. These priority settings are applied to packets accepted by the NP7 processor. The priority settings are then used by the NP7 Host Protection Engine (HPE) and DSW systems that make decisions based on traffic priority settings.

For information about configuring the HPE, see [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) on page 58](#).

For information about configuring DSW settings, see [config dsw-dts-profile on page 82](#) and [config dsw-queue-dts-profile on page 86](#).

The default NP7 queue protocol configuration includes most common types of traffic that might be considered to be high-priority traffic for most networks. You can add and remove traffic types if required for your network.

```

config system npu
  config np-queues
    config profile
      edit <profile-id>
        set type {cos | dscp}
        set weight <weight>
        set {cos0 | cos1 | ... | cos7} {queue0 | queue1 | ... | queue7}
        set {dscp0 | dscp1 | ... | dscp63} {queue0 | queue1 | ... | queue7}
      end
    config ethernet-type
      edit <ethernet-type-name>
        set type <ethertype>
        set queue <queue>
        set weight <weight>
      end
    config ip-protocol
      edit <protocol-name>
        set protocol <ip-protocol-number>
        set queue <queue>
        set weight <weight>
      end
    config ip-service
      edit <service-name>
        set protocol <ip-protocol-number>
        set sport <port-number>
        set dport <port-number>
        set queue <queue>
        set weight <weight>
  end

```

```

    end
  config scheduler
    edit <schedule-name>
      set mode {none | priority | round-robin}
    end
  end

```

`config profile` configure NP7 class profiles.

- `type` the profile type. Select `cos` (the default) for VLAN priority or `dscp` for IP differentiated services code point (DSCP) priority.
- `weight` set a weight for the profile. Range 0 to 15, default 6.
- `cos0` to `cos7` if type is set to `cos`, select a queue number (`queue1` to `queue7`) for each CoS. By default, each CoS is assigned a queue with the corresponding number. For example, `cos1` is assigned `queue1`, `cos2` is assigned `queue2` and so on.
- `dscp0` to `dscp63` if type is set to `dscp`, select a queue number (`queue1` to `queue7`) for each DSCP.

`config ethernet-type` configure NP7 QoS settings for different ethernet types. The default configuration includes the following ethernet types: ARP, HA-SESSYNC, HA-DEF, HC-DEF, L2EP-DEF, and LACP. You can edit these pre-configured ethernet types to change the queue and weight. You can also add new ethernet types.

- `type` the ethertype number of the ethernet type to be configured. For example, for ARP type would be 806 (and not 0x0806).
- `queue` the queue number. Range 0 to 11, the default when you create a new ethernet type is 0.
- `weight` the class weight for the ethernet type in the range of 0 to 15, the default weight is 15.

`config ip-protocol` configure NP7 QoS settings for different IP protocols. The default configuration includes these pre-configured IP protocols: OSPF, IGMP, and ICMP. You can edit these pre-configured IP protocols to change the queue and weight. You can also add new IP protocols.

- `protocol` the protocol number of the IP protocol to be configured.
- `queue` the queue number. Range 0 to 11, the default when you create a new IP protocol is 0.
- `weight` the class weight for the IP protocol in the range of 0 to 15, the default weight is 14.

`config ip-service` configure NP7 QoS settings for different IP services. The default configuration includes these pre-configured IP services: IKE, BGP, BFD-single-hop, BFD-multiple-hop, SLBC-management, SLBC-1, and SLBC-2. You can edit these pre-configured IP services to change the queue and weight. You can also add new IP services.

- `protocol` the protocol number of the IP service to be configured.
- `sport` the source port number used by the service.
- `dport` the destination port number used by the service.
- `queue` the queue number. Range 0 to 11, the default when you create a new IP service is 0.
- `weight` the class weight for the IP service in the range of 0 to 15, the default weight is 13.

`config scheduler` configure NP7 QoS schedules.

- `mode` the scheduler mode. Can be `none`, `priority`, or `round-robin`.

Default NP7 queue protocol prioritization configuration

## Default NP7 queue protocol prioritization configuration

The default NP queue priority configuration should result in optimal performance in most cases. An empty or incorrect NP queue priority configuration can affect performance or cause traffic disruptions. In the case of a

hyperscale firewall VDOM, an empty NP queue priority configuration could cause BGP flapping or traffic interruptions when a lot of IP traffic and/or non-SYN TCP traffic is sent to the CPU.



After upgrading your FortiGate with NP7 processors, you should verify that the NP queue priority configuration is either your intended configuration or matches the default configuration shown below. If you are upgrading from a FortiOS version that does not support the NP queue priority feature, the NP queue priority configuration after the firmware upgrade could be empty or incorrect.

Here is the default NP queue priority configuration:

```
config system npu
  config np-queues
    config ethernet-type
      edit "ARP"
        set type 806
        set queue 9
      next
      edit "HA-SESSYNC"
        set type 8892
        set queue 11
      next
      edit "HA-DEF"
        set type 8890
        set queue 11
      next
      edit "HC-DEF"
        set type 8891
        set queue 11
      next
      edit "L2EP-DEF"
        set type 8893
        set queue 11
      next
      edit "LACP"
        set type 8809
        set queue 9
      next
    end
  config ip-protocol
    edit "OSPF"
      set protocol 89
      set queue 11
    next
    edit "IGMP"
      set protocol 2
      set queue 11
    next
    edit "ICMP"
      set protocol 1
      set queue 3
    next
  end
end
```

```
end
config ip-service
  edit "IKE"
    set protocol 17
    set sport 500
    set dport 500
    set queue 11
  next
  edit "BGP"
    set protocol 6
    set sport 179
    set dport 179
    set queue 9
  next
  edit "BFD-single-hop"
    set protocol 17
    set sport 3784
    set dport 3784
    set queue 11
  next
  edit "BFD-multiple-hop"
    set protocol 17
    set sport 4784
    set dport 4784
    set queue 11
  next
  edit "SLBC-management"
    set protocol 17
    set dport 720
    set queue 11
  next
  edit "SLBC-1"
    set protocol 17
    set sport 11133
    set dport 11133
    set queue 11
  next
  edit "SLBC-2"
    set protocol 17
    set sport 65435
    set dport 65435
    set queue 11
end
```

## config dsw-queue-dts-profile

Create NP7 DSW Queue DTS profiles.

```
config system npu
  config dsw-queue-dts-profile
    edit <profile-name>
      set iport <iport>
```

```

set oport <oport>
set profile-id <profile-id>
set queue-select <queue-id>
end

```

`oport` select a NP7 DSW DTS out port from the list of available ports, default `ei f0`.

`oport` select a NP7 DSW DTS out port from the list of available ports, default `ei f0`.

`profile-id` an NP7 DSW DTS profile ID, range 1 to 32, default 0.

`queue-select` an NP7 DSW DTS queue ID. Range <0> to <4095>, default 0 resets the queue to default.



When this command was first added with FortiOS 6.4.6, the `oport` and `oport` options were all uppercase. However, for 6.4.8 they were converted to lower case. This change was missed in the upgrade code, so your configuration of this command may be lost after upgrading to 6.4.9. The problem has been resolved when upgrading to 6.4.10.

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## Changing NP7 TCP session setup

You can use the following command to cause the NP7 processor to push TCP sessions to the SYN state instead of SYN/ACK to guarantee the right order when establishing TCP connection.

```

config system global
  set early-tcp-npu-session {disable | enable}
end

```

This option is disabled by default and NP7 session setup includes the normal SYN/ACK step.

## NP7 diagnose commands

This section describes some diagnose commands you can use to display useful information about NP7 processors and about sessions processed by NP7 processors.



Diagnose commands are intended for debug purposes only. Regular use of these commands can consume CPU and memory resources and cause other system related issues.

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## NP7 packet sniffer

You can use the following command as a packet sniffer for traffic offloaded to NP7 processors. You can also use this command to mirror sniffed packets to a FortiGate interface.

```

diagnose npu sniffer {start | stop | filter}

```



Diagnose commands such as `diagnose npu sniffer` are intended for debug purposes only. Regular use of these commands can consume CPU and memory resources and cause other system related issues. Only use them when required and in the case of a packet sniffer, make sure to stop it when you are done using it. For example, to stop the NP7 packet sniffer, enter `diagnose npu sniffer stop`.

Use `start` and `stop` to start or stop displaying packets on the CLI. Before the sniffer will start you need to use the `filter` to specify the packets to display. Use the command `diagnose sniffer packet npudbg` to display sniffed packets on the CLI.

Use `filter` to create a definition of the types of packets to display. Filter options include:

`selector` you can create up to four filters (numbered 0 to 3). Use this command to create a new filter or select the stored filter to be used when you start the packet sniffer. You can also use this command to have multiple filters active at one time. See below for an example of sniffing using multiple active filters.

`intf` <interface-name> the name of an interface to display packets passing through that interface. You can monitor traffic on any interface except IPv4 or IPv6 IPsec VPN tunnel interfaces.

`dir` {0 | 1 | 2} the direction of the packets passing through the interface. 0 displays ingress packets, 1 displays egress packets, and 2 displays both ingress and egress packets.

`ethtype` <type> the ethertype of the packets to sniff if you want to see non-IP packets.

`protocol` <number> the IP protocol number of the packets to sniff in the range 0 to 255. The packet sniffer can only sniff protocols that can be offloaded by the NP7 processors.

`srcip` <ipv4-ip-address>/<ipv4-mask> an IPv4 IP address and netmask that matches the source address of the packets to be sniffed.

`dstip` <ipv4-ip-address>/<ipv4-mask> an IPv4 IP address and netmask that matches the destination address of the packets to be sniffed.

`ip` <ipv4-ip-address>/<ipv4-mask> an IPv4 IP address and netmask that matches a source or destination address in the packets to be sniffed.

`srcip6` <ipv6-ip-address>/<ipv6-mask> an IPv6 IP address and netmask that matches the source address of the packets to be sniffed.

`dstip6` <ipv6-ip-address>/<ipv6-mask> an IPv6 IP address and netmask that matches the destination address of the packets to be sniffed.

`ip6` <ipv6-ip-address>/<ipv6-mask> an IPv6 IP address and netmask that can match source or destination addresses in the packets to be sniffed.

`sport` <port-number> layer 4 source port of the packets to be sniffed.

`dport` <port-number> layer 4 destination port of the packets to be sniffed.

`port` <port-number> layer 4 source or destination port of the packets to be sniffed.

`outgoing_intf` <interface> the name of the interface out of which to send mirrored traffic matched by the filter.

`outgoing_vlan` <vlan-id> the VLAN ID added to mirrored traffic matched by the filter and sent out the mirror interface.

`clear` clear all filters.

## Packet sniffer examples

See this Fortinet Community article for an NP7 packet sniffer example: [Troubleshooting Tip: Collecting NP7 packet capture without disabling offload](#).

Here is a basic example to sniff offloaded TCP packets received by the port23 interface. In the following example:

- The first line clears the filter.
- The second line sets the sniffer to look for packets on port23.
- The third line looks for packets exiting the interface.
- The fourth line looks for TCP packets.
- The fifth line starts the sniffer.
- The sixth line starts displaying the packets on the CLI.

```
diagnose npu sniffer filter
diagnose npu sniffer filter intf port23
diagnose npu sniffer filter dir 1
diagnose npu sniffer filter protocol 6
diagnose npu sniffer start
```

```
diagnose sniffer packet npudbg
```

An example that uses the following two filters:

- The first filter, selector 0, looks for incoming and outgoing TCP packets on port1.
- The second filter, selector 1, looks for outgoing UDP packets on port2.
- The final line starts displaying packets for both filters on the CLI.

```
diagnose npu sniffer filter selector 0
diagnose npu sniffer filter intf port1
diagnose npu sniffer filter protocol 6
diagnose npu sniffer filter dir 2
diagnose npu sniffer start
```

```
diagnose npu sniffer filter selector 1
diagnose npu sniffer filter intf port2
diagnose npu sniffer filter protocol 17
diagnose npu sniffer filter dir 1
diagnose npu sniffer start
```

```
diagnose sniffer packet npudbg
```

## Tracing packet flow on FortiGates with NP7 processors

To trace packet flow using the `diagnose debug` command on FortiGates with NP7 processors the traffic must not be offloaded to the NP7 processors. See the following sections for information about how to disable NP7 offloading in individual firewall policies or IPsec VPN tunnels:

- [Disabling NP offloading for firewall policies on page 28](#).
- [Disabling NP offloading for individual IPsec VPN phase 1s on page 29](#).

You can also use ICMP traffic to check packet flow, since ICMP traffic is not offloaded to NP7 processors.

Example command sequence to check the packet flow after disabling NP7 offloading:

```

diagnose debug enable
diag debug flow filter clear
diagnose debug flow filter saddr <ip-address>
diagnose debug flow show function-name enable
diagnose debug flow trace start 100
diagnose debug flow trace stop

```

## diagnose npu np7 (display NP7 information)

You can use the `diagnose npu np7` command to display NP7 information.

In the following syntax:

- `<np7-id>` is the NP7 identifier, if your FortiGate has one NP7 the `np-id` is 0.
- For some of the commands, you can specify an `<action>`. `<action>` is optional and can be:
  - `{0 | b | brief}` Show non-zero counters.
  - `{1 | v | verbose}` Show all the counters.
  - `{2 | c | clear}` Clear counters.

Command	Description
<code>cgmac-stats &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear TX, RX, and Error counters.
<code>dce-drop-all &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear all drop counters.
<code>dce-eif-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear Ingress Header Processing (IHP) drop counters for the EIF module.
<code>dce-htx-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the Host TX (HTX) module.
<code>dce-ipti-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the IP Tunnel Inbound (IPTI) module.
<code>dce-l2ti-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the L2 Tunnel Inbound (HTX) module.
<code>dce-dfr-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the Reassembly (DFR) module.
<code>dce-xhp-drop &lt;np7-id&gt; [<code>&lt;action&gt;</code>]</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the Extensible Header Processing (XHP) module.
<code>dce-l2p-drop &lt;np7-id&gt;</code>	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the L2P ingress/egress processing module.

Command	Description
[<action>]	
dce-hif-drop <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear IHP drop counters for the Host Interface (HIF).
dce-ipsec-drop <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear IPsec drop counters.
dsw-drop-all <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear DSW drop counters.
dsw-drop-by-src <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear DSW drop counters by source modules.
dsw-drop-by-dst <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear DSW drop counters by destination modules.
dsw-ingress-stats <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear engine counter statistics for DSW ingress modules.
dsw-egress-stats <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear counter statistics for DSW egress modules based on queue index.
hif-stats <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear Host Interface (HIF) statistic for each TX and RX host queue.
pdq <np7-id>	Show counters of packet and byte count for active modules.
pba <np7-id>	Show Packet Buffer Allocator (PBA) information. PBA is a key indicator for determining the current state of the NP7. If normal and current pba, dba, and hba are different when no traffic is flowing, then !!!Leak!!! will appear at the bottom, indicating a potential NP7 issue.
pmon <np7-id> [<action>]	Show or clear process monitor data that shows the processor load each NP7 software module is using. Can be used for NP7 performance monitoring, see <a href="#">Diagnose npu np7 pmon for NP7 performance monitoring on page 93</a> .
port-list <np7-id>	Show the FortiGate interfaces, the NP7 that each interface is connected to, and the port to NPU port mapping configuration. You can configure NPU port mapping using the following command: <pre>config system npu   config port-npu-map     edit &lt;interface-name&gt;       set npu-group-index {0   1   2}     end</pre>
sse-cmd-stats <np7-id>	Show or clear Session Search Engine (SSE) command statistics, which show the number of sessions for various operations.

Command	Description
[<action>]	
sse-stats <np7-id>	Show NP7 session statistics, including the following: entcnt total number of valid sessions. inssuc number of successfully inserted sessions. insfail number of sessions that fail to be inserted. updsucc total number of session update that have been successfully executed. delsucc number of sessions that have been deleted successfully. delfail number of sessions that fail to be deleted due to no matching session found. depfail OFT max chain depth reached fail count. Should remain zero. srhsucc number of sessions successfully searched (search hit). srhfail number of sessions whose search failed (search miss). agesucc total number of successful session removal by aging. chdepth Maximum OFT chain depth allowed. phtbase Lower 32 bits of PHT base address. phtsize PHT size. oftbase Lower 32 bits of OFT base address. oftsize Size of overflow table. oftfcnt OFT free bucket count.
system-config	Show the current NP7 configuration. Most of the configuration is set by the config system npu command.
register <np7-id> [<blocks> list]	Show NP7 registers. Optionally specify a <block> to show registers for a specific block. For example: diagnose npu np7 register 0 sse* list.
ddr-info <np7-id>	Show DDR size and debug information.
ddr-access {disable   enable} <np7-id>	Enable or disable DDR access of sub-modules.
ddr-test <np7-id> <channel> <start-hex> <size-hex> <pattern-src> <pattern>	Run DDR memory testing. Where: <channel> is the DDR channel to test and can be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. <start-hex> and <end-hex> define the range of memory addresses for which to run the test in hexadecimal format. <size-hex> is the size of the memory in hexadecimal format. <pattern> can be 0 walkone, 1 walkzero, 2 incremental, and 3 random.
trng-read <np7-id> <size>	Display a true random number generated by the NP7 true random number generator.

Command	Description
<code>trng-frequency &lt;np7-id&gt;</code>	Show true random number generator frequency information.
<code>debug-cgmac &lt;options&gt;</code>	Show NP7 debug information. Enter <code>diagnose npu np7 debug-cgmac ?</code> to view the available <code>&lt;options&gt;</code> .
<code>hpe &lt;np7-id&gt;</code>	Show HPE host queue type shaping statistics.
<code>ipl &lt;options&gt;</code>	Show IPL information. Enter <code>diagnose npu np7 ipl -h</code> for a list of options.

## Diagnose npu np7 pmon for NP7 performance monitoring

You can use the `diagnose npu np7 pmon` command to get detailed NP7 performance information.

```
diagnose npu np7 pmon {<np7-id> | all} {0 | b | brief | 1 | v | verbose}
```

`np7-id` is the ID of the NP7 processor starting with 0.

`all` means show information for all NP7 processors.

`{0 | b | brief}` show information for all non-zero counters.

`{1 | v | verbose}` show all counters.



For more information about NP7 performance monitoring and general NP7 troubleshooting, see the Fortinet Community article [Troubleshooting Tip: NP7 troubleshooting](#).

The command output shows load information for the NP7 EIF interfaces in the NP7 processor. The result is an overall picture of how busy the NP7 processor is. The following example shows the load on all NP7 EIF interfaces in one NP7 processor.

```
diagnose npu np7 pmon 0 v
```

```
[NP7_0]
Index Name          Counter  Sample_ver Usage%
-----
0    EIF_IGR0          7         0         1
1    EIF_IGR1          0         0         0
2    EIF_IGR2         14         0         1
3    EIF_IGR3          0         0         0
4    EIF_EGR0          0         0         0
5    EIF_EGR1          0         0         0
6    EIF_EGR2          0         0         0
7    EIF_EGR3          0         0         0
8    EIF_IGR4          0         0         0
9    EIF_IGR5          0         0         0
10   EIF_IGR6          7         0         1
11   EIF_IGR7          7         0         1
12   EIF_EGR4          0         0         0
```

```

13   EIF_EGR5      0      0      0
14   EIF_EGR6      0      0      0
15   EIF_EGR7      0      0      0
../..
241  L2P EIF0      10     0      1
242  L2P EIF1      7      0      1

```

The following command output shows usage information for non-zero counters for NP7 processor with ID=3.

```

diagnose npu np7 pmon 3 b

[NP7_3]
-----
EIF0_IGR EIF1_IGR EIF0_EGR EIF1_EGR HRX      HTX      DFR
-----
Usage%   0        0        0        0        0        0        0
-----
SSE0     SSE1     SSE2     SSE3
-----
Usage%   5        5        5        5
-----
IPSEC    IPTI     IPTO     L2TI     L2TO     VEP      IVS
-----
Usage%   0        0        0        0        0        0        0
-----
PLE      MSE      SYNK     DSE      NSS
-----
Usage%   0        0        0        12       0
-----
* EIFx_IGR: EIF ingress, EIFx_EGR: EIF egress

```

## diagnose sys session list and no\_ofld\_reason field (NP7 session information)

The `diagnose sys session list` and `diagnose sys session6 list` commands list all of the current IPv4 or IPv6 sessions being processed by the FortiGate. For each session the command output includes an `npu info` line that displays NPx offloading information for the session. If a session is not offloaded, the command output includes a `no_ofld_reason` line that indicates why the session was not offloaded. In some cases the command output may include `ofld_fail_reason` instead of `no_ofld_reason`.

The `no_ofld_reason` field appears in the output of the `diagnose sys session list` or `diagnose sys sessions6 list` command to indicate why the session wasn't offloaded by an NP6 processor. The field appears for sessions that normally would be offloaded but for some reason can't currently be offloaded. The following table lists and explains some of the reasons that a session could not be offloaded. More than one of these reasons can appear in the `no_ofld_reason` field for a single session.

no_ofld_reason / ofld_fail_reason	Description
dirty	Because of a configuration change to routing, firewall policies, interfaces, ARP tables, or other configuration, the session needs to be revalidated by FortiOS. Traffic may still be processed by the session, but it will not be offloaded until the session has been revalidated.
local	The session is a local-in or local-out session that can't be offloaded. Examples include management sessions, SSL VPN sessions accessing an SSL VPN portal, explicit proxy sessions, and so on.
disabled-by-policy	The firewall policy option <code>auto-asic-offload</code> is disabled in the firewall policy that accepted the session. This reason can also appear if one or more of the interfaces handling the session are software switch interfaces.
IPsec-enc-SA-not-offloaded	The option <code>npu-offload</code> is disabled in the IPsec Phase 1 or Phase 1 interface configuration that accepted the session. This reason can also appear if the SA cannot be offloaded.
non-npu-intf	The incoming or outgoing interface handling the sessions is not an NP6-accelerated interface or is part of a software switch. This reason may also appear if when the <code>config system npu option fastpath</code> is disabled.
npu-flag-off	The session is not offloaded because of hardware or software limitations. For example, the session could be using EMAC VLAN interfaces or the session could be for a protocol or service for which offloading is not supported. For example, before NP6 processors supported offloading IPv6 tunnel sessions, <code>npu-flag-off</code> would appear in the <code>no_ofld_reason</code> field for IPv6 tunnel sessions.
redir-to-ips	Normally this session is expected to be offloaded to the NP6 processor by the IPS, but for some reason the session cannot be offloaded. May be caused by a bug. The <code>no_ofld_reason</code> field may contain more information.
denied-by-nturbo	A session being processed by the IPS that could normally be offloaded is not supported by nTurbo. May be caused by a bug. Can be paired with <code>redir-to-ips</code> .
block-by-ips	A session being processed by the IPS that could normally be offloaded is blocked. May be caused by a bug. Can be paired with <code>redir-to-ips</code> .
redir-to-av	Flow-based antivirus is preventing offloading of this session.
sflow	sFlow is enabled for one or both of the interfaces handling the session. sFlow periodic traffic sampling that can only be done by the CPU.
mac-host-check	Device identification has not yet identified the device communicating with the FortiGate using this session. Once the device has been identified the session may be offloaded.
mac-unresolved	The session is sent or received over an interface that is not connected to an NP7 processor.

no_ofld_reason / ofld_fail_reason	Description
offload-denied	Usually this reason appears if the session is being handled by a session helper and sessions handled by this session helper can't be offloaded.
not-established	A TCP session is not in its established state (proto_state=01).

# FortiGate NP7 architectures

This chapter shows the NP7 architecture for FortiGate models that include NP7 processors.

## FortiGate 400F and 401F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 400F and 401F each include one NP7 processor. Front panel data interfaces 1 to 24 and X1 to X4 and one of the NP7 processor interfaces connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from these data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP7 processor to the CPU.

Front panel data interfaces X5 to X8 are connected directly to the other NP7 processor interface instead of the ISF. Since the ISF introduces latency, interfaces X5 to X8 are ultra low latency (ULL) interfaces, and NP7 traffic entering and exiting the FortiGate through these interfaces experiences lower latency than if it were passing through interfaces that are connected to the ISF. To achieve low latency, traffic must enter and exit the FortiGate through the X5 to X8 interfaces. You can't change the speed of the FortiGate 400F and 401F ULL interfaces.

All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processor. This includes traffic passing between an interface connected to the ISF and a ULL interface. If traffic enters or exits through an interface connected to the ISF, it is subject to the latency resulting from passing through the ISF.

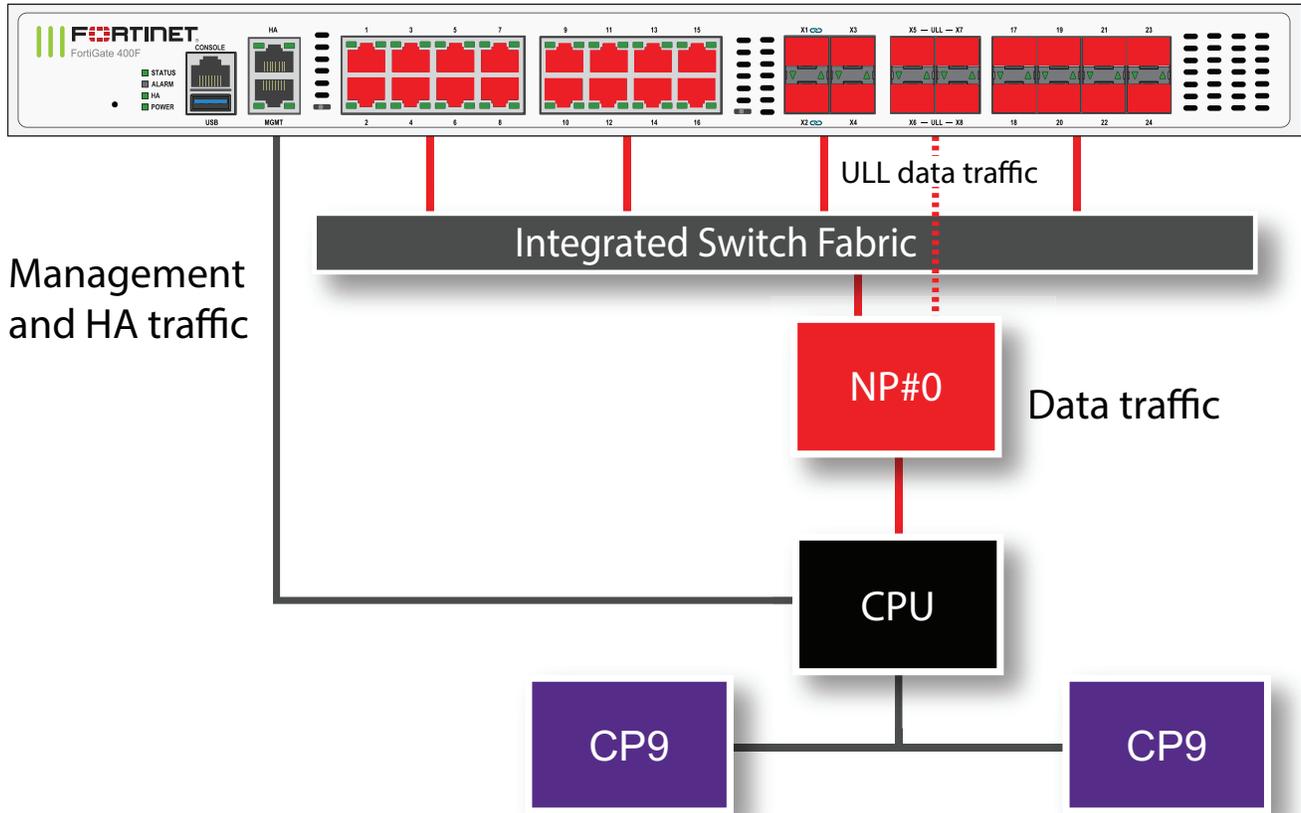


The FortiGate 400F and 401F do not support configuring NPU port mapping, because only one of the NP7 interfaces is connected to the ISF.

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The FortiGate 400F and 401F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (HA and MGMT, not connected to the NP7 processor).
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (1 to 16).
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (17 to 24).
- Four 10 GigE SFP+ (X1 to X4) (X1 and X2 are FortiLink interfaces).
- Four 10 GigE SFP+ (X5 to X8) ultra low latency (ULL). ULL interfaces bypass the integrated switch fabric (ISF).
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (17 to 24).



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP7 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path.

The HA interface is also not connected to the NP7 processor. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 400F or 401F NP7 configuration. The command output shows a single NP7 named NP#0 is connected to all data interfaces. This interface to NP7 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps)  Dflt_speed(Mbps)  NP_group      Switch_id  SW_port_id  SW_port_name
-----
port1     1000             1000              n/a           0          25
port2     1000             1000              n/a           0          24
port3     1000             1000              n/a           0          27
port4     1000             1000              n/a           0          26
port5     1000             1000              n/a           0          29
port6     1000             1000              n/a           0          28
port7     1000             1000              n/a           0          31
port8     1000             1000              n/a           0          30
port9     1000             1000              n/a           0          17
```

```

port10  1000      1000      n/a      0      16
port11  1000      1000      n/a      0      19
port12  1000      1000      n/a      0      18
port13  1000      1000      n/a      0      21
port14  1000      1000      n/a      0      20
port15  1000      1000      n/a      0      23
port16  1000      1000      n/a      0      22
port17  1000      1000      n/a      0      7
port18  1000      1000      n/a      0      12
port19  1000      1000      n/a      0      6
port20  1000      1000      n/a      0      13
port21  1000      1000      n/a      0      5
port22  1000      1000      n/a      0      14
port23  1000      1000      n/a      0      4
port24  1000      1000      n/a      0      15
x1      10000     10000     n/a      0      10
x2      10000     10000     n/a      0      9
x3      10000     10000     n/a      0      11
x4      10000     10000     n/a      0      8
x5      10000     10000     n/a      n/a    n/a    n/a
x6      10000     10000     n/a      n/a    n/a    n/a
x7      10000     10000     n/a      n/a    n/a    n/a
x8      10000     10000     n/a      n/a    n/a    n/a
-----

NP Port:
Name    Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
np0_0   0         0
-----
* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name

```

The command output also shows the maximum speeds of each interface. Also, that command output shows that the x5 to x8 interfaces are not connected to the internal switch fabric.

The NP7 processor has a bandwidth capacity of 200 Gigabits. You can see from the command output that if all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth the NP7 processor would not be able to offload all the traffic.

## FortiGate 600F and 601F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 600F and 601F each include one NP7 processor. Front panel data interfaces 1 to 24 and X1 to X4 and one of the NP7 processor interfaces connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from these data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP7 processor to the CPU.

Front panel data interfaces X5 to X8 are connected directly to the other NP7 processor interface instead of the ISF. Since the ISF introduces latency, interfaces X5 to X8 are ultra low latency (ULL) interfaces, and traffic entering and exiting the FortiGate through these interfaces experiences lower latency than if it were passing through interfaces

that are connected to the ISF. To achieve low latency, traffic must enter and exit the FortiGate through the X5 to X8 interfaces.

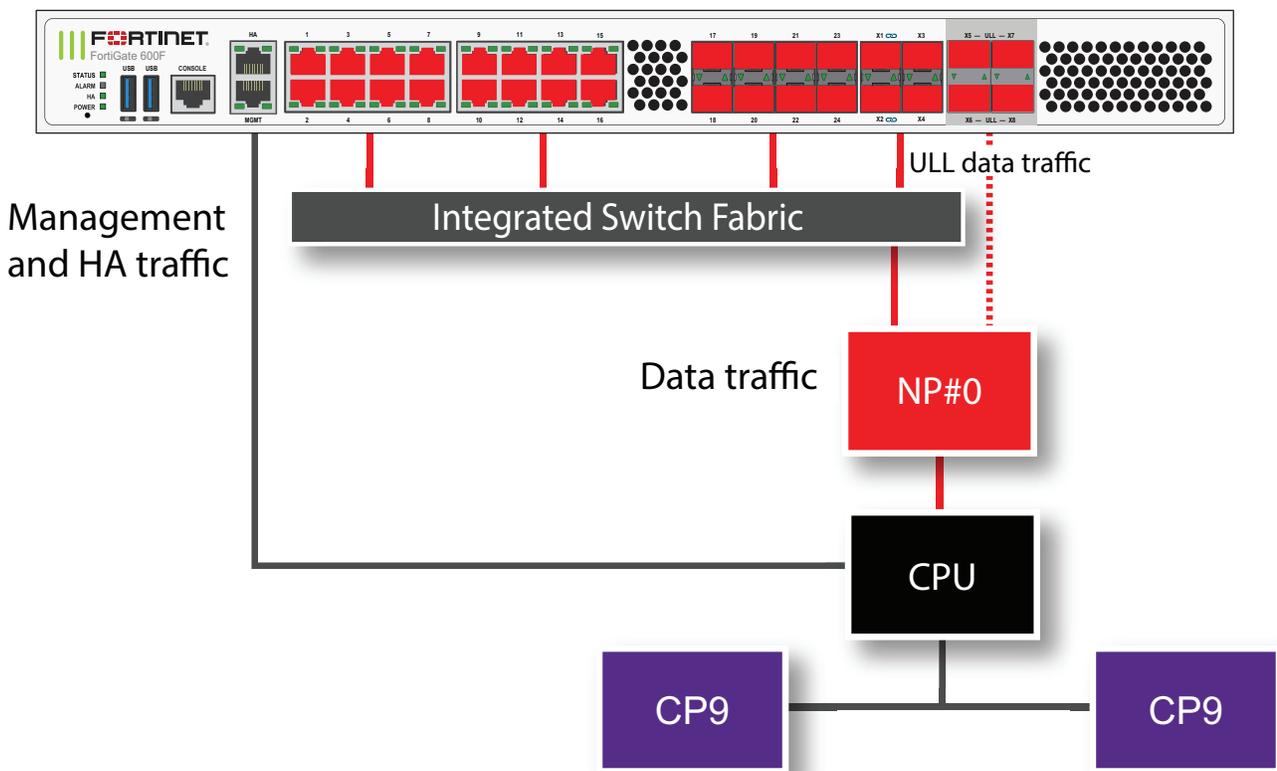
All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processor. This includes traffic passing between an interface connected to the ISF and a ULL interface. If traffic enters or exits through an interface connected to the ISF, it is subject to the latency resulting from passing through the ISF.



The FortiGate 600F and 601F do not support configuring NPU port mapping, because only one of the NP7 interfaces is connected to the ISF.

The FortiGate 600F and 601F feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (HA and MGMT, not connected to the NP7 processor).
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (1 to 16).
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (17 to 24).
- Four 10/1 GigE SFP+ (X1 to X4) (X1 and X2 are FortiLink interfaces).
- Four 25/10 GigE SFP28/SFP+ (X5 to X8) ultra low latency (ULL), all ULL interfaces operate at the same speed. ULL interfaces bypass the integrated switch fabric (ISF).



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP7 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path.

The HA interface is also not connected to the NP7 processor. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 600F or 601F NP7 configuration.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
port1     1000            1000            n/a           0         29
port2     1000            1000            n/a           0         28
port3     1000            1000            n/a           0         31
port4     1000            1000            n/a           0         30
port5     1000            1000            n/a           0         25
port6     1000            1000            n/a           0         24
port7     1000            1000            n/a           0         27
port8     1000            1000            n/a           0         26
port9     1000            1000            n/a           0         21
port10    1000            1000            n/a           0         20
port11    1000            1000            n/a           0         23
port12    1000            1000            n/a           0         22
port13    1000            1000            n/a           0         17
port14    1000            1000            n/a           0         16
port15    1000            1000            n/a           0         19
port16    1000            1000            n/a           0         18
port17    1000            1000            n/a           0         15
port18    1000            1000            n/a           0         14
port19    1000            1000            n/a           0         13
port20    1000            1000            n/a           0         12
port21    1000            1000            n/a           0         9
port22    1000            1000            n/a           0         8
port23    1000            1000            n/a           0         11
port24    1000            1000            n/a           0         10
x1        10000           10000           n/a           0         6
x2        10000           10000           n/a           0         7
x3        10000           10000           n/a           0         4
x4        10000           10000           n/a           0         5
x5        10000           10000           n/a           n/a       n/a       n/a
x6        10000           10000           n/a           n/a       n/a       n/a
x7        10000           10000           n/a           n/a       n/a       n/a
x8        10000           10000           n/a           n/a       n/a       n/a
-----

NP Port:
Name      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
np0_0     0         0
-----

* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name
```

The command output also shows the maximum speeds of each interface. Also, that command output shows that the x5 to x8 interfaces are not connected to the internal switch fabric.

The NP7 processor has a bandwidth capacity of 200 Gigabits. You can see from the command output that if all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth the NP7 processor would not be able to offload all the traffic.

## Changing the speed of the X5 to X8 ULL interfaces

By default, the FortiGate-600F and 601F front panel ULL data interfaces X5 to X8 operate as 10G SFP+ interfaces. You can use the following command to configure them to operate as 25G SFP28 interfaces:

```
config system npu
  set ull-port-mode 25G
end
```

Entering this command restarts the FortiGate, so the speed of the ULL interfaces should be changed during a maintenance window. This command changes the speeds of all of the ULL interfaces. All of the ULL interfaces operate at the same speed.



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A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

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You can use the following command to change the ULL interfaces back to the default setting as 10G SFP+ interfaces:

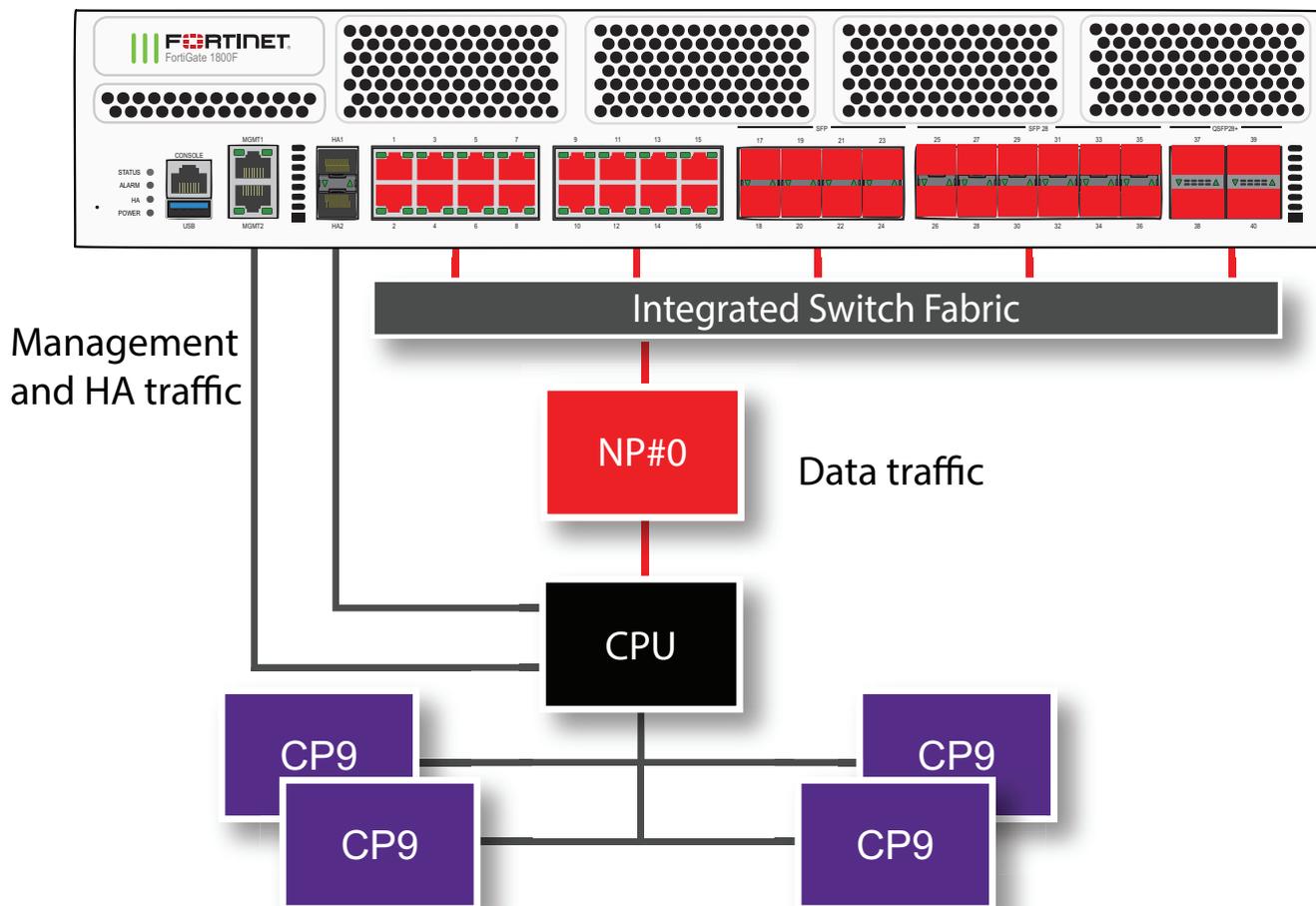
```
config system npu
  set ull-port-mode 10G
end
```

Entering this command also restarts the FortiGate.

## FortiGate 1800F and 1801F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1800F and 1801F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 1 GigE RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2), not connected to the NP7 processor.
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ (HA1 and HA2), not connected to the NP7 processor.
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (1 to 16).
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (17 to 24).
- Twelve 10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (25 to 36).
- Four 40 GigE QSFP+ (37 to 40). Each of these interfaces can be split into four 1/10 GigE SFP+ interfaces.



The FortiGate 1800F and 1801F each include one NP7 processor. All front panel data interfaces and the NP7 processor connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP7 processor to the CPU.

The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP7 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP7 processor. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 1800F or 1801F NP7 configuration. The command output shows a single NP7 named NP#0 is connected to all interfaces. This interface to NP7 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
name      max_speed(Mbps) np_group      switch_id sw_port_id sw_port_name
```

```

-----
port1 1000          NP#0          0      3      ge1
port2 1000          NP#0          0      2      ge0
port3 1000          NP#0          0      5      ge3
port4 1000          NP#0          0      4      ge2
port5 1000          NP#0          0      7      ge5
port6 1000          NP#0          0      6      ge4
port7 1000          NP#0          0      9      ge7
port8 1000          NP#0          0      8      ge6
port9 1000          NP#0          0     11      ge9
port10 1000         NP#0          0     10      ge8
port11 1000         NP#0          0     13      ge11
port12 1000         NP#0          0     12      ge10
port13 1000         NP#0          0     15      ge13
port14 1000         NP#0          0     14      ge12
port15 1000         NP#0          0     17      ge15
port16 1000         NP#0          0     16      ge14
port17 1000         NP#0          0     18      ge16
port18 1000         NP#0          0     19      ge17
port19 1000         NP#0          0     20      ge18
port20 1000         NP#0          0     21      ge19
port21 1000         NP#0          0     22      ge20
port22 1000         NP#0          0     23      ge21
port23 1000         NP#0          0     24      ge22
port24 1000         NP#0          0     25      ge23
port25 25000        NP#0          1     15      xe14
port26 25000        NP#0          1     16      xe15
port27 25000        NP#0          1     13      xe12
port28 25000        NP#0          1     14      xe13
port29 25000        NP#0          1     19      xe18
port30 25000        NP#0          1     20      xe19
port31 25000        NP#0          1     17      xe16
port32 25000        NP#0          1     18      xe17
port33 25000        NP#0          1     23      xe22
port34 25000        NP#0          1     24      xe23
port35 25000        NP#0          1     21      xe20
port36 25000        NP#0          1     22      xe21
port37 40000        NP#0          1     29      xe25
port38 40000        NP#0          1     25      xe24
port39 40000        NP#0          1     33      xe26
port40 40000        NP#0          1     37      xe27
NP PORTS:
name  switch_id sw_port_id sw_port_name
-----
np0_0 1         41         ce0
np0_1 1         45         ce1

```

The command output also shows the maximum speeds of each interface. Also, interfaces 1 to 24 are connected to one switch and interfaces 25 to 40 are connected to another switch. Both of these switches make up the internal switch fabric, which connects the interfaces to the NP7 processor, the CPU, and the four CP9 processors.

The NP7 processor has a bandwidth capacity of 200 Gigabits. You can see from the command output that if all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth the NP7 processor would not be able to offload all the traffic.

The FortiGate-1800F and 1801F can be licensed for hyperscale firewall support, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## Splitting the port37 to port40 interfaces

You can use the following command to split each FortiGate 1800F or 1801F 37 to 40 (port37 to port40) 40 GigE QSFP+ interface into four 1/10 GigE SFP+ interfaces. For example, to split interfaces 37 and 38 (port37 and port38), enter the following command:

```
config system global
    set split-port port37 port38
end
```

The FortiGate 1800F or 1801F restarts and when it starts up:

- The port37 interface has been replaced by four SFP+ interfaces named port37/1 to port37/4.
- The port38 interface has been replaced by four SFP+ interfaces named port38/1 to port38/4.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

By default, the speed of each split interface is set to 10000fu11 (10GigE). These interfaces can operate as 10GigE or 1GigE interfaces depending on the transceivers and breakout cables. You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of the split interfaces.

## Configuring NPU port mapping

You can use the following command to configure FortiGate-1800F and 1801F NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu
    config port-npu-map
        edit <interface-name>
            set npu-group-index <index>
        end
    end
```

You can use the port map to assign data interfaces to NP7 links.

Each NP7 has two 100-Gigabit KR links, numbered 0 and 1. Traffic passes to the NP7 over these links. By default the two links operate as a LAG that distributes sessions to the NP7 processor. You can configure the NPU port map to assign interfaces to use one or the other of the NP7 links instead of sending sessions over the LAG.

<index> varies depending on the NP7 processors available in your FortiGate.

For the FortiGate-1800F <index> can be 0, 1, or 2:

- 0, assign the interface to NP#0, the default, the interface is connected to the LAG. Traffic from the interface is distributed to both links.

- 1, assign the interface to NP#0-link0, to connect the interface to NP7 link 0. Traffic from the interface is set to link 0.
- 2, assign the interface to NP#0-link1, to connect the interface to NP7 link 1. Traffic from the interface is set to link 1.

For example, use the following syntax to assign the FortiGate-1800F front panel 40Gigabit interfaces 37 and 38 to NP#0-link0 and interfaces 39 and 40 to NP#0-link 1. The resulting configuration splits traffic from the 40Gigabit interfaces between the two NP7 links:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit port37
      set npu-group-index 1
    next
    edit port38
      set npu-group-index 1
    next
    edit port39
      set npu-group-index 2
    next
    edit port40
      set npu-group-index 2
    end
  end
end
```

You can use the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command to see the current NPU port map configuration. While the FortiGate-1800F or 1801F is processing traffic, you can use the `diagnose npu np7 cgmac-stats <npu-id>` command to show how traffic is distributed to the NP7 links.

For example, after making the changes described in the example, the `np_group` column of the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command output for port37 to port40 shows the new mapping:

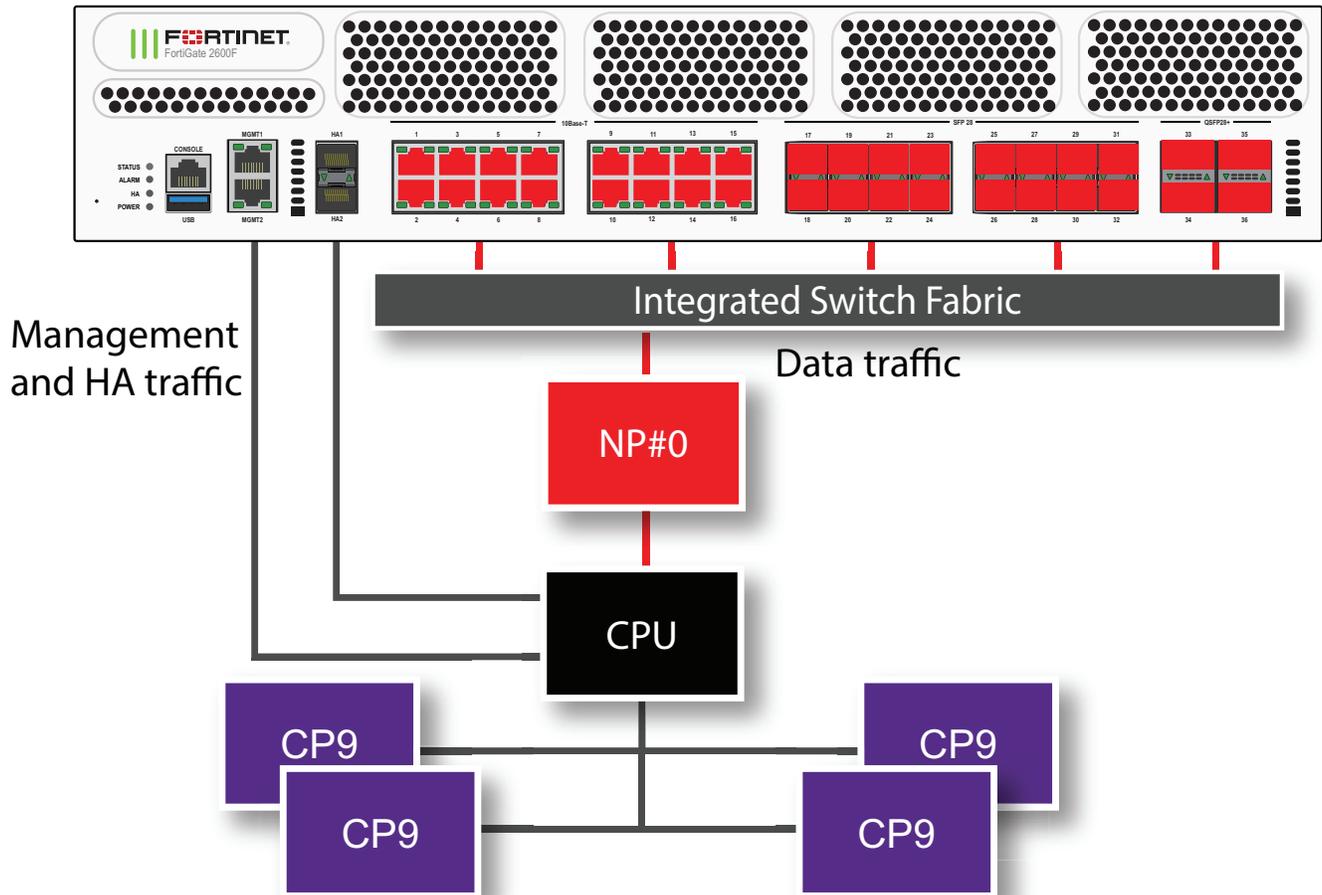
```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
name  max_speed(Mbps)  np_group  switch_id  sw_port_id  sw_port_name
-----
.
.
.
port37 40000          NP#0-link0  1          29          xe25
port38 40000          NP#0-link0  1          25          xe24
port39 40000          NP#0-link1  1          33          xe26
port40 40000          NP#0-link1  1          37          xe27
```

## FortiGate 2600F and 2601F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 2600F and 2601F each include one NP7 processor. All front panel data interfaces and the NP7 processor connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP7 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 2600F and 2601F feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 1 GigE RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP7 processors).
- Two 10 GigE SFP+/SFP (HA1 and HA2, not connected to the NP7 processor).
- Sixteen 10/1 GigE RJ45 (1 to 16).
- Sixteen 25/10/1 GigE SFP28/SFP+ (17 to 32).
- Four 100/40 GigE QSFP28/QSFP+ (33 to 36). Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces.



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP7 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP7 processor. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 2600F or 2601F NP7 configuration. The command output shows a single NP7 named NP#0 is connected to all interfaces. This interface to NP7 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
```

```
Front Panel Port:
```

Name	Max_speed(Mbps)	Dflt_speed(Mbps)	NP_group	Switch_id	SW_port_id	SW_port_name
port1	10000	10000	NP#0	0	54	ge4
port2	10000	10000	NP#0	0	53	ge3
port3	10000	10000	NP#0	0	56	ge6
port4	10000	10000	NP#0	0	55	ge5
port5	10000	10000	NP#0	0	58	ge7
port6	10000	10000	NP#0	0	57	xe25
port7	10000	10000	NP#0	0	60	ge9
port8	10000	10000	NP#0	0	59	ge8
port9	10000	10000	NP#0	0	7	xe6
port10	10000	10000	NP#0	0	8	xe7
port11	10000	10000	NP#0	0	5	xe4
port12	10000	10000	NP#0	0	6	xe5
port13	10000	10000	NP#0	0	11	ge1
port14	10000	10000	NP#0	0	12	ge2
port15	10000	10000	NP#0	0	9	ge0
port16	10000	10000	NP#0	0	10	xe8
port17	25000	10000	NP#0	0	15	xe11
port18	25000	10000	NP#0	0	16	xe12
port19	25000	10000	NP#0	0	13	xe9
port20	25000	10000	NP#0	0	14	xe10
port21	25000	10000	NP#0	0	19	xe15
port22	25000	10000	NP#0	0	20	xe16
port23	25000	10000	NP#0	0	17	xe13
port24	25000	10000	NP#0	0	18	xe14
port25	25000	10000	NP#0	0	23	xe19
port26	25000	10000	NP#0	0	24	xe20
port27	25000	10000	NP#0	0	21	xe17
port28	25000	10000	NP#0	0	22	xe18
port29	25000	10000	NP#0	0	27	xe23
port30	25000	10000	NP#0	0	28	xe24
port31	25000	10000	NP#0	0	25	xe21
port32	25000	10000	NP#0	0	26	xe22
port33	100000	100000	NP#0	0	33	ce1
port34	100000	100000	NP#0	0	29	ce0
port35	100000	100000	NP#0	0	37	ce2
port36	100000	100000	NP#0	0	41	ce3

```
NP Port:
```

Name	Switch_id	SW_port_id	SW_port_name
np0_0	0	45	ce4
np0_1	0	49	ce5

```
* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
```

```
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name
```

The command output also shows the maximum and default speeds of each interface.

The NP7 processor has a bandwidth capacity of 200 Gigabits. You can see from the command output that if all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth the NP7 processor would not be able to offload all the traffic.

The FortiGate-2600F and 2601F can be licensed for hyperscale firewall support, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## Splitting the port33 to port36 interfaces

You can use the following command to split each FortiGate 2600F and 2601F 33 to 36 (port33 to port36) 100/40 GigE QSFP28 interface into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces. For example, to split interfaces 34 and 35 (port34 and port35), enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set split-port port34 port35
end
```

The FortiGate 2600F and 2601F restarts and when it starts up:

- The port34 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port34/1 to port34/4.
- The port35 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port35/1 to port35/4.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

By default, the speed of each split interface is set to 10000fu11 (10GigE). These interfaces can operate as 25GigE, 10GigE, or 1GigE interfaces depending on the transceivers and breakout cables. You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of the split interfaces.

If you set the speed of one of the split interfaces to 25000fu11 (25GigE), all of the interfaces are changed to operate at this speed (no restart required). If the split interfaces are set to 25000fu11 and you change the speed of one of them to 10000fu11 (10GigE) they are all changed to 10000fu11 (no restart required). When the interfaces are operating at 10000fu11, you can change the speeds of individual interfaces to operate at 1000fu11 (1GigE).

## Configuring NPU port mapping

You can use the following command to configure FortiGate-2600F and 2601F NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group-index <index>
    end
```

You can use the port map to assign data interfaces to NP7 links.

Each NP7 has two 100-Gigabit KR links, numbered 0 and 1. Traffic passes to the NP7 over these links. By default the two links operate as a LAG that distributes sessions to the NP7 processor. You can configure the NPU port map to assign interfaces to use one or the other of the NP7 links instead of sending sessions over the LAG.

<index> varies depending on the NP7 processors available in your FortiGate.

For the FortiGate-2600F <index> can be 0, 1, or 2:

- 0, assign the interface to NP#0, the default, the interface is connected to the LAG. Traffic from the interface is distributed to both links.
- 1, assign the interface to NP#0-link0, to connect the interface to NP7 link 0. Traffic from the interface is set to link 0.
- 2, assign the interface to NP#0-link1, to connect the interface to NP7 link 1. Traffic from the interface is set to link 1.

For example, use the following syntax to assign the FortiGate-2600F front panel 100Gigabit interfaces 33 and 34 to NP#0-link0 and interfaces 35 and 36 to NP#0-link1. The resulting configuration splits traffic from the 40Gigabit interfaces between the two NP7 links:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit port33
      set npu-group-index 1
    next
    edit port34
      set npu-group-index 1
    next
    edit port35
      set npu-group-index 2
    next
    edit port36
      set npu-group-index 2
    end
  end
end
```

You can use the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command to see the current NPU port map configuration. While the FortiGate-2600F or 2601F is processing traffic, you can use the `diagnose npu np7 cgmact-stats <npu-id>` command to show how traffic is distributed to the NP7 links.

For example, after making the changes described in the example, the `np_group` column of the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command output for port33 to port36 shows the new mapping:

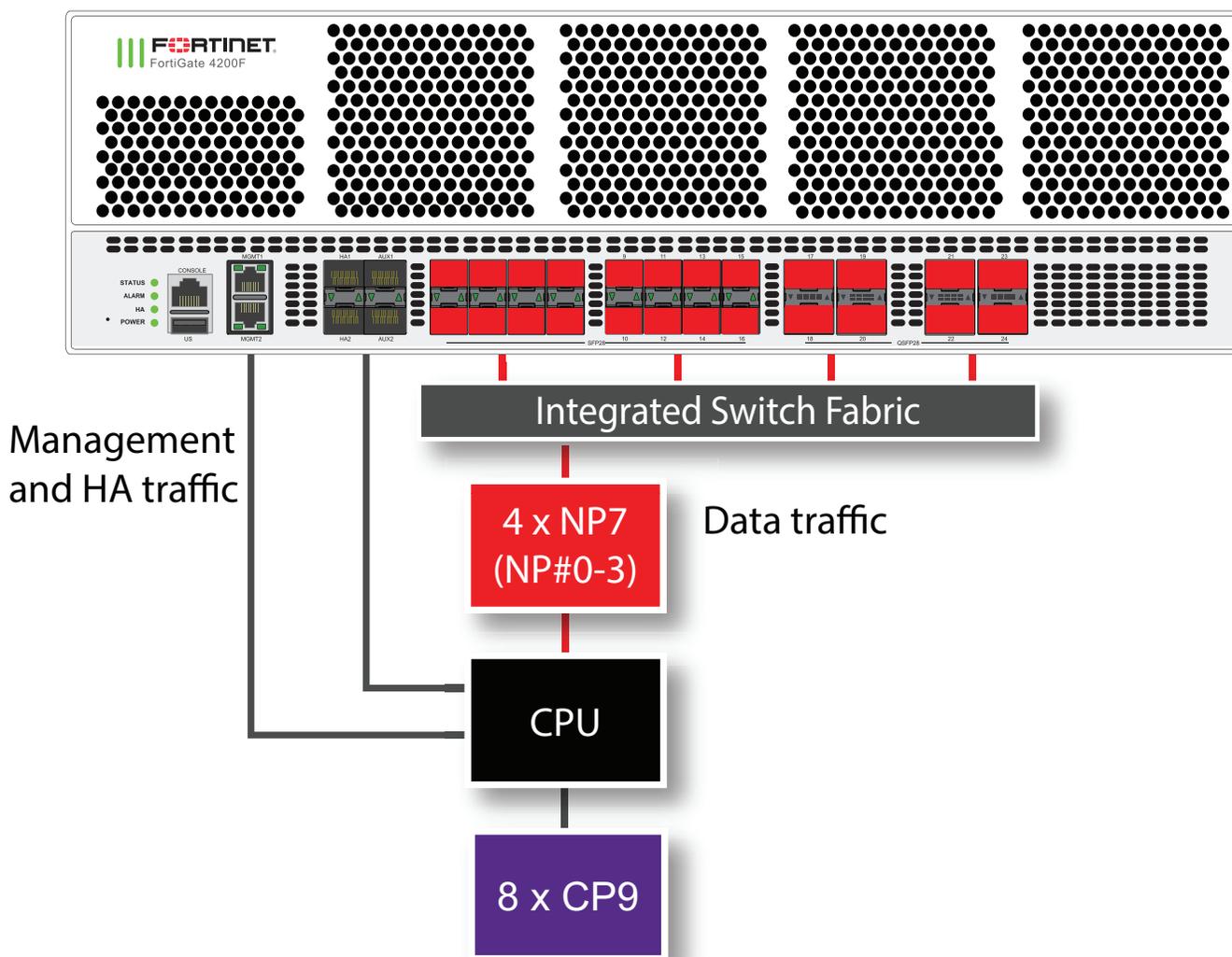
```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
.
.
.
port33    100000          100000          NP#0-link0    0         33         ce1
port34    100000          100000          NP#0-link0    0         29         ce0
port35    100000          100000          NP#0-link1    0         37         ce2
port36    100000          100000          NP#0-link1    0         41         ce3
```

# FortiGate 4200F and 4201F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 4200F and 4201F each include four NP7 processors. All front panel data interfaces and the NP7 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP7 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 4200F and 4201F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 1 GigE RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP7 processors).
- Twenty 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 (HA1, HA2 , AUX1, AUX2, 1 to 16) HA1, HA2 , AUX1, AUX2 not connected to the NP7 processors..
- Eight 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (17 to 24). Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces.



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP7 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP7 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The AUX interfaces are also not connected to the NP7 processors. Fortinet recommends using these interfaces for HA session synchronization.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.



You can use the `port-path-option` option of the `config system npu` command to connect or disconnect the HA and AUX interfaces to the NP7 processors. See [config port-path-option on page 76](#).

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 4200F and 4201F NP7 configuration. The command output shows that all four NP7s are connected to all interfaces.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
port1     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          37          xe10
port2     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          38          xe11
port3     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          39          xe12
port4     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          40          xe13
port5     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          41          xe14
port6     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          42          xe15
port7     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          43          xe16
port8     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          44          xe17
port9     25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          45          xe18
port10    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          46          xe19
port11    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          47          xe20
port12    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          48          xe21
port13    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          49          xe22
port14    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          50          xe23
port15    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          51          xe24
port16    25000           10000           NP#0-3        0          52          xe25
port17    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          57          ce5
port18    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          53          ce4
port19    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          67          ce7
port20    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          61          ce6
port21    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          75          ce9
port22    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          71          ce8
port23    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          83          ce11
port24    100000          100000          NP#0-3        0          79          ce10
-----

NP Port:
Name      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
np0_0     0          5          ce0
np0_1     0          9          ce1
```

```

np1_0 0      13      ce2
np1_1 0      17      ce3
np2_0 0      115     ce13
np2_1 0      111     ce12
np3_0 0      123     ce15
np3_1 0      119     ce14
-----
* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name

```

The command output also shows the maximum and default speeds of each interface.

The integrated switch fabric distributes sessions from the data interfaces to the NP7 processors. The four NP7 processors have a bandwidth capacity of 200Gigabit x 4 = 800 Gigabit. If all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth, the NP7 processors would not be able to offload all the traffic. You can use NPU port mapping to control how sessions are distributed to NP7 processors.

You can add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP7 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 48](#).

The FortiGate-4200F and 4201F can be licensed for hyperscale firewall support, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## Splitting the port17 to port24 interfaces

You can use the following command to split each FortiGate 4200F or 4201F 17 to 24 (port17 to port24) 40/100 GigE QSFP28 interface into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces. For example, to split interfaces 19 and 23 (port19 and port23), enter the following command:

```

config system global
    set split-port port19 port23
end

```

The FortiGate 4200F or 4201F restarts and when it starts up:

- The port19 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port19/1 to port19/4.
- The port23 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port23/1 to port23/4.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

By default, the speed of each split interface is set to 10000fu11 (10GigE). These interfaces can operate as 25GigE, 10GigE, or 1GigE interfaces depending on the transceivers and breakout cables. You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of the split interfaces.

If you set the speed of one of the split interfaces to 25000fu11 (25GigE), all of the interfaces are changed to operate at this speed (no restart required). If the split interfaces are set to 25000fu11 and you change the speed of one of them to 10000fu11 (10GigE) they are all changed to 10000fu11 (no restart required). When the interfaces are operating at 10000fu11, you can change the speeds of individual interfaces to operate at 1000fu11 (1GigE).

## Configuring FortiGate-4200F and 4201F NPU port mapping

The default FortiGate-4200F and 4201F port mapping configuration results in sessions passing from front panel data interfaces to the integrated switch fabric. The integrated switch fabric distributes these sessions among the NP7 processors. Each NP7 processor is connected to the switch fabric with a LAG that consists of two 100-Gigabit interfaces. The integrated switch fabric distributes sessions to the LAGs and each LAG distributes sessions between the two interfaces connected to the NP7 processor.

You can use NPU port mapping to override how data network interface sessions are distributed to NP7 processors. For example, you can set up NPU port mapping to send all traffic from a front panel data interface or LAG to a specific NP7 processor or group of NP7 processors, or a single NP7 link.

Use the following command to configure FortiGate-4200F and 4201F NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu-post
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group {All-NP | NP0 | NP1 | NP2 | NP3 | NP0-to-NP1 | NP2-to-NP3 | NP0-to-NP2 |
        NP0-link0 | NP0-link1 | NP1-link0 | NP1-link1 | NP2-link0 | NP2-link1 | NP3-link0 |
        NP3-link1} ...
    end
  end
end
```

<interface-name> can be a physical interface or a LAG.

All-NP, (the default) distribute sessions among all four NP7 LAGs.

NP0, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP0.

NP1, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP1.

NP2, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP2.

NP3, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP3.

NP0-to-NP1, distribute sessions between the LAG connected to NP0 and the LAG connected to NP1.

NP2-to-NP3, distribute sessions between the LAG connected to NP2 and the LAG connected to NP3.

NP0-to-NP2, distribute sessions between the LAG connected to NP0, the LAG connected to NP1, and the LAG connected to NP2.

NP0-link0, send sessions to NP0 link 0.

NP0-link1, send sessions to NP0 link 1.

NP1-link0, send sessions to NP1 link 0.

NP1-link1, send sessions to NP1 link 1.

NP2-link0, send sessions to NP2 link 0.

NP2-link1, send sessions to NP2 link 1.

NP3-link0, send sessions to NP3 link 0.

NP3-link1, send sessions to NP3 link 1.

For example, use the following syntax to assign the FortiGate-4200F port21 and port22 interfaces to NP0 and NP1 and port23 and port24 interfaces to NP0, NP2, and NP3:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit port21
      set npu-group NP0-to-NP1
    next
    edit port22
      set npu-group NP0-to-NP1
    next
    edit port23
      set npu-group NP0 NP2-to-NP3
    next
    edit port24
      set npu-group NP0 NP2-to-NP3
  end
end
```

While the FortiGate-4200F or 4201F is processing traffic, you can use the `diagnose npu np7 cgmact-stats <npu-id>` command to show how traffic is distributed to the NP7 links.

## FortiGate 4400F and 4401F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 4400F and 4401F each include six NP7 processors. All front panel data interfaces and the NP7 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP7 processors. Because of the ISF, all data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP7 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP7 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 4400F and 4401F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 1GigE RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP7 processors).
- Twenty 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 (HA1, HA2, AUX1, AUX2, 1 to 16) HA1, HA2, AUX1, AUX2 not connected to the NP7 processors.
- Twelve 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (17 to 28). Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces.





You can use the `port-path-option` option of the `config system npu` command to connect or disconnect the HA and AUX interfaces to the NP7 processors. See [config port-path-option on page 76](#).

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 4400F and 4401F NP7 configuration. The command output shows that all six np7s are connected to all interfaces.

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
port1     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         37         xe12
port2     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         38         xe13
port3     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         39         xe14
port4     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         40         xe15
port5     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         41         xe16
port6     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         42         xe17
port7     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         43         xe18
port8     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         44         xe19
port9     25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         45         xe20
port10    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         46         xe21
port11    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         47         xe22
port12    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         48         xe23
port13    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         49         xe24
port14    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         50         xe25
port15    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         51         xe26
port16    25000           10000           NP#0-5        0         52         xe27
port17    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         57         ce7
port18    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         53         ce6
port19    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         67         ce9
port20    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         61         ce8
port21    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         75         ce11
port22    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         71         ce10
port23    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         83         ce13
port24    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         79         ce12
port25    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         91         ce15
port26    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         87         ce14
port27    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         99         ce17
port28    100000          100000          NP#0-5        0         95         ce16
-----

NP Port:
Name      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
np0_0    0         5         ce0
np0_1    0         9         ce1
np1_0    0         13        ce2
np1_1    0         17        ce3
np2_0    0         21        ce4
np2_1    0         25        ce5
np3_0    0         115       ce21
np3_1    0         111       ce20
np4_0    0         107       ce19
np4_1    0         103       ce18
np5_0    0         123       ce23
np5_1    0         119       ce22
-----
```

```
* Max_speed: Maximum speed, Dflt_speed: Default speed
* SW_port_id: Switch port ID, SW_port_name: Switch port name
```

The command output also shows the maximum and default speeds of each interface.

The integrated switch fabric distributes sessions from the data interfaces to the NP7 processors. The six NP7 processors have a bandwidth capacity of 200Gigabit x 6 = 1200 Gigabit. If all interfaces were operating at their maximum bandwidth, the NP7 processors would not be able to offload all the traffic. You can use NPU port mapping to control how sessions are distributed to NP7 processors.

You can add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP7 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 48](#).

The FortiGate-4400F and 4401F can be licensed for hyperscale firewall support, see the [Hyperscale Firewall Guide](#).

## Interface groups and changing data interface speeds

FortiGate-4400F and 4401F front panel data interfaces are divided into the following groups:

- ha1, ha2, aux1, and aux2
- port1 - port4
- port5 - port8
- port9 - port12
- port13 - port16

All of the interfaces in a group operate at the same speed. Changing the speed of an interface changes the speeds of all of the interfaces in the same group. For example, if you want to install 25GigE transceivers in port1 to port8 to convert all of these data interfaces to connect to 25Gbps networks, you can enter the following from the CLI:

```
config system interface
  edit port1
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port5
    set speed 25000full
end
```

Every time you change a data interface speed, when you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change. For example, if you change the speed of port5, the following message appears:

```
config system interface
  edit port5
    set speed 25000full
  end
port5-port8 speed will be changed to 25000full due to hardware limit.
Do you want to continue? (y/n)
```

## Splitting the port17 to port28 interfaces

You can use the following command to split each FortiGate 4400F or 4401F 17 to 28 (port17 to port28) 100/40 GigE QSFP28 interface into four 25/10/1 GigE SFP28 interfaces. For example, to split interfaces 19 and 26 (port19 and port26), enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set split-port port19 port26
end
```

The FortiGate 4400F or 4401F restarts and when it starts up:

- The port19 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port19/1 to port19/4.
- The port26 interface has been replaced by four SFP28 interfaces named port26/1 to port26/4.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

By default, the speed of each split interface is set to 10000fu11 (10GigE). These interfaces can operate as 25GigE, 10GigE, or 1GigE interfaces depending on the transceivers and breakout cables. You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of the split interfaces.

If you set the speed of one of the split interfaces to 25000fu11 (25GigE), all of the interfaces are changed to operate at this speed (no restart required). If the split interfaces are set to 25000fu11 and you change the speed of one of them to 10000fu11 (10GigE) they are all changed to 10000fu11 (no restart required). When the interfaces are operating at 10000fu11, you can change the speeds of individual interfaces to operate at 1000fu11 (1GigE).

## Configuring FortiGate 4400F and 4401F NPU port mapping

The default FortiGate-4400F and 4401F port mapping configuration results in sessions passing from front panel data interfaces to the integrated switch fabric. The integrated switch fabric distributes these sessions among the NP7 processors. Each NP7 processor is connected to the switch fabric with a LAG that consists of two 100-Gigabit interfaces. The integrated switch fabric distributes sessions to the LAGs and each LAG distributes sessions between the two interfaces connected to the NP7 processor.

You can use NPU port mapping to override how data network interface sessions are distributed to NP7 processors. For example, you can set up NPU port mapping to send all traffic from a front panel data interface or LAG to a specific NP7 processor or group of NP7 processors, or a single NP7 link.

Use the following command to configure FortiGate 4400F and 4401F NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu-post
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group {All-NP | NP0 | NP1 | NP2 | NP3 | NP4 | NP5 | NP0-to-NP1 | NP2-to-NP3 |
        NP4-to-NP5 | NP0-to-NP3 | NP0-to-NP2 | NP3-to-NP5 | NP0-link0 | NP0-link1 | NP1-
        link0 | NP1-link1 | NP2-link0 | NP2-link1 | NP3-link0 | NP3-link1 | NP4-link0 |
        NP4-link1 | NP5-link0 | NP5-link1}
    end
  end
end
```

<interface-name> can be a physical interface or a LAG.

All-NP, (the default) distribute sessions among all six NP7 LAGs.

NP0, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP0.

NP1, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP1.

NP2, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP2.

NP3, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP3.

NP4, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP4.

NP5, distribute sessions to the LAG connected to NP5.

NP0-to-NP1, distribute sessions between the LAGs connected to NP0 and NP1.

NP2-to-NP3, distribute sessions between the LAGs connected to NP2 and NP3.

NP4-to-NP5, distribute sessions between the LAGs connected to NP4 and NP5.

NP0-to-NP3, distribute sessions among the LAGs connected to NP0, NP1, NP2, and NP3.

NP0-to-NP2, distribute sessions among the LAGs connected to NP0, NP1, and NP2.

NP3-to-NP5, distribute sessions among the LAGs connected to NP3, NP4, and NP5.

NP0-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP0 link 0.

NP0-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP0 link 1.

NP1-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP1 link 0.

NP1-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP1 link 1.

NP2-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP2 link 0.

NP2-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP2 link 1.

NP3-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP3 link 0.

NP3-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP3 link 1.

NP4-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP4 link 0.

NP4-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP4 link 1.

NP5-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP5 link 0.

NP5-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to NP5 link 1.

For example, use the following syntax to assign the FortiGate-4400F interfaces 25 and 26 to NP3, NP4 and NP5 and interfaces 27 and 28 to NP2 and NP5:

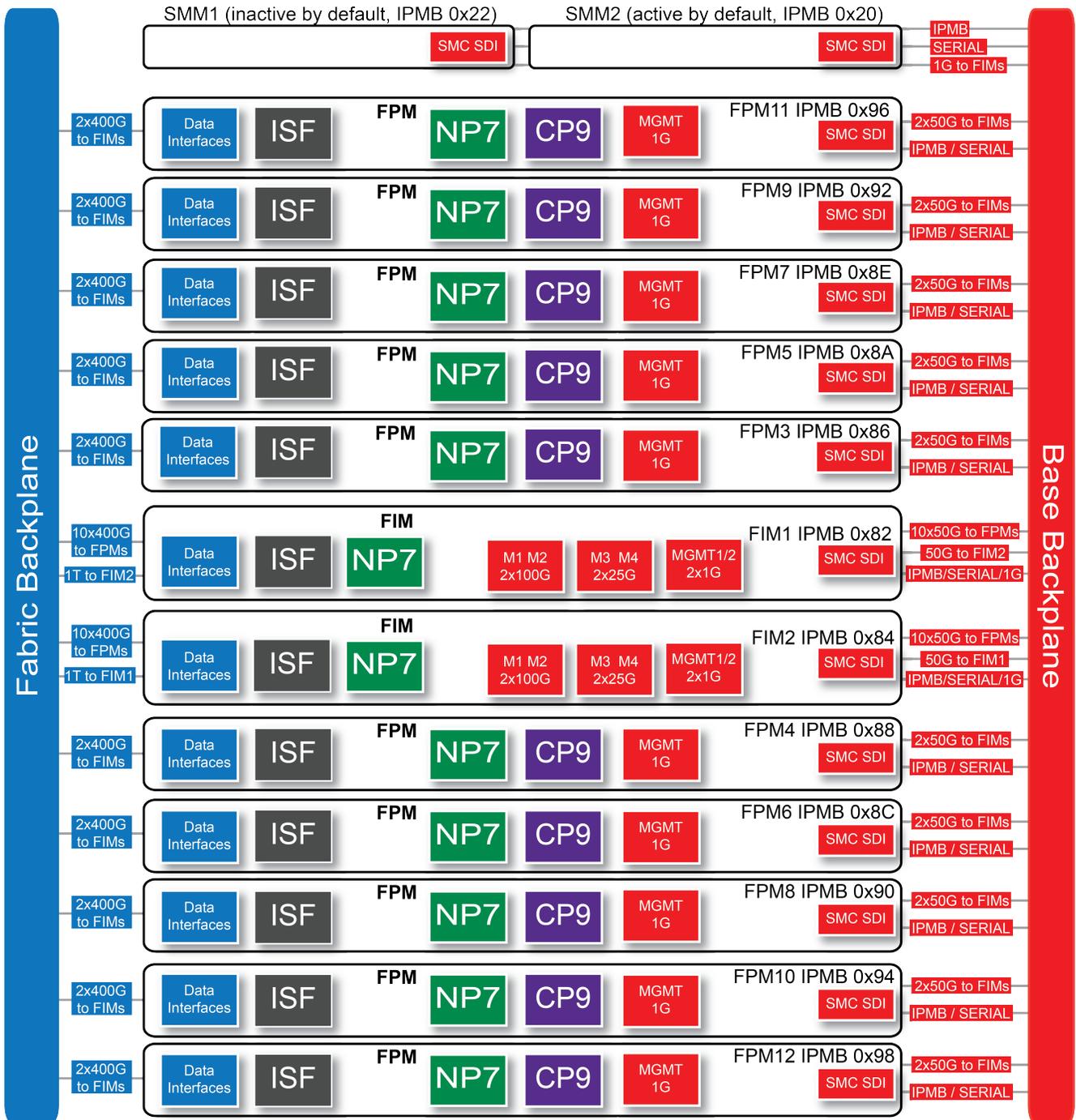
```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit port25
      set npu-group NP3-to-NP5
    next
    edit port26
      set npu-group NP3-to-NP5
    next
    edit port27
      set npu-group NP2 NP5
    next
    edit port28
      set npu-group NP2 NP5
  end
```

end

While the FortiGate-4400F or 4401F is processing traffic, you can use the `diagnose npu np7 cgmact-stats <npu-id>` command to show how traffic is distributed to the NP7 links.

## FortiGate-7121F fast path architecture

The FortiGate-7121F chassis schematic shows the communication channels between chassis components including the SMMs (SMM1 and SMM2), the FIMs (FIM1 and FIM2), and the FPMs (FPM3 to FPM12).



By default, SMM2 is the active SMM and SMM1 is inactive or passive. The active SMM always has the Intelligent Platform Management Bus (IPMB) address 0x20 and the passive SMM always has the IPMB address 0x22. Active and passive refers to the SMM that is controlling the chassis. The MGMT interfaces and console ports on both SMMs are always available.

Each FIM and FPM and the SMMs have a Shelf Management Controller (SMC). These SMCs support IPMB communication between the active SMM and the FIMs and FPMs and other chassis components for storing and sharing sensor data that the SMM uses to control chassis cooling and power distribution. The FortiGate-7121F also includes serial communications to allow console access from the SMM to all FIMs and FPMs.

The base backplane includes 1Gbps ethernet management connections between the SMMs and the FIMs. The base backplane also supports 50Gbps Ethernet communication for management and heartbeat communication between FIMs and FPMs.

FIM1 and FIM2 (IPMB addresses 0x82 and 0x84) are the FIM interface modules in slots 1 and 2. FIM data interfaces connect the chassis to data networks. NP7 processors in the FIMs use session-aware load balancing (SLBC) to distribute data sessions over the FIM Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) to the 10x400Gbps connections over the fabric backplane to the FPMs. Data communication between FIM1 and FIM2 occurs over a 1TB fabric connection.

The FIM 1Gbps MGMT1 and MGMT2 interfaces are used for Ethernet management access to chassis components. The 2x100Gbps M1 and M2 interfaces are used for HA heartbeat communication between chassis. The 2x25Gbps M3 and M4 interfaces are used for remote logging or other management functions.

FPM3 to FPM12 (IPMB addresses 0x86 to 0x98) are the FPM processor modules in slots 3 to 12. These worker modules process sessions distributed to them over the fabric backplane by the NP7 processors in the FIMs. FPMs include NP7 processors to offload sessions from the FPM CPU and CP9 processors that accelerate content processing. FPMs also include data interfaces that increase the number of data interfaces supported by the FortiGate-7121F. Data sessions received by the FPM data interfaces are sent over the fabric backplane to the FIM NP7 processors to be load balanced back to the FPMs using SLBC.

The FPM 1Gbps MGMT interfaces are used for Ethernet management access to chassis components.

## FIM-7921F fast path architecture

The FIM-7921F includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the front panel interfaces and the chassis fabric backplane to the NP7 processors. The NP7 processors receive sessions from the FIM front panel data interfaces and the FPM front panel data interfaces over the fabric backplane. The NP7 processors use SLBC to distribute sessions to FPMs over the fabric backplane.

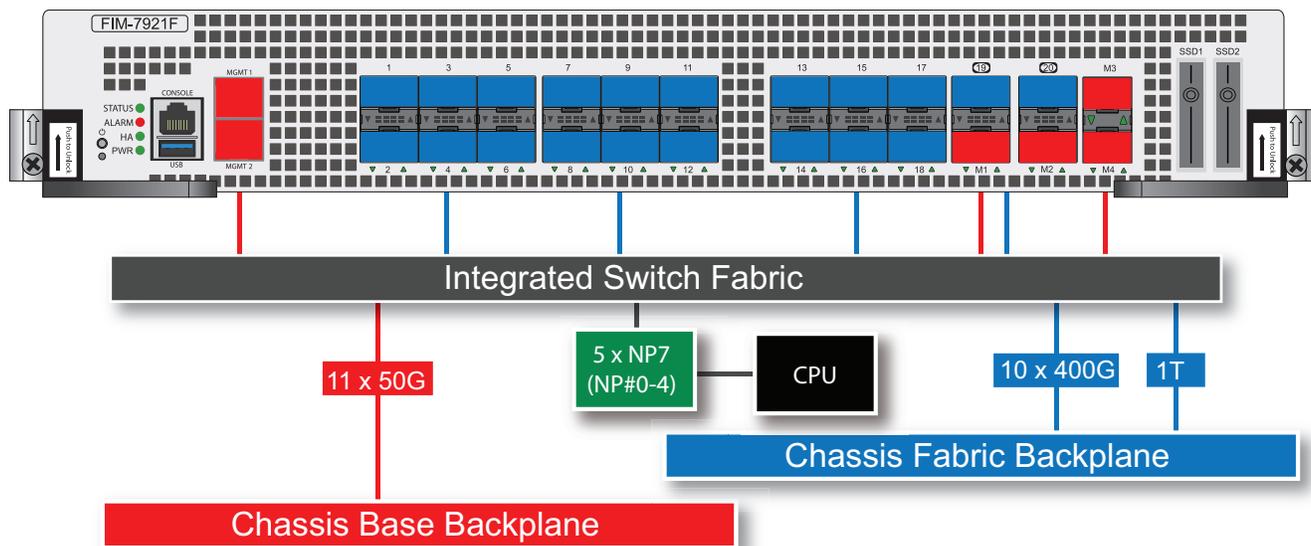
The FIM-7921F includes the following backplane communication channels:

- Ten 400Gbps fabric backplane channel to distribute traffic to the FPMs.
- Ten 50Gbps base backplane channel for base backplane communication with the FPMs.
- One 1Tbps fabric backplane channel for fabric backplane communication with the other FIM.
- One 50Gbps base backplane channel for base backplane communication with the other FIM.

The FIM-7921F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2) base channel management interfaces.
- Eighteen 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (1 to 18) fabric channel data interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10 GigE interfaces.
- Two 400/100/40 GigE QSFP-DD (19 and 20) fabric channel data interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 100/25/10GigE interfaces.
- Two 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (M1 and M2) base channel management interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10 GigE interfaces.
- Two 25/10 GigE SFP28 (M1 and M2 ) base channel management interfaces.

### FIM-7921F hardware architecture



## FIM-7921F NP7 processors

Since FIM NP7 processors are used for SLBC load balancing:

- They are not used for host protection engine (HPE) DoS protection. HPE is applied by the NP7 processors in the FPMs. For information about HPE, see [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) on page 58](#).
- You can't configure NP7 groups for FIM NP7 processors. NP7 groups can be configured for the NP7 processors in FPMs.
- The output of the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command shows that FIM NP7 processors are connected to all FIM-7921F interfaces and shows the maximum and default speeds of the interfaces. Sample output from the FIM CLI:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
1-P1      100000           100000           n/a            0         7           ce27
1-P1-2    25000            25000            n/a            0         8           ce28
1-P1-3    25000            25000            n/a            0         9           ce29
1-P1-4    25000            25000            n/a            0         10          ce30
1-P2      100000           100000           n/a            0         15          ce31
.
.
.
```

## Changing the FIM-7921F 1 to 8, M1, and M2 interfaces

By default, the FIM-7921F 1 to 8 (P1 to P8), M1, and M2 interfaces are configured as 100GigE QSFP28 interfaces. You can make the following changes to these interfaces:

- Change the interface speed to 40G using the `config system interface` command.
- Split one or more of the 3 to 8 (P3 to P8), M1, and M2 interfaces into four 25GigE interfaces.
- Change the interface speed of one or more of the split interfaces to 10Gig.



You should configure split interfaces on both FortiGate 7000Fs before forming an FGCP HA cluster. If you decide to change the split interface configuration after forming a cluster, you need to remove the secondary FortiGate 7000F from the cluster and change the split interface configuration on both FortiGate 7000Fs separately. After the FortiGate 7000Fs restart, you can re-form the cluster. This process will cause traffic interruptions.

You can use the following command to split the P3 interface of the FIM-7921F in slot 1 and the P8 and M1 interfaces of the FIM-7921F in slot 2:

```
config system global
  set split-port 1-P3 2-P8 2-M1
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P3 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 1-P3/1 to 1-P3/4.
- Interface 2-P8 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-P8/1 to 2-P8/4.
- Interface 2-M1 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-M1/1 to 2-M1/4.

You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of each of the split interfaces. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

For example, to change the speed of the 2-P8/3 interface to 10Gig:

```
config system interface
  edit 2-P8/3
    set speed 10000full
  end
```

## Changing the FIM-7921F 19 and 20 interfaces

By default, the FIM-7921F 19 and 20 (P19 and P20) interfaces are configured as 400GigE QSFP-DD interfaces. You can make the following changes to one or both of interfaces:

- Change the interface speed to 400G, 100G, or 40G using the `config system interface` command.
- Split the interface into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces.
- Split the interface into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces.

All of these operations, except changing the interface speed using the `config system interface` command, require a system restart. Fortinet recommends that you perform these operations during a maintenance window and plan the changes to avoid traffic disruption.



You should configure split interfaces on both FortiGate 7000Fs before forming an FGCP HA cluster. If you decide to change the split interface configuration after forming a cluster, you need to remove the secondary FortiGate 7000F from the cluster and change the split interface configuration on both FortiGate 7000Fs separately. After the FortiGate 7000Fs restart, you can re-form the cluster. This process will cause traffic interruptions.

## Splitting the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces

You can use the following command to split the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces. To split P19 of the FIM-7921F in slot 1 (1-P19) and P20 of the FIM-7921F in slot 2 (2-P20) enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set split-port 1-P19 2-P20
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P19 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 1-P19/1 to 1-P19/4.
- Interface 2-P20 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-P20/1 to 2-P20/4.

## Splitting the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces

You can use the following command to split the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 25GigE CR interfaces. The following command converts the interface into a 100GigE QSFP28 interface then splits this interface into four 25 GigE CR interfaces. To change P19 of the FIM-7921F in slot 1 (1-P19) and P20 of the FIM-7921F in slot 2 (2-P20) enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set qsfdd-100g-port 1-P19 2-P20
  set split-port 1-P19 2-P20
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P19 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 1-P19/1 to 1-P19/4.
- Interface 2-P20 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 2-P20/1 to 2-P20/4.

If you want some or all of these interfaces to operate as 10GigE SR interfaces you can use the `config system interface` command to change the interface speed. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

## FIM-7941F fast path architecture

The FIM-7941F includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the front panel interfaces and the chassis fabric backplane to the NP7 processors. The NP7 processors receive sessions from the FIM front panel data

interfaces and the FPM front panel data interfaces over the fabric backplane. The NP7 processors use SLBC to distribute sessions to FPMs over the fabric backplane.

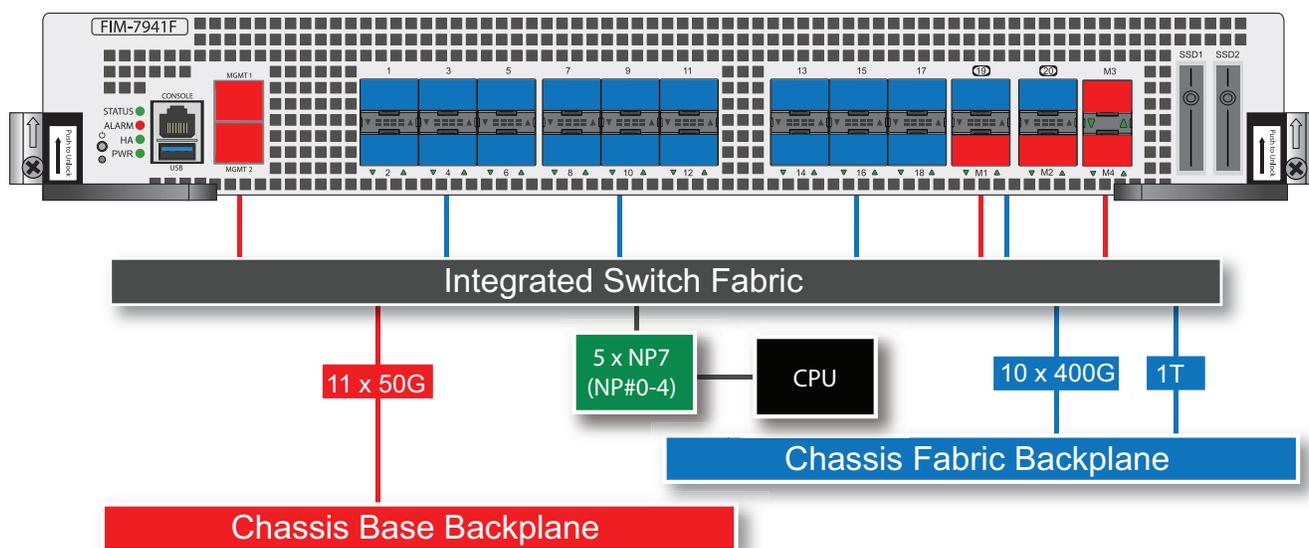
The FIM-7941F includes the following backplane communication channels:

- Ten 400Gbps fabric backplane channel to distribute traffic to the FPMs.
- Ten 50Gbps base backplane channel for base backplane communication with the FPMs.
- One 1Tbps fabric backplane channel for fabric backplane communication with the other FIM.
- One 50Gbps base backplane channel for base backplane communication with the other FIM.

The FIM-7941F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T RJ45 (MGMT1 and MGMT2) base channel management interfaces.
- Eighteen 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (1 to 18) fabric channel data interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10 GigE interfaces.
- Two 400/100/40 GigE QSFP-DD (19 and 20) fabric channel data interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 100/25/10GigE interfaces or eight 25/10 GigE interfaces.
- Two 100/40 GigE QSFP28 (M1 and M2) base channel management interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 25/10 GigE interfaces.
- Two 25/10 GigE SFP28 (M1 and M2 ) base channel management interfaces.

### FIM-7941F hardware architecture



## FIM-7941F NP7 processors

Since FIM NP7 processors are used for SLBC load balancing:

- They are not used for host protection engine (HPE) DoS protection. HPE is applied by the NP7 processors in the FPMs. For information about HPE, see [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) on page 58](#).
- You can't configure NP7 groups for FIM NP7 processors. NP7 groups can be configured for the NP7 processors in FPMs.

- The output of the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command shows that FIM NP7 processors are connected to all FIM-7941F interfaces and shows the maximum and default speeds of the interfaces. Sample output from the FIM CLI:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
Name      Max_speed(Mbps) Dflt_speed(Mbps) NP_group      Switch_id SW_port_id SW_port_name
-----
1-P1      100000          100000          n/a           0         7         ce27
1-P1-2    25000           25000           n/a           0         8
1-P1-3    25000           25000           n/a           0         9
1-P1-4    25000           25000           n/a           0         10
1-P2      100000          100000          n/a           0         15        ce31
.
.
.
```

## Changing the FIM-7941F 1 to 18, M1, and M2 interfaces

By default, the FIM-7941F 1 to 18 (P1 to P18), M1, and M2 interfaces are configured as 100GigE QSFP28 interfaces. You can make the following changes to these interfaces:

- Change the interface speed to 100G or 40G using the `config system interface` command.
- Split one or more of the interfaces into four 25GigE interfaces.
- Change the interface speed of one or more of the split interfaces to 10Gig.



You should configure split interfaces on both FortiGate 7000Fs before forming an FGCP HA cluster. If you decide to change the split interface configuration after forming a cluster, you need to remove the secondary FortiGate 7000F from the cluster and change the split interface configuration on both FortiGate 7000Fs separately. After the FortiGate 7000Fs restart, you can re-form the cluster. This process will cause traffic interruptions.

You can use the following command to split the P3 interface of the FIM-7941F in slot 1 and the P16 and M1 interfaces of the FIM-7941F in slot 2:

```
config system global
  set split-port 1-P3 2-P16 2-M1
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P3 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 1-P3/1 to 1-P3/4.
- Interface 2-P16 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-P16/1 to 2-P16/4.
- Interface 2-M1 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-M1/1 to 2-M1/4.

You can use the `config system interface` command to change the speeds of each of the split interfaces. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

For example, to change the speed of the 2-P16/3 interface to 10Gig:

```
config system interface
  edit 2-P16/3
```

```

set speed 10000full
end

```

## Changing the FIM-7941F 19 and 20 interfaces

By default, the FIM-7941F 19 and 20 (P19 and P20) interfaces are configured as 400GigE QSFP-DD interfaces. You can make the following changes to one or both of these interfaces:

- Change the interface speed to 400G, 100G, or 40G using the `config system interface` command.
- Split the interface into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces.
- Split the interface into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces.

All of these operations, except changing the interface speed using the `config system interface` command, require a system restart. Fortinet recommends that you perform these operations during a maintenance window and plan the changes to avoid traffic disruption.



You should configure split interfaces on both FortiGate 7000Fs before forming an FGCP HA cluster. If you decide to change the split interface configuration after forming a cluster, you need to remove the secondary FortiGate 7000F from the cluster and change the split interface configuration on both FortiGate 7000Fs separately. After the FortiGate 7000Fs restart, you can re-form the cluster. This process will cause traffic interruptions.

## Splitting the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces

You can use the following command to split the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces. To split P19 of the FIM-7941F in slot 1 (1-P19) and P20 of the FIM-7941F in slot 2 (2-P20) enter the following command:

```

config system global
  set split-port 1-P19 2-P20
end

```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P19 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 1-P19/1 to 1-P19/4.
- Interface 2-P20 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 2-P20/1 to 2-P20/4.

## Splitting the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces

You can use the following command to split the P19 or P20 interfaces into four 25GigE CR interfaces. The following command converts the interface into a 100GigE QSFP28 interface then splits this interface into four 25 GigE CR interfaces. To split P19 of the FIM-7941F in slot 1 (1-P19) and P20 of the FIM-7941F in slot 2 (2-P20) enter the following command:

```

config system global
  set qsfdd-100g-port 1-P19 2-P20
  set split-port 1-P19 2-P20
end

```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 1-P19 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 1-P19/1 to 1-P19/4.
- Interface 2-P20 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 2-P20/1 to 2-P20/4.

If you want some or all of these interfaces to operate as 10GigE SR interfaces you can use the `config system interface` command to change the interface speed. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

## Splitting the FIM-7941F P19 and P20 interfaces into eight 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces

You can use the following command to split the P19 or P20 interface of the FIM-7941F into eight 25GigE CR interfaces. To split P20 of the FIM-7941F in slot 1 (1-P20) and P19 of the FIM-7941F in slot 2 (2-P19) enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set split-port 1-P20 2-P19
  set qsfdd-split8-port 1-P20 2-P19
end
```



You must set both `split-port` and `qsfdd-split8-port`.

---

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

The 1-P20 interface is converted into eight 25GigE CR interfaces named 1-P20/1 to 1-P20/8.

The 2-P19 interface is converted into eight 25GigE CR interfaces named 2-P19/1 to 2-P19/8.

If you want some or all of these interfaces to operate as 10GigE SR interfaces you can use the `config system interface` command to change the interface speed. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

## FPM-7620F fast path architecture

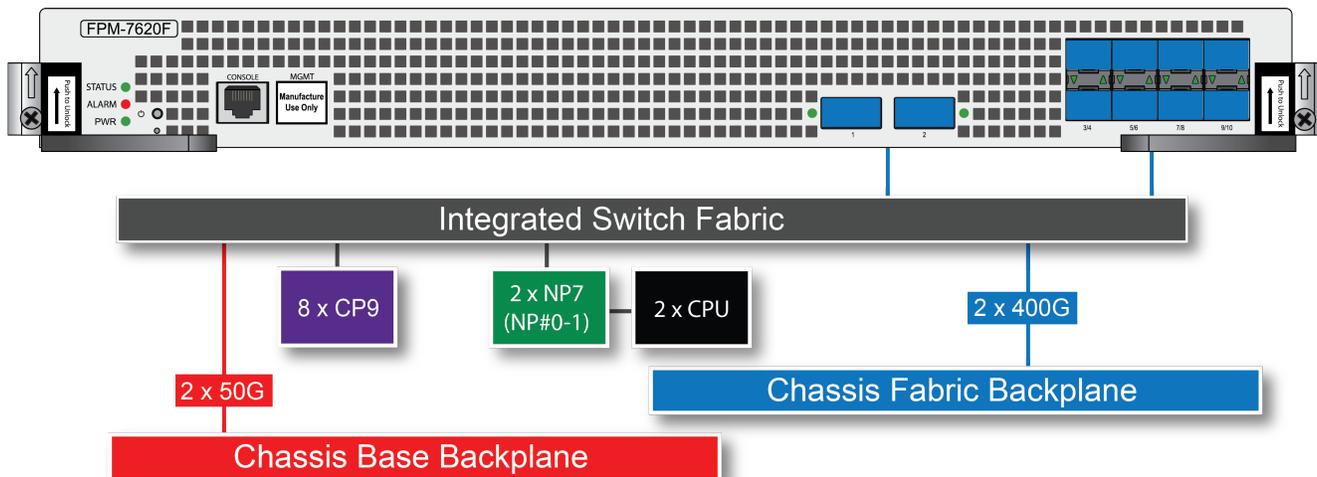
The two FPM-7620F NP7 network processors provide hardware acceleration by offloading data traffic from the FPM-7620F CPUs. The result is enhanced network performance provided by the NP7 processors plus the network processing load is removed from the CPU. The NP7 processor can also handle some CPU intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption. Because of the integrated switch fabric, all sessions are fast-pathed and accelerated.

Traffic from FPM-7620F front panel data interfaces is sent over the fabric channel backplane to the FIMs where NP7 processors use SLBC to distribute sessions to individual FPMs. The FPM-7620F can be processing traffic received from FIM data interfaces and from FPM data interfaces.

The FPM-7620F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 400/100/40 GigE QSFP-DD (1 and 2) fabric channel data interfaces. Each of these interfaces can be split into four 100/25/10GigE interfaces.
- Eight 25/10 GigE SFP28 (3 to 10) base channel management interfaces.

### FPM-7620F hardware architecture



## FPM-7620F and HPE

FortiGate-7000F HPE protection is applied by the FPM-7620F NP7 processors. For information about HPE, see [NP7 Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) on page 58](#).

You can use the following formula to calculate the total number of packets per second allowed by a FortiGate 7081F or FortiGate 7121F for a configured HPE threshold.

$$\text{packets per second} = \text{number of NP7 processors} \times \text{host queues} \times \text{HPE threshold}$$



The FortiGate 7081F and FortiGate 7121F both have 64 host queues.

For a FortiGate 7081F or FortiGate 7121F with four FPM-7620Fs (eight NP7 processors) with the following HPE configuration:

```
config hpe
  set all-protocol 0
  set udp-max 1000
  set enable-shaper enable
end
```

$$\text{packets per second} = 8 \times 64 \times 1000 = 32000\text{pps}$$

## Changing the FPM-7620F 1 and 2 (P1 and P2) interfaces

You can change the speed of the 1 and 2 (P1 and P2) interfaces to 400G, 100G, or 40G using the `config system interface` command.

When the FPM-7620F is installed in a FortiGate 7000F with two FIM-7941Fs, you can also make the following changes:

- Split the interface into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces.
- Split the interface into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces.

All of these operations, except changing the interface speed using the `config system interface` command, require a system restart. Fortinet recommends that you perform these operations during a maintenance window and plan the changes to avoid traffic disruption.



You should configure split interfaces on both FortiGate 7000Fs before forming an FGCP HA cluster. If you decide to change the split interface configuration after forming a cluster, you need to remove the secondary FortiGate 7000F from the cluster and change the split interface configuration on both FortiGate 7000Fs separately. After the FortiGate 7000Fs restart, you can re-form the cluster. This process will cause traffic interruptions.

### Splitting the P1 or P2 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces

When the FPM-7620F is installed in a FortiGate 7000F with two FIM-7941Fs, you can use the following command to split the P1 or P2 interfaces into four 100GigE CR2 interfaces. To split P1 of the FPM-7620F in slot 6 (6-P1) and P2 of the FPM-7620F in slot 7 (7-P2) enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set split-port 6-P1 7-P2
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 6-P1 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 6-P1/1 to 6-P1/4.
- Interface 7-P2 has been replaced by four 100GigE CR2 interfaces named 7-P2/1 to 7-P2/4.

### Splitting the P1 or P2 interfaces into four 25GigE CR or 10GigE SR interfaces

When the FPM-7620F is installed in a FortiGate 7000F with two FIM-7941Fs, you can use the following command to split the P1 or P2 interfaces into four 25GigE CR interfaces. The following command converts the interface into a 100GigE QSFP28 interface then splits this interface into four 25 GigE CR interfaces. To split P1 of the FPM-7620F in slot 8 (8-P1) and P2 of the FPM-7620F in slot 9 (9-P2) enter the following command:

```
config system global
  set qsfdd-100g-port 8-P1 9-P2
  set split-port 8-P1 9-P2
end
```

The FortiGate 7000F reboots and when it starts up:

- Interface 8-P1 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 8-P1/1 to 8-P1/4.
- Interface 9-P2 has been replaced by four 25GigE CR interfaces named 9-P2/1 to 9-P2/4.

If you want some or all of these interfaces to operate as 10GigE SR interfaces you can use the `config system interface` command to change the interface speed. You can change the speed of some or all of the individual split interfaces depending on whether the transceiver installed in the interface slot supports different speeds for the split interfaces.

## Configuring NPU port mapping

When you configure FortiGate-7000F port mapping, each FPM-7620F will have the same port mapping configuration, based on two NP7 processors.

The default FPM-7620F port mapping configuration results in sessions passing from the chassis fabric backplane to the integrated switch fabric. The integrated switch fabric distributes these sessions among the NP7 processors. Each NP7 processor is connected to the switch fabric with a LAG that consists of two 100-Gigabit interfaces. The integrated switch fabric distributes sessions to the LAGs and each LAG distributes sessions between the two interfaces connected to the NP7 processor.

You can use NPU port mapping to override how data network interface sessions are distributed to each NP7 processor. For example, you can set up NPU port mapping to send all traffic from a front panel data interface to a specific NP7 processor LAG or even to just one of the interfaces in that LAG.

Use the following command to configure NPU port mapping:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set npu-group-index <index>
    end
```

<interface-name> the name of a front panel data interface.

<index> select different values of <index> to change how sessions from the selected front panel data interface are handled by the integrated switch fabric. The list of available <index> options depends on the NP7 configuration of your FortiGate. For the FPM-7620F <index> can be:

- 0: NP#0-1, distribute sessions from the front panel data interface among all three NP7 LAGs.
- 1: NP#0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to the LAG connected to NP#0.
- 2: NP#1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to the LAG connected to NP#1.
- 3: NP#0-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to np0\_0, which is one of the interfaces connected to NP#0.
- 4: NP#0-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to np0\_0, which is one of the interfaces connected to NP#0.
- 5: NP#1-link0, send sessions from the front panel data interface to np1\_0, which is one of the interfaces connected to NP#1.
- 6: NP#1-link1, send sessions from the front panel data interface to np1\_1, which is one of the interfaces connected to NP#1.

For example, use the following syntax to assign the FIM 1-P1 and 1-P2 interfaces to NP#0 and 2-P1 and 2-P2 interfaces to NP#1:

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
```

```
edit 1-P1
  set npu-group-index 1
next
edit 1-P2
  set npu-group-index 1
next
edit 2-P1
  set npu-group-index 2
next
edit 2-P2
  set npu-group-index 2
end
end
```

You can use the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command to see the current NPU port map configuration. While the FPM-7620F is processing traffic, you can use the `diagnose npu np7 cgmact-stats <npu-id>` command to show how traffic is distributed to the NP7 links.

For example, after making the changes described in the example, the `NP_group` column of the `diagnose npu np7 port-list` command output shows the new mapping:

```
diagnose npu np7 port-list
Front Panel Port:
.
.
.
1-P1      100000      100000      NP#0        0        35
1-P2      100000      100000      NP#0        0        34
2-P1      100000      100000      NP#1        0        33
2-P2      100000      100000      NP#1        0        32
.
.
.
```

# NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite acceleration

NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite network processors provide fastpath acceleration by offloading communication sessions from the FortiGate CPU. When the first packet of a new session is received by an interface connected to an NP6 processor, just like any session connecting with any FortiGate interface, the session is forwarded to the FortiGate CPU where it is matched with a security policy. If the session is accepted by a security policy and if the session can be offloaded its session key is copied to the NP6 processor that received the packet. All of the rest of the packets in the session are intercepted by the NP6 processor and fast-pathed out of the FortiGate unit to their destination without ever passing through the FortiGate CPU. The result is enhanced network performance provided by the NP6 processor plus the network processing load is removed from the CPU. In addition the NP6 processor can handle some CPU intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption.



NP6XLite and NP6Lite processors have the same architecture and function in the same way as NP6 processors. All of the descriptions of NP6 processors in this document can be applied to NP6XLite and NP6Lite processors except where noted.

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Session keys (and IPsec SA keys) are stored in the memory of the NP6 processor that is connected to the interface that received the packet that started the session. All sessions are fast-pathed and accelerated, even if they exit the FortiGate unit through an interface connected to another NP6. There is no dependence on getting the right pair of interfaces since the offloading is done by the receiving NP6.

The key to making this possible is an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) that connects the NP6s and the FortiGate unit interfaces together. Many FortiGate units with NP6 processors also have an ISF. The ISF allows any interface connectivity to any NP6 on the same ISF. There are no special ingress and egress fast path requirements as long as traffic enters and exits on interfaces connected to the same ISF.

Some FortiGate units, such as the FortiGate 1000D include multiple NP6 processors that are not connected by an ISF. Because the ISF is not present fast path acceleration is supported only between interfaces connected to the same NP6 processor. Since the ISF introduces some latency, models with no ISF provide low-latency network acceleration between network interfaces connected to the same NP6 processor.

Each NP6 has a maximum throughput of 40 Gbps using 4 x 10 Gbps XAUI or Quad Serial Gigabit Media Independent Interface (QSGMII) interfaces or 3 x 10 Gbps and 16 x 1 Gbps XAUI or QSGMII interfaces.

There are at least two limitations to keep in mind:

- The capacity of each NP6 processor. An individual NP6 processor can support between 10 and 16 million sessions. This number is limited by the amount of memory the processor has. Once an NP6 processor hits its session limit, sessions that are over the limit are sent to the CPU. You can avoid this problem by as much as possible distributing incoming sessions evenly among the NP6 processors. To be able to do this you need to be aware of which interfaces connect to which NP6 processors and distribute incoming traffic accordingly.
- The NP6 processors in some FortiGate units employ NP direct technology that removes the ISF. The result is very low latency but no inter-processor connectivity requiring you to make sure that traffic to be offloaded enters and exits the FortiGate through interfaces connected to the same NP processor.

## NP6 session fast path requirements

NP6 processors can offload most IPv4 and IPv6 traffic and IPv4 and IPv6 versions of the following traffic types where appropriate:

- NAT session setup for NAT44, NAT66, NAT64 and NAT46 traffic.
- Link aggregation (LAG) (IEEE 802.3ad) traffic and traffic from static redundant interfaces (see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#)).
- TCP, UDP, ICMP, SCTP, and RDP traffic.
- IPsec VPN traffic, and offloading of IPsec encryption/decryption (including SHA2-256 and SHA2-512)
- NP6 processor IPsec engines support null, DES, 3DES, AES128, AES192, and AES256 encryption algorithms
- NP6 processor IPsec engines support null, MD5, SHA1, SHA256, SHA 384, and SHA512 authentication algorithms
- IPsec traffic that passes through a FortiGate without being unencrypted.
- Anomaly-based intrusion prevention, checksum offload and packet defragmentation.
- Encapsulation protocols including IPIP tunneling (also called IP in IP tunneling), SIT tunneling, and IPv6 tunneling.
- The NP6XLite and NP6Lite processors do not support offloading IPIP tunneling.
- UDP traffic with a destination port of 4500 (ESP-in-UDP traffic) (if enabled, see [Offloading UDP-encapsulated ESP traffic on page 179](#)).
- Multicast traffic (including Multicast over IPsec).
- CAPWAP and wireless bridge traffic tunnel encapsulation to enable line rate wireless forwarding from FortiAP devices (not supported by the NP6Lite).
- Traffic shaping and priority queuing including:
  - Shared and per IP traffic shaping.
  - Interface-based egress traffic shaping.
  - Interface-based ingress traffic shaping is not supported by NP6, NP6XLite (SOC4), and NP6Lite (SOC3) offloaded traffic, see [Ingress traffic shaping profile](#).
- Syn proxying (not supported by the NP6Lite).
- DNS session helper (not supported by the NP6Lite).
- Inter-VDOM link traffic. Inter-VDOM link traffic between two EMAC VLAN interfaces cannot be offloaded.

Sessions that are offloaded must be fast path ready. For a session to be fast path ready it must meet the following criteria:

- Layer 2 type/length must be 0x0800 for IPv4 or 0x86dd for IPv6 (IEEE 802.1q VLAN specification is supported).
- Layer 3 protocol can be IPv4 or IPv6.
- Layer 4 protocol can be UDP, TCP, ICMP, or SCTP.
- In most cases, Layer 3 / Layer 4 header or content modification sessions that require a session helper can be offloaded.
- Local host traffic (originated by the FortiGate unit) can be offloaded.
- If the FortiGate supports, NTurbo sessions can be offloaded if they are accepted by firewall policies that include IPS, Application Control, flow-based antivirus, or flow-based web filtering.

Offloading Application layer content modification is not supported. This means that sessions are not offloaded if they are accepted by firewall policies that include proxy-based virus scanning, proxy-based web filtering, DNS filtering, DLP, Anti-Spam, VoIP, ICAP, Web Application Firewall, or Proxy options.

DoS policy sessions are also not offloaded by NP6 processors.



If you disable anomaly checks by Intrusion Prevention (IPS), you can still enable hardware accelerated anomaly checks using the `fp-anomaly` field of the `config system interface` CLI command. See [Configuring individual NP6 processors on page 163](#).

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If a session is not fast path ready, the FortiGate unit will not send the session key or IPsec SA key to the NP6 processor. Without the session key, all session key lookup by a network processor for incoming packets of that session fails, causing all session packets to be sent to the FortiGate unit's main processing resources, and processed at normal speeds.

If a session is fast path ready, the FortiGate unit will send the session key or IPsec SA key to the network processor. Session key or IPsec SA key lookups then succeed for subsequent packets from the known session or IPsec SA.



Virtual network enabler (VNE) tunnel sessions are not offloaded by NP6 or NP6Lite (SOC3) processors. VNE tunnel sessions are offloaded by NP6XLite processors. VNE tunnels are created using the `config system vne-tunnel` command.

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## Packet fast path requirements

Packets within the session must then also meet packet requirements.

- Incoming packets must not be fragmented.
- Outgoing packets must not require fragmentation to a size less than 385 bytes. Because of this requirement, the configured MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) for a network processor's network interfaces must also meet or exceed the NP6-supported minimum MTU of 385 bytes.

## Mixing fast path and non-fast path traffic

If packet requirements are not met, an individual packet will be processed by the FortiGate CPU regardless of whether other packets in the session are offloaded to the NP6.

Also, in some cases, a protocol's session(s) may receive a mixture of offloaded and non-offloaded processing. For example, VoIP control packets may not be offloaded but VoIP data packets (voice packets) may be offloaded.

## NP6XLite processors

The NP6XLite is a new iteration of NP6 technology that supports more features than the standard NP6 processor. For example, the NP6XLite can offload AES128-GCM and AES256-GCM encryption for IPsec VPN traffic. The NP6XLite has slightly lower throughput (36Gbps) than the NP6 (40Gbps).

The NP6XLite includes 4x KR/USXGMII/QSGMII and 2x(1x) Reduced gigabit media-independent interface (RGMII) interfaces.

The NP6XLite is a component of the Fortinet SOC4. The SOC4 includes a CPU, the NP6XLite network processor, and the CP9XLite content processor that supports most CP9 functionality but with a lower capacity.

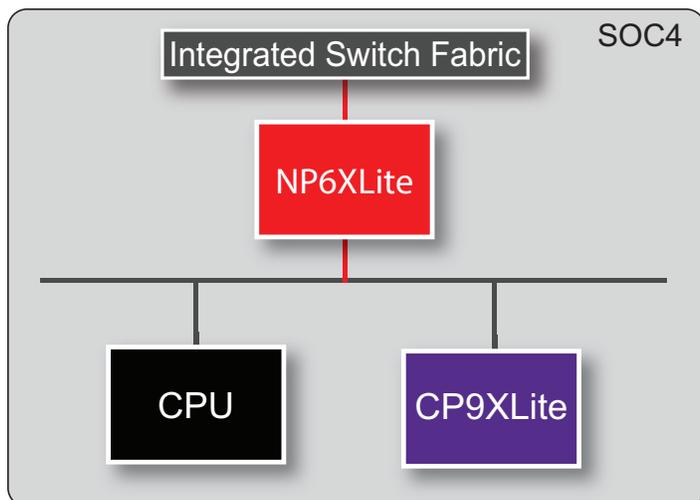
The SOC4 includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects all of the front panel network interfaces to the NP6XLite processor. The SOC4 ISF allows sessions passing between any FortiGate front panel interface pair to be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. The SOC4 ISF also allows you to use the `config system virtual-switch` to create a virtual hardware switch that can include any front panel interface connected to the SOC4.



To add an interface to a hardware switch, its mode must be set to `static` and the interface can't be used in any other configuration. For example, you can't have a firewall policy that references the interface.

Some FortiGate models, such as the FortiGate-200F and 201F include a SOC4 but only use the NP6XLite processor. FortiGate-200F and 201F CPU functionality is supplied by a separate CPU and CP9 functionality by two separate CP9 processors. See [FortiGate 200F and 201F fast path architecture on page 290](#) for more information.

### SOC4 architecture



## NP6Lite processors

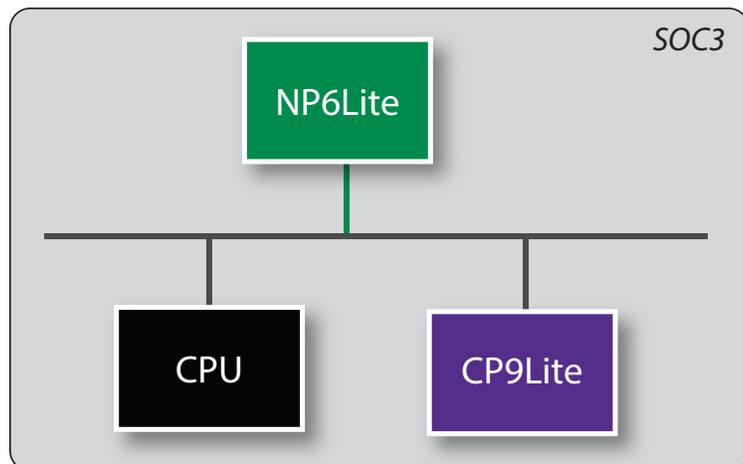
The NP6Lite works the same way as the NP6. Being a lighter version, the NP6Lite has a lower capacity than the NP6. The NP6Lite max throughput is 10 Gbps using 2x QSGMII and 2x Reduced gigabit media-independent interface (RGMII) interfaces.

Also, the NP6Lite does not offload the following types of sessions:

- CAPWAP
- Syn proxy
- DNS session helper

The NP6Lite is a component of the Fortinet SOC3. The SOC3 includes a CPU, the NP6Lite network processor, and a CP9Lite content processor that supports most CP9 functionality but with a lower capacity.

### SOC3 architecture



## NP6 processors and traffic shaping

NP6-offloaded sessions support most types of traffic shaping. However, in bandwidth and out bandwidth traffic shaping, set using the following command, is not supported:

```
config system interface
  edit port1
    set outbandwidth <value>
    set inbandwidth <value>
  end
```

Configuring in bandwidth traffic shaping has no effect. Configuring out bandwidth traffic shaping imposes more limiting than configured, potentially reducing throughput more than expected.

When NP6 or NP6Lite offloading is enabled, the NP6 and NP6Lite processors do not update traffic shaping statistics, including information about packets dropped by traffic shaping. For example, traffic shaping logs and the output of diagnose commands (for example, `diagnose firewall shaper`) will show traffic shaping counters as 0.

NP6XLite processors do support updating traffic shaping statistics and log messages and diagnose command output related to traffic shaping should show accurate statistics.

## NP Direct

On FortiGates with more than one NP6 processor, removing the Internal Switch Fabric (ISF) for NP Direct architecture provides direct access to the NP6 processors for the lowest latency forwarding. Because the NP6 processors are not connected, care must be taken with network design to make sure that all traffic to be offloaded enters and exits the FortiGate through interfaces connected to the same NP6 processor. As well Link Aggregation (LAG) interfaces should only include interfaces all connected to the same NP6 processor.

Example NP direct hardware with more than one NP6 processor includes:

- Ports 25 to 32 of the FortiGate 3700D in low latency mode.
- FortiGate 2000E
- FortiGate 2500E

## Viewing your FortiGate NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processor configuration

Use either of the following commands to view the NP6 processor hardware configuration of your FortiGate unit:

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
diagnose npu np6 port-list
```

If your FortiGate has NP6XLite processors, you can use the following command:

```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
```

If your FortiGate has NP6Lite processors, you can use either of the following commands:

```
get hardware npu np6lite port-list
diagnose npu np6lite port-list
```

For example, for the FortiGate-100E the output would be:

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   port20             1G   Yes
      0   port1              1G   Yes
      0   port2              1G   Yes
      1   port19             1G   Yes
      1   port3              1G   Yes
      1   port4              1G   Yes
      2   port18             1G   Yes
      2   port26             10G  Yes
      2   port5              1G   Yes
      2   port6              1G   Yes
      3   port17             1G   Yes
      3   port25             10G  Yes
      3   port7              1G   Yes
      3   port8              1G   Yes
      0-3 port29             25G  Yes
      0-3 port30             25G  Yes
      0-3 port33             40G  Yes
-----
np6_1  0   port24             1G   Yes
      0   port28             10G  Yes
      0   port9              1G   Yes
      0   port10             1G   Yes
      1   port23             1G   Yes
      1   port27             10G  Yes
```

1	port11	1G	Yes
1	port12	1G	Yes
2	port22	1G	Yes
2	port13	1G	Yes
2	port14	1G	Yes
3	port21	1G	Yes
3	port15	1G	Yes
3	port16	1G	Yes
0-3	port31	25G	Yes
0-3	port32	25G	Yes
0-3	port34	40G	Yes
-----	-----	-----	-----

For more example output for different FortiGate models, see [FortiGate NP6 architectures on page 193](#), [FortiGate NP6XLite architectures on page 281](#), and [FortiGate NP6Lite architectures on page 293](#).

You can also use the following command to view the features enabled or disabled on the NP6 processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
diagnose npu np6 npu-feature
                np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath        Enabled   Enabled
HPE-type-shaping Disabled  Disabled
Standalone      No        No
IPv4 firewall   Yes       Yes
IPv6 firewall   Yes       Yes
IPv4 IPSec      Yes       Yes
IPv6 IPSec      Yes       Yes
IPv4 tunnel     Yes       Yes
IPv6 tunnel     Yes       Yes
GRE tunnel      No        No
GRE passthrough Yes       Yes
IPv4 Multicast  Yes       Yes
IPv6 Multicast  Yes       Yes
CAPWAP          Yes       Yes
RDP Offload     Yes       Yes
```

The following command is available to view the features enabled or disabled on the NP6XLite processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
diagnose npu np6xlite npu-feature
                np_0
-----
Fastpath        Enabled
HPE-type-shaping Disabled
IPv4 firewall   Yes
IPv6 firewall   Yes
IPv4 IPSec      Yes
IPv6 IPSec      Yes
IPv4 tunnel     Yes
IPv6 tunnel     Yes
GRE passthrough Yes
```

IPv4 Multicast	Yes
IPv6 Multicast	Yes
CAPWAP	Yes

The following command is available to view the features enabled or disabled on the NP6Lite processors in your FortiGate unit:

```
diagnose npu np6lite npu-feature
                np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath        Enabled   Enabled
IPv4 firewall   Yes       Yes
IPv6 firewall   Yes       Yes
IPv4 IPSec      Yes       Yes
IPv6 IPSec      Yes       Yes
IPv4 tunnel     Yes       Yes
IPv6 tunnel     Yes       Yes
GRE tunnel      No        No
IPv4 Multicast  Yes       Yes
IPv6 Multicast  Yes       Yes
```

## Disabling NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite hardware acceleration (fastpath)

You can use the following command to disable NP6 offloading for all traffic. This option disables NP6 offloading for all traffic for all NP6 processors.

```
config system npu
  set fastpath disable
end
```

fastpath is enabled by default.

This command is also available on some FortiGate models that include NP6Lite processors depending on the firmware version.

## FortiGate models with NP6XLite processors

FortiGate models with NP6XLite processors include the following command to disable NP6XLite offloading:

```
config system np6xlite
  edit np6xlite_0
    set fastpath disable
  end
```

fastpath is enabled by default. This command disables offloading for individual NP6XLite processors, in the example, np6xlite\_0.

## Using a diagnose command to disable hardware acceleration

Most FortiGate models and firmware versions include the following diagnose command to disable or enable hardware acceleration.

```
diagnose npu <processor-name> fastpath disable <id>
```

processor-name can be np6, np6xlite, or np6lite.

fastpath is enabled by default.

id specify the ID of the NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processor for which to disable offloading.

If you use this command to disable hardware acceleration, when your FortiGate restarts, fastpath will be enabled again since diagnose command changes are not saved to the FortiGate configuration database. This may be the only option for disabling hardware acceleration for some FortiGate models and some firmware versions.

## Optimizing NP6 performance by distributing traffic to XAUI links

On FortiGate units with NP6 processors, the FortiGate interfaces are switch ports that connect to the NP6 processors with XAUI links. Each NP6 processor has a 40-Gigabit bandwidth capacity. Traffic passes from the interfaces to each NP6 processor over four XAUI links. The four XAUI links each have a 10-Gigabit capacity for a total of 40 Gigabits.

On many FortiGate units with NP6 processors, the NP6 processors and the XAUI links are over-subscribed. Since the NP6 processors are connected by an Integrated Switch Fabric, you do not have control over how traffic is distributed to them. In fact traffic is distributed evenly by the ISF.

However, you can control how traffic is distributed to the XAUI links and you can optimize performance by distributing traffic evenly among the XAUI links. For example, if you have a very high amount of traffic passing between two networks, you can connect each network to interfaces connected to different XAUI links to distribute the traffic for each network to a different XAUI link.

### Example: FortiGate 3200D

On the FortiGate 3200D (See [FortiGate 3200D fast path architecture on page 234](#)), there are 48 10-Gigabit interfaces that send and receive traffic for two NP6 processors over a total of eight 10-Gigabit XAUI links. Each XAUI link gets traffic from six 10-Gigabit FortiGate interfaces. The amount of traffic that the FortiGate 3200D can offload is limited by the number of NP6 processors and the number of XAUI links. You can optimize the amount of traffic that the FortiGate 3200D can process by distributing it evenly amount the XAUI links and the NP6 processors.

You can see the Ethernet interface, XAUI link, and NP6 configuration by entering the `get hardware npu np6 port-list` command. For the FortiGate 3200D the output is:

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
```

```
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
```

```
-----
```

Chip	XAUI	Ports	Max Speed	Cross-chip offloading
np6_0	0	port1	10G	Yes
	0	port5	10G	Yes
	0	port10	10G	Yes
	0	port13	10G	Yes
	0	port17	10G	Yes
	0	port22	10G	Yes
	1	port2	10G	Yes
	1	port6	10G	Yes
	1	port9	10G	Yes
	1	port14	10G	Yes
	1	port18	10G	Yes
	1	port21	10G	Yes
	2	port3	10G	Yes
	2	port7	10G	Yes
	2	port12	10G	Yes
	2	port15	10G	Yes
	2	port19	10G	Yes
	2	port24	10G	Yes
	3	port4	10G	Yes
	3	port8	10G	Yes
	3	port11	10G	Yes
	3	port16	10G	Yes
	3	port20	10G	Yes
	3	port23	10G	Yes
-----				
np6_1	0	port26	10G	Yes
	0	port29	10G	Yes
	0	port33	10G	Yes
	0	port37	10G	Yes
	0	port41	10G	Yes
	0	port45	10G	Yes
	1	port25	10G	Yes
	1	port30	10G	Yes
	1	port34	10G	Yes
	1	port38	10G	Yes
	1	port42	10G	Yes
	1	port46	10G	Yes
	2	port28	10G	Yes
	2	port31	10G	Yes
	2	port35	10G	Yes
	2	port39	10G	Yes
	2	port43	10G	Yes
	2	port47	10G	Yes
	3	port27	10G	Yes
	3	port32	10G	Yes
	3	port36	10G	Yes
	3	port40	10G	Yes
	3	port44	10G	Yes

```

3    port48  10G  Yes
-----

```

In this command output you can see that each NP6 has for four XAUI links (0 to 3) and that each XAUI link is connected to six 10-gigabit Ethernet interfaces. To optimize throughput you should keep the amount of traffic being processed by each XAUI port to under 10 Gbps. So for example, if you want to offload traffic from four 10-gigabit networks you can connect these networks to Ethernet interfaces 1, 2, 3 and 4. This distributes the traffic from each 10-Gigabit network to a different XAUI link. Also, if you wanted to offload traffic from four more 10-Gigabit networks you could connect them to Ethernet ports 26, 25, 28, and 27. As a result each 10-Gigabit network would be connected to a different XAUI link.

## Example FortiGate 3300E

On the FortiGate 3300E (See [FortiGate 3300E and 3301E fast path architecture on page 236](#)), there are 34 data interfaces of various speeds that send and receive traffic for four NP6 processors over a total of sixteen 10-Gigabit XAUI links. The amount of traffic that the FortiGate 3300E can offload is limited by the number of NP6 processors and the number of XAUI links. You can optimize the amount of traffic that the FortiGate 3300E can process by distributing it evenly amount the XAUI links and the NP6 processors.

You can see the FortiGate 3300E Ethernet interface, XAUI link, and NP6 configuration by entering the `get hardware npu np6 port-list` command. For the FortiGate 3300E the output is:

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port1             1G   Yes
      0    port14          10G  Yes
      1    port2             1G   Yes
      1    port15           10G  Yes
      2    port3             1G   Yes
      2    port16           10G  Yes
      3    port13           10G  Yes
      0-3  port17           25G  Yes
      0-3  port31           40G  Yes
-----
np6_1  0    port4             1G   Yes
      1    port5             1G   Yes
      2    port6             1G   Yes
      3
      0-3  port18           25G  Yes
      0-3  port19           25G  Yes
      0-3  port20           25G  Yes
      0-3  port24           25G  Yes
      0-3  port23           25G  Yes
      0-3  port32           40G  Yes
-----
np6_2  0    port7             1G   Yes
      1    port8             1G   Yes
      2    port9             1G   Yes

```

```

3
0-3 port22      25G Yes
0-3 port21      25G Yes
0-3 port26      25G Yes
0-3 port25      25G Yes
0-3 port28      25G Yes
0-3 port33      40G Yes
-----
np6_3 0  port10      1G Yes
      1  port11      1G Yes
      2  port12      1G Yes
      2  port29      10G Yes
      3  port30      10G Yes
      0-3 port27      25G Yes
      0-3 port34      40G Yes
-----

```

In this command output you can see that each NP6 has four XAUI links (0 to 3) and the mapping between XAUI ports and interfaces is different for each NP6 processor.

NP6\_0 has the following XAUI mapping:

- port1 (1G) and port14 (10G) are connected to XAUI link 0.
- port2 (1G) and port15 (10G) are connected to XAUI link 1.
- port3 (1G) and port16 (10G) are connected to XAUI link 2.
- port13 (10G) is connected to XAUI link 3.
- port17 (25G) and port31 (40G) are connect to all four of the XAUI links (0-3).

The interfaces connected to NP6\_0 have a total capacity of 108G, but NP6\_0 has total capacity of 40G. For optimal performance, no more than 40G of this capacity should be used or performance will be affected. For example, if you connect port31 to a busy 40G network you should avoid using any of the other ports connected to NP6\_0. If you connect port17 to a 25G network, you can also connect one or two 10G interfaces (for example, port14 and 15). You can connect port13, port14, port15, and port16 to four 10G networks if you avoid using any of the other interfaces connected to NP6\_0.

## Enabling bandwidth control between the ISF and NP6 XAUI ports to reduce the number of dropped egress packets

In some cases, the Internal Switch Fabric (ISF) buffer size may be larger than the buffer size of an NP6 XAUI port that receives traffic from the ISF. If this happens, burst traffic from the ISF may exceed the capacity of an XAUI port and egress or EHP sessions may be dropped during traffic bursts.

You can use the following command to use the ISF switch buffer instead of the NP6 processor buffer to provide bandwidth control between the ISF and XAUI ports. Enabling bandwidth control can smooth burst traffic and keep

the XAUI ports from getting overwhelmed and dropping sessions. Since the ISF has a larger buffer it may be able to handle more traffic.

Use the following command to enable bandwidth control:

```
config system npu
  set sw-np-bandwidth {0G | 2G | 4G | 5G | 6G}
end
```

0G the default, ISF switch buffer memory is not used to buffer egress packets.

2G, 4G, 5G, 6G the amount of ISF switch buffer memory to use for packet buffering to avoid dropped packets. You can adjust the amount of ISF buffer to optimize performance for your system and network conditions.

## Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups (LAGs)

NP6 processors can offload sessions received by interfaces in link aggregation groups (LAGs) (IEEE 802.3ad). 802.3ad Link Aggregation and Link Aggregation Control Protocol (LACP) combines more than one physical interface into a group that functions like a single interface with a higher capacity than a single physical interface. For example, you could use a LAG if you want to offload sessions on a 30 Gbps link by adding three 10-Gbps interfaces to the same LAG.

All offloaded traffic types are supported by LAGs, including IPsec VPN traffic. Just like with normal interfaces, traffic accepted by a LAG is offloaded by the NP6 processor connected to the interfaces in the LAG that receive the traffic to be offloaded. If all interfaces in a LAG are connected to the same NP6 processor, traffic received by that LAG is offloaded by that NP6 processor. The amount of traffic that can be offloaded is limited by the capacity of the NP6 processor.

If a FortiGate has two or more NP6 processors connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF), you can use LAGs to increase offloading by sharing the traffic load across multiple NP6 processors. You do this by adding physical interfaces connected to different NP6 processors to the same LAG.

Adding a second NP6 processor to a LAG effectively doubles the offloading capacity of the LAG. Adding a third further increases offloading. The actual increase in offloading capacity may not actually be doubled by adding a second NP6 or tripled by adding a third. Traffic and load conditions and other factors may limit the actual offloading result.

The increase in offloading capacity offered by LAGs and multiple NP6s is supported by the integrated switch fabric (ISF) that allows multiple NP6 processors to share session information. Most FortiGate units with multiple NP6 processors also have an ISF. However, FortiGate models such as the 1000D, 2000E, and 2500E do not have an ISF. If you attempt to add interfaces connected to different NP6 processors to a LAG the system displays an error message.

There is also the following limitation to LAG NP6 offloading support for IPsec VPN:

- Because the encrypted traffic for one IPsec VPN tunnel has the same 5-tuple, the traffic from one tunnel can only be balanced to one interface in a LAG. This limits the maximum throughput for one IPsec VPN tunnel in an NP6 LAG group to 10Gbps.

## NP6 processors and redundant interfaces

NP6 processors can offload sessions received by interfaces that are part of a redundant interface. You can combine two or more physical interfaces into a redundant interface to provide link redundancy. Redundant interfaces ensure connectivity if one physical interface, or the equipment on that interface, fails. In a redundant interface, traffic travels only over one interface at a time. This differs from an aggregated interface where traffic travels over all interfaces for distribution of increased bandwidth.

All offloaded traffic types are supported by redundant interfaces, including IPsec VPN traffic. Just like with normal interfaces, traffic accepted by a redundant interface is offloaded by the NP6 processor connected to the interfaces in the redundant interface that receive the traffic to be offloaded. If all interfaces in a redundant interface are connected to the same NP6 processor, traffic received by that redundant interface is offloaded by that NP6 processor. The amount of traffic that can be offloaded is limited by the capacity of the NP6 processor.

If a FortiGate has two or more NP6 processors connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF), you can create redundant interfaces that include physical interfaces connected to different NP6 processors. However, with a redundant interface, only one of the physical interfaces is processing traffic at any given time. So you cannot use redundant interfaces to increase performance in the same way as you can with aggregate interfaces.

The ability to add redundant interfaces connected to multiple NP6s is supported by the integrated switch fabric (ISF) that allows multiple NP6 processors to share session information. Most FortiGate units with multiple NP6 processors also have an ISF. However, FortiGate models such as the 1000D, 2000E, and 2500E do not have an ISF. If you attempt to add interfaces connected to different NP6 processors to a redundant interface the system displays an error message.

## Improving LAG performance on some FortiGate models

Some FortiGate models support one of the following commands that might improve link aggregation (LAG) performance by reducing the number of dropped packets that can occur with some LAG configurations.

If the command is available, depending on hardware architecture, on some models its available under `config system npu`:

```
config system npu
  set lag-sw-out-trunk {disable | enable}
end
```

And on others the following option is available under `config system np6`:

```
config system np6
  edit np6_0
    set lag-npu {disable | enable}
  end
```

If you notice NP6- accelerated LAG interface performance is lower than expected or if you notice excessive dropped packets for sessions over LAG interfaces, you could see if your FortiGate has one of these options in the CLI and if available try enabling it and see if performance improves.

If the option is available for your FortiGate under `config system np6`, you should enable it for every NP6 processor that is connected to a LAG interface.

## Eliminating dropped packets on LAG interfaces

In some network and traffic configurations and for some FortiGate models with NP6 processors, traffic passing through a LAG may experience excessive amounts of dropped packets. This can happen if the FortiGate switch fabric and NP6 processor select different ingress and egress XAUI interfaces for the same traffic flow through a LAG interface, resulting in possible collisions and dropped packets.

Some FortiGate models allow you to resolve this problem by using the following command to cause both the switch fabric and the NP6 processor to use the same XAUI port mapping:

```
config system npu
  set lag-out-port-select {disable | enable}
end
```

This option is disabled by default, causing the FortiGate to use a different method for selecting ingress and egress XAUI interfaces for a LAG than for a single interface. Normally the default setting is recommended.

If you enable `lag-out-port-select`, the FortiGate uses the same method for selecting the ingress and egress XAUI interfaces for LAGs as is used for standalone interfaces; which should eliminate the dropped packets. This option is supported on some FortiGate models with NP6 processors including the FortiGate-3800D family, 3900E family, 5001E, 6000F family and 7000E family.

## Configuring inter-VDOM link acceleration with NP6 processors

FortiGate units with NP6 processors include NPU VDOM links that can be used to accelerate inter-VDOM link traffic.

- A FortiGate with two NP6 processors may have two NPU VDOM links, each with two interfaces:
  - **npu0\_vlink** (NPU VDOM link)
    - npu0\_vlink0 (NPU VDOM link interface)
    - npu0\_vlink1 (NPU VDOM link interface)
  - **npu1\_vlink** (NPU VDOM link)
    - npu1\_vlink0 (NPU VDOM link interface)
    - npu1\_vlink1 (NPU VDOM link interface)



Explicit proxy traffic over NP6 inter-VDOM links may be blocked if that traffic uses jumbo frames.

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These interfaces are visible from the GUI and CLI. Enter the following CLI command to display the NPU VDOM links:

```

get system interface
...
== [ npu0_vlink0 ]
name: npu0_vlink0 mode: static ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 status: down netbios-forward: disable type:
physical sflow-sampler: disable explicit-web-proxy: disable explicit-ftp-proxy: disable mtu-
override: disable wccp: disable drop-overlapped-fragment: disable drop-fragment: disable

== [ npu0_vlink1 ]
name: npu0_vlink1 mode: static ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 status: down netbios-forward: disable type:
physical sflow-sampler: disable explicit-web-proxy: disable explicit-ftp-proxy: disable mtu-
override: disable wccp: disable drop-overlapped-fragment: disable drop-fragment: disable

== [ npu1_vlink0 ]
name: npu1_vlink0 mode: static ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 status: down netbios-forward: disable type:
physical sflow-sampler: disable explicit-web-proxy: disable explicit-ftp-proxy: disable mtu-
override: disable wccp: disable drop-overlapped-fragment: disable drop-fragment: disable

== [ npu1_vlink1 ]
name: npu1_vlink1 mode: static ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0 status: down netbios-forward: disable type:
physical sflow-sampler: disable explicit-web-proxy: disable explicit-ftp-proxy: disable mtu-
override: disable wccp: disable drop-overlapped-fragment: disable drop-fragment: disable
...

```

By default the NPU VDOM link interfaces are assigned to the root VDOM. To use them to accelerate inter-VDOM link traffic, assign each interface in the pair to the VDOMs that you want to offload traffic between. For example, if you have added a VDOM named New-VDOM, you can go to **System > Network > Interfaces** and edit the **npu0-vlink1** interface and set the **Virtual Domain** to **New-VDOM**. This results in an accelerated inter-VDOM link between root and New-VDOM. You can also do this from the CLI:

```

config system interface
  edit npu0-vlink1
    set vdom New-VDOM
  end

```

## Using VLANs to add more accelerated inter-VDOM link interfaces

You can add VLAN interfaces to NPU VDOM link interfaces to create accelerated links between more VDOMs. For the links to work, the VLAN interfaces must be added to the same NPU VDOM link interface, must be on the same subnet, and must have the same VLAN ID.



NP6 processors do not support offloading traffic flowing between Enhanced MAC (EMAC) VLAN interfaces added to NPU VDOM link interfaces.

For example, to accelerate inter-VDOM traffic between VDOMs named Marketing and Engineering using VLANs with VLAN ID 100 go to **System > Network > Interfaces** and select **Create New** to create the VLAN interface associated with the Marketing VDOM:

Name	Marketing-link
------	----------------

Type	VLAN
Interface	npu0_vlink0
VLAN ID	100
Virtual Domain	Marketing
IP/Network Mask	172.20.120.12/24

Create the inter-VDOM link associated with Engineering VDOM:

Name	Engineering-link
Type	VLAN
Interface	npu0_vlink1
VLAN ID	100
Virtual Domain	Engineering
IP/Network Mask	172.20.120.22/24

Or do the same from the CLI:

```
config system interface
  edit Marketing-link
    set vdom Marketing
    set ip 172.20.120.12/24
    set interface npu0_vlink0
    set vlanid 100
  next
  edit Engineering-link
    set vdom Engineering
    set ip 172.20.120.22/24
    set interface npu0_vlink1
    set vlanid 100
end
```

## Confirm that the traffic is accelerated

Use the following diagnose commands to obtain the interface index and then correlate them with the session entries. In the following example traffic was flowing between new accelerated inter-VDOM link interfaces and physical interfaces port1 and port 2 also attached to the NP6 processor.

### diagnose ip address list

```
IP=172.31.17.76->172.31.17.76/255.255.252.0 index=5 devname=port1
IP=10.74.1.76->10.74.1.76/255.255.252.0 index=6 devname=port2
IP=172.20.120.12->172.20.120.12/255.255.255.0 index=55 devname=IVL-VLAN1_ROOT
IP=172.20.120.22->172.20.120.22/255.255.255.0 index=56 devname=IVL-VLAN1_VDOM1
```

### diagnose sys session list

```
session info: proto=1 proto_state=00 duration=282 expire=24 timeout=0 session info: proto=1
  proto_state=00 duration=124 expire=59 timeout=0 flags=00000000 sockflag=00000000 sockport=0
  av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
```

```

reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=180/3/1 reply=120/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=55->5/5->55 gwy=172.31.19.254/172.20.120.22
hook=post dir=org act=snat 10.74.2.87:768->10.2.2.2:8(172.31.17.76:62464)
hook=pre dir=reply act=dnat 10.2.2.2:62464->172.31.17.76:0(10.74.2.87:768)
misc=0 policy_id=4 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=0000004e tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=10.74.2.87, bps=880
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=8/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=160/218, ipid=218/160, vlan=32769/0

session info: proto=1 proto_state=00 duration=124 expire=20 timeout=0 flags=00000000
sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=180/3/1 reply=120/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=6->56/56->6 gwy=172.20.120.12/10.74.2.87
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 10.74.2.87:768->10.2.2.2:8(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 10.2.2.2:768->10.74.2.87:0(0.0.0.0:0)
misc=0 policy_id=3 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=1
serial=0000004d tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=10.74.2.87, bps=880
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=8/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=219/161, ipid=161/219, vlan=0/32769
total session 2

```

## IPv6 IPsec VPN over NPU VDOM links

If you have configured your FortiGate to send IPv6 IPsec traffic over NP6-accelerated NPU VDOM links bound to the same NP6 processor, you should also enable the following option (which is disabled by default):

```

config system npu
  set ipsec-over-vlink enable
end

```

If your FortiGate has one NP6 processor, all accelerated inter-VDOM interfaces that you create will be bound to this NP6 processor. If you are sending IPv6 IPsec traffic between two inter-VDOM link interfaces you should enable `ipsec-over-vlink` or some traffic may be dropped.

If your FortiGate has multiple NP6 processors, to send IPv6 IPsec traffic between inter-VDOM link interfaces you can do either of the following:

- If the two inter-VDOM link interfaces used for passing IPv6 IPsec traffic are bound to different NPU VDOM links (for example, `npu0` and `npu1`) disable `ipsec-over-vlink`. This is the recommended configuration.
- If the two inter-VDOM link interfaces are bound to the same NPU VDOM link, enable `ipsec-over-vlink`.

## Disabling offloading IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange

You can use the following command to disable using ASIC offloading to accelerate IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange for IPsec ESP traffic. By default hardware offloading is used. For debugging purposes or other reasons you may want this function to be processed by software.

Use the following command to disable using ASIC offloading for IPsec Diffie-Hellman key exchange:

```
config system global
    set ipsec-asic-offload disable
end
```

## Supporting IPsec anti-replay protection

Because of how NP6 processors cache inbound IPsec SAs, IPsec VPN sessions with anti-replay protection that are terminated by the FortiGate may fail the replay check and be dropped.

You can use the following command to disable caching of inbound IPsec VPN SAs, allowing IPsec VPN sessions with anti-replay protection that are terminated by the FortiGate to work normally:

```
config system npu
    set ipsec-inbound-cache disable
end
```

With caching enabled (the default), a single NP6 processor can run multiple IPsec engines to process IPsec VPN sessions terminated by the FortiGate. Disabling `ipsec-inbound-cache` reduces performance of IPsec VPN sessions terminated by the FortiGate, because without caching an NP6 processor can only run one IPsec engine.

You must manually restart your FortiGate after disabling or enabling `ipsec-inbound-cache`.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

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If your FortiGate contains multiple NP6 processors, you can improve performance while supporting anti-replay protection by creating a LAG of interfaces connected to multiple NP6 processors. This allows distribution of IPsec anti-replay traffic from one traffic stream to more than one NP6 processor; resulting in multiple IPsec engines being available. See [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

Disabling `ipsec-inbound-cache` does not affect performance of other traffic terminated by the FortiGate and does not affect performance of traffic passing through the FortiGate.



NP6XLite and NP6Lite processors do not have this caching limitation. IP Sec VPN sessions with anti-replay protection that are passing through the FortiGate are not affected by this limitation. See [NP processors and IPsec anti-replay protection on page 35](#).

## NP6 access control lists (ACLs)

Access Control Lists (ACLs) use NP6 or NP6XLite offloading to drop IPv4 or IPv6 packets at the physical network interface before the packets are analyzed by the CPU. On a busy appliance this can really help the performance. This feature is available on FortiGates with NP6 or NP6XLite processors and is not supported by FortiGates with NP6Lite processors.



ACLs are also supported by FortiGates with NP7 processors. See [NP7 access control lists \(ACLs\) on page 55](#).

ACL checking is one of the first things that happens to the packet and checking is done by the NP6 processor. The result is very efficient protection that does not use CPU or memory resources.

Use the following command to configure IPv4 ACL lists:

```
config firewall acl
  edit 0
    set status enable
    set interface <interface-name>
    set scraddr <firewall-address>
    set dstaddr <firewall-address>
    set service <firewall-service>
  end
```

Use the following command to configure IPv6 ACL lists:

```
config firewall acl6
  edit 0
    set status enable
    set interface <interface-name>
    set scraddr <firewall-address6>
    set dstaddr <firewall-address6>
    set service <firewall-service>
  end
```

Where:

<interface-name> is the interface on which to apply the ACL. There is a hardware limitation that needs to be taken into account. The ACL is a Layer 2 function and is offloaded to the ISF hardware, therefore no CPU resources are used in the processing of the ACL. It is handled by the inside switch chip which can do hardware acceleration, increasing the performance of the FortiGate. The ACL function is only supported on switch fabric driven interfaces.

<firewall-address> <firewall-address6> can be any of the address types used by the FortiGate, including address ranges. The traffic is blocked not on an either or basis of these addresses but the combination of the two, so

that they both have to be correct for the traffic to be denied. To block all of the traffic from a specific address all you have to do is make the destination address ALL.

Because the blocking takes place at the interface based on the information in the packet header and before any processing such as NAT can take place, a slightly different approach may be required. For instance, if you are trying to protect a VIP which has an external address of x.x.x.x and is forwarded to an internal address of y.y.y.y, the destination address that should be used is x.x.x.x, because that is the address that will be in the packet's header when it hits the incoming interface.

<firewall-service> the firewall service to block. Use ALL to block all services.

## NP6 HPE host protection engine

The NP6 host protection engine (HPE) uses NP6 processors to protect the FortiGate CPU from excessive amounts of ingress traffic, which typically occurs during DDoS attacks or network problems (for example an ARP flood due to a network loop). You can use the HPE to prevent ingress traffic received on data interfaces connected to NP6 processors from overloading the FortiGate CPU.

You configure the HPE by enabling it and setting traffic thresholds. The HPE then acts like a traffic shaper, dropping packets that exceed the configured traffic thresholds. You can enable HPE monitoring to record log messages when the HPE drops packets. You can also run the HPE with monitoring enabled but without dropping packets. Using these tools you can monitor HPE activity and set HPE threshold values that are low enough to protect the CPU and high enough to not impact legitimate traffic.

The HPE does not affect offloaded traffic, just CPU traffic. The HPE is not as granular as DoS policies and should be used as a first level of protection.

DoS policies can be used as a second level of protection. For information about DoS policies, see [DoS protection](#). DoS policy sessions are not offloaded by NP6 processors.

You can use the following command to configure the HPE.

```
config system {np6 | np6xlite | np6lite}
  edit <np6-processor-name>
    config hpe
      set enable-shaper {disable | enable}
      set tcpsyn-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcpsyn-ack-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcpfin-rst-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcp-max <packets-per-second>
      set udp-max <packets-per-second>
      set icmp-max <packets-per-second>
      set sctp-max <packets-per-second>
      set esp-max <packets-per-second>
      set ip-frag-max <packets-per-second>
      set ip-others-max <packets-per-second>
      set arp-max <packets-per-second>
      set l2-others-max <packets-per-second>
      set pri-type-max <packets-per-second>
    end
```

You can use HPE monitoring to verify how many packets the HPE is actually dropping. See [Monitoring NP6 HPE activity on page 161](#). You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 monitor-hpe` command to monitor HPE activity without dropping packets. See [Monitor HPE activity without dropping packets on page 162](#).

The HPE also includes an overflow option for high-priority traffic, see [NP6 HPE and high priority traffic on page 160](#).

For more information about the NP6 HPE, see this Fortinet KB article: [Technical Note: Host Protection Engine \(HPE\) feature overview](#).

## NP6 HPE packet flow and host queues

You configure the NP6 HPE separately for each NP6 processor. Each NP6 processor has multiple host queues and each HPE packets-per-second setting is applied separately to each host queue. The actual amount of traffic allowed by an HPE threshold depends on the number of host queues that each NP6 processor has. You can use the following command to see the number of host queues of the NP6 processors in your FortiGate.

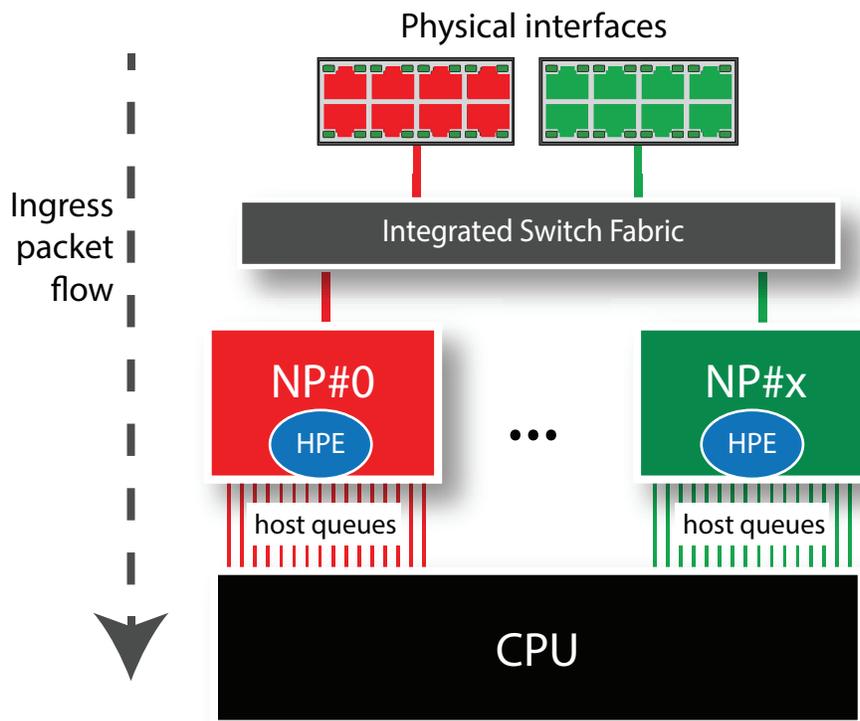
For example, for a FortiGate-1500D, the following command output shows that the number of host queues for NP6\_0 is 6 (`hpe_ring:6`).

```
diagnose npu np6 hpe 0 | grep ring
HPE HW pkt_credit:20000 , tsref_inv:60000, tsref_gap:4 , np:0, hpe_type_max:200000, hpe_ring:6
```

Based on the number of host queues, you can calculate the total number of packets per second allowed for a given HPE threshold for an NP6 processor. Some examples.

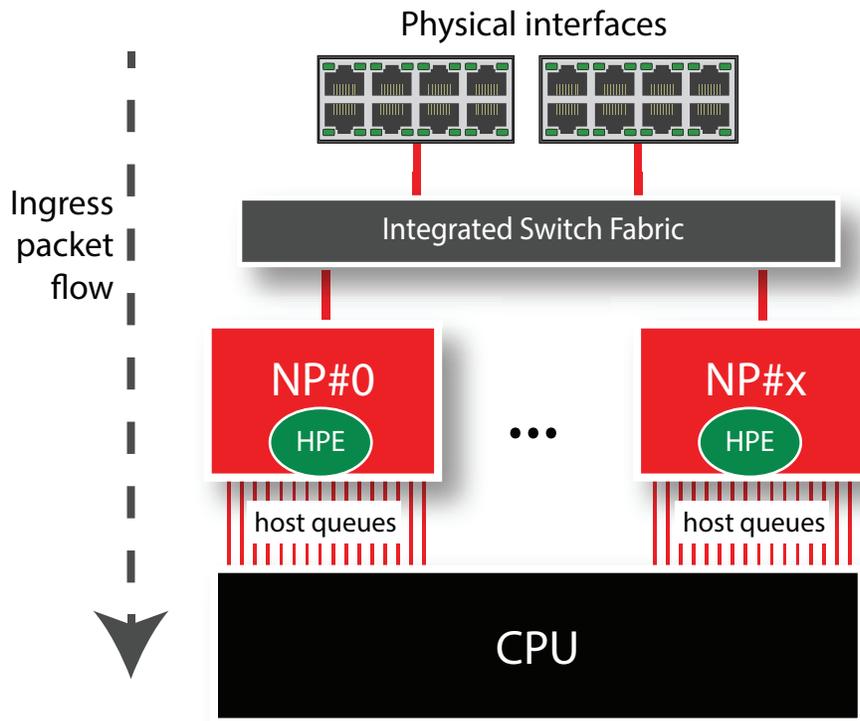
- On the FortiGate-1500D, interfaces port1-8, port17-24 and port33-36 are connected to NP6\_0. The default HPE `tcpsyn-max` setting of 600000 for NP6\_0, limits the total number of TCP\_SYN host packets per second that these interfaces can process to  $600000 \times 6 = 3,600,000$  host packets per second.

HPE packet flow with multiple NP6 processors connected to different interfaces



- The FortiGate-3600E has six NP6 processors and each NP6 processor has 20 host queues. All front panel data interfaces are connected to all NP6 processors over the integrated switch fabric. The default `tcpsyn-ack-max` setting of 600000 limits the of total number of TCP SYN\_ACK host packets per second that the FortiGate-3600E can process to  $600000 \times 20 \times 6 = 72,000,000$  TCP SYN\_ACK host packets per second.

## HPE packet flow with multiple NP6 processors connected to all interfaces



## NP6 HPE configuration options

The NP6 HPE supports setting individual limits for the following traffic types:

- TCP SYN
- TCP SYN\_ACK
- TCP FIN and RST
- TCP
- UDP
- ICMP
- SCTP
- ESP
- Fragmented IP packets
- Other types of IP packets
- ARP
- Other layer-2 packets that are not ARP packets

The following table lists and describes the HPE options for each traffic type.

Option	Description	Default
enable-shaper {disable   enable}	Enable or disable the HPE for the current NP6 processor.	disable
tcpsyn-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP SYN packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	600000
tcpsyn-ack-max	Prevent SYN_ACK reflection attacks by limiting the number of TCP SYN_ACK packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps. TCP SYN_ACK reflection attacks consist of an attacker sending large amounts of SYN_ACK packets without first sending SYN packets. These attacks can cause high CPU usage because the firewall assumes that these SYN_ACK packets are the first packets in a session, so the packets are processed by the CPU instead of the NP6 processor.	600000
tcpfin-rst-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP FIN and RST packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	600000
tcp-max	Limit the maximum number of TCP packets received per second per host queue that are not filtered by tcpsyn-max, tcpsyn-ack-max, or tcpfin-rst-max. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	600000
udp-max	Limit the maximum number of UDP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	600000
icmp-max	Limit the maximum number of ICMP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	200000
sctp-max	Limit the maximum number of SCTP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	200000
esp-max	Limit the maximum number of ESP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	200000
ip-frag-max	Limit the maximum number of fragmented IP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	200000
ip-others-max	Limit the maximum number of other types of IP packets received per second per host queue. Other packet types are IP packets that cannot be set with other HPE options. The range is 1000 to 1000000000 pps.	200000

Option	Description	Default
arp-max	Limit the maximum number of ARP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 10000000000 pps.	200000
l2-others-max	Limit the maximum number of other layer-2 packets that are not ARP packets received per second per host queue. The range is 1000 to 10000000000 pps. This option limits HA heartbeat, HA session sync, LACP/802.3ad, FortiSwitch heartbeat, and wireless-controller CAPWAP packets.	200000

## NP6 HPE and high priority traffic

The NP6 HPE `pri-type-max` option allows you to set a maximum overflow limit for high-priority traffic. The range is 1000 to 10000000000 packets per second per host queue. The default `pri-type-max` setting is 200000.

By default, the high-priority overflow is applied to the following types of traffic that are treated as high-priority by the NP6 processor:

- HA heartbeat
- LACP/802.3ad
- OSPF
- BGP
- IKE
- SLBC
- BFD

The high-priority setting adds an overflow for high priority traffic, causing the HPE to allow more of these high priority packets.

The overflow is added to the maximum number of packets allowed by the HPE based on other HPE settings. For example, by default, the HPE limits HA heartbeat traffic to `l2-others-max + pri-type-max` pps, which works out to  $200000 + 200000 = 400,000$  packets per second per host queue.

## Adjusting NP6 HPE BGP, SLBC, and BFD priorities

Use the following command to adjust the priority of BGP, SLBC, and BFD traffic to control whether the NP6 HPE treats these traffic types as high-priority traffic

```
config system npu
  config priority-protocol
    set bgp {disable | enable}
    set slbc {disable | enable}
    set bfd {disable | enable}
  end
```

By default, all options are set to enable and BGP, SLBC, and BFD packets are treated by the HPE as high priority traffic subject to high-priority overflow. In some cases, the overflow can allow excessive amounts of BGP, SLBC, and BFD host traffic that can cause problems such as route flapping and CPU spikes. If you encounter this problem, or for other reasons you can use this command to set BGP, SLBC, or BFD traffic to low priority, bypassing the HPE `priority-max` overflow. For example, if your FortiGate is not processing one or more of these traffic types, you can set them to low priority to limit the amount of the selected type of packets allowed by the HPE.



Changing these traffic types to low priority can cause problems if your FortiGate is actively processing traffic. Fortinet recommends that you make changes with this command during a maintenance window and then monitor your system to make sure its working properly once it gets busy again.

## Monitoring NP6 HPE activity

You can use the following command to generate event log messages when the NP6 HPE blocks packets:

```
config monitoring npu-hpe
  set status {enable | disable}
  set interval <integer>
  set multipliers <m1>, <m2>, ... <m12>
end
```

`status` enable or disable HPE status monitoring.

`interval` the HPE status check interval, in seconds. The range is 1 to 60 seconds. The default interval is 1 second.

`multipliers` set 12 multipliers to control how often an event log message is generated for each HPE packet type in the following order:

- `tcpsyn-max` default 4
- `tcpsyn-ack-max` default 4
- `tcpfin-rst-max` default 4
- `tcp-max` default 4
- `udp-max` default 8
- `icmp-max` default 8
- `sctp-max` default 8
- `esp-max` default 8
- `ip-frag-max` default 8
- `ip-others-max` default 8
- `arp-max` default 8
- `12-others-max` default 8

An event log is generated after every (`interval × multiplier`) seconds for any HPE type when drops occur for that HPE type. Increase the interval or individual multipliers to generate fewer event log messages.

An attack log is generated after every (`4 × multiplier`) number of continuous event logs.

## Example HPE monitoring configuration

```
config monitoring npu-hpe
  set status enable
  set interval 2
  set multipliers 3 2 2 2 4 4 4 4 4 4 4
end
```

## Monitor HPE activity without dropping packets

If you have enabled monitoring using the `config monitoring npu-hpe` command, you can use the following command to monitor HPE activity without causing the HPE to drop packets. This can be useful when testing HPE, allowing you to see how many packets the HPE would be dropping without actually affecting traffic.

```
diagnose npu np6 monitor-hpe {disable | enable} <np6-id>
```

This command is disabled by default. If you enable it, the HPE will not drop packets, but if monitoring is enabled, will create log messages for packets that would have been dropped.

Since this is a diagnose command, monitoring the HPE without dropping packets will be disabled when the FortiGate restarts.

## Sample HPE event log messages

```
date=2021-01-13 time=16:00:01 eventtime=1610582401563369503 tz="-0800" logid="0100034418"
type="event" subtype="system" level="warning" vd="root" logdesc="NP6 HPE is dropping packets"
msg="NPU HPE module is stop dropping packet types of:udp in NP6_0."
```

```
date=2021-01-13 time=16:00:00 eventtime=1610582400562601540 tz="-0800" logid="0100034418"
type="event" subtype="system" level="warning" vd="root" logdesc="NP6 HPE is dropping packets"
msg="NPU HPE module is likely dropping packets of one or more of these types:udp in NP6_0."
```

```
date=2021-01-13 time=15:59:59 eventtime=1610582399558325686 tz="-0800" logid="0100034419"
type="event" subtype="system" level="critical" vd="root" logdesc="NP6 HPE under a packets
flood" msg="NPU HPE module is likely under attack of:udp in NP6_0."
```

## Displaying NP6 HPE configuration and status information

You can use the following diagnose command to display NP6 HPE configuration and status information for one of the NP6 processors in your FortiGate.

```
diagnose npu np6 hpe 0
```

Queue	Type	NPU-min	NPU-max	CFG-min(pps)	CFG-max(pps)	Pkt-credit
0	tcpsyn	595285	797354	600000	800000	2465962479
0	tcpsyn-ack	595285	797354	600000	800000	1735820781
0	tcpfin-rst	595285	797354	600000	800000	3821949227
0	tcp	595285	797354	600000	800000	1579628705
0	udp	595285	797354	600000	800000	2556292862

```

0      icmp      199338      199338      200000      200000      2110740782
0      sctp      199338      199338      200000      200000      1608215169
0      esp       199338      199338      200000      200000      2877067841
0      ip-frag   199338      199338      200000      200000      1557653257
0      ip-others 199338      398677      200000      400000      3575419133
0      arp       199338      398677      200000      400000      1232744934
0      12-others 199338      398677      200000      400000      2335483153
-----
HPE HW pkt_credit:20000 , tsref_inv:60000, tsref_gap:4 , np:0, hpe_type_max:200000, hpe_ring:6
HPE Dropping      :0000000000000000

```

## Configuring individual NP6 processors

You can use the `config system np6` command to configure a wide range of settings for each of the NP6 processors in your FortiGate unit including enabling session accounting and adjusting session timeouts. As well you can set anomaly checking for IPv4 and IPv6 traffic.

For FortiGates with NP6XLite processors, the `config system np6xlite` command has similar options.

For FortiGates with NP6Lite processors, the `config system np6lite` command has similar options.

You can also enable and adjust Host Protection Engine (HPE) to protect networks from DoS attacks by categorizing incoming packets based on packet rate and processing cost and applying packet shaping to packets that can cause DoS attacks.

The settings that you configure for an NP6 processor with the `config system np6` command apply to traffic processed by all interfaces connected to that NP6 processor. This includes the physical interfaces connected to the NP6 processor as well as all subinterfaces, VLAN interfaces, IPsec interfaces, LAGs and so on associated with the physical interfaces connected to the NP6 processor.

```

config system {np6 | np6xlite | np6lite}
  edit <np6-processor-name>
    set low-latency-mode {disable | enable}
    set per-session-accounting {disable | enable | traffic-log-only}
    set session-timeout-random-range <range>
    set garbage-session-collector {disable | enable}
    set session-collector-interval <range>
    set session-timeout-interval <range>
    set session-timeout-random-range <range>
    set session-timeout-fixed {disable | enable}
    config hpe
      set tcpsyn-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcpsyn-ack-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcpfin-rst-max <packets-per-second>
      set tcp-max <packets-per-second>
      set udp-max <packets-per-second>
      set icmp-max <packets-per-second>
      set sctp-max <packets-per-second>
      set esp-max <packets-per-second>
      set ip-frag-max <packets-per-second>
      set ip-others-max <packets-per-second>
      set arp-max <packets-per-second>

```

```

set l2-others-max <packets-per-second>
set pri-type-max <packets-per-second>
set enable-shaper {disable | enable}
config fp-anomaly
set tcp-syn-fin {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-fin-noack {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-fin-only {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-no-flag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-syn-data {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-winnuke {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set udp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set icmp-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set icmp-frag {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optssrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optlsrr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optstream {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-optsecurity {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-opttimestamp {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv4-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set tcp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set udp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set icmp-csum-err {drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-land {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-proto-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-unknopt {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-saddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-daddr-err {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optralert {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optjumbo {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opttunnel {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-opthomeaddr {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optnsap {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optendpid {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
set ipv6-optinvld {allow | drop | trap-to-host}
end

```

## Command syntax

Command	Description	Default
low-latency-mode {disable   enable}	Enable low-latency mode. In low latency mode the integrated switch fabric is bypassed. Low latency mode requires that packet enter and exit using the same NP6 processor. This option is only available for NP6 processors that can operate in low-latency mode, currently only np6_0 and np6_1 on the FortiGate 3700D and DX.	disable
per-session-accounting {disable   enable   traffic-log-only}	Disable NP6 per-session accounting or enable it and	traffic-log-only

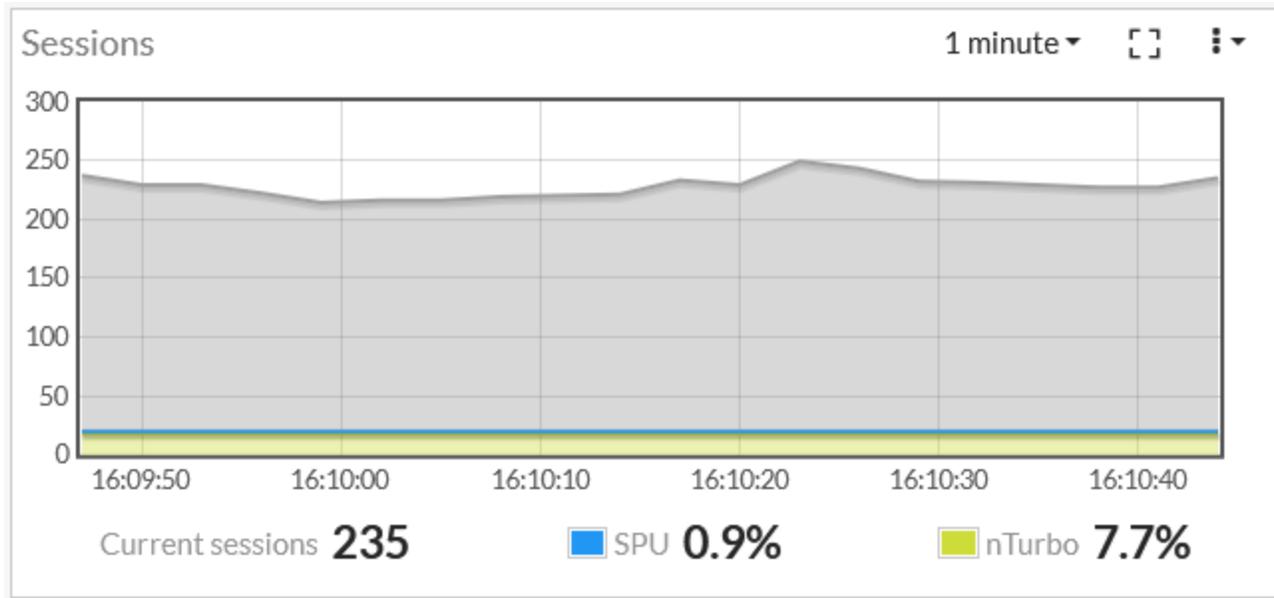
Command	Description	Default
	control how it works. If set to <code>traffic-log-only</code> (the default) NP6 per-session accounting is only enabled if firewall policies accepting offloaded traffic have traffic logging enabled. If set to <code>enable</code> , NP6 per-session accounting is always enabled for all traffic offloaded by the NP6 processor.  Enabling per-session accounting can affect performance.	
<code>garbage-session-collector {disable   enable}</code>	Enable deleting expired or garbage sessions.	disable
<code>session-collector-interval &lt;range&gt;</code>	Set the expired or garbage session collector time interval in seconds. The range is 1 to 100 seconds.	64
<code>session-timeout-interval &lt;range&gt;</code>	Set the timeout for checking for and removing inactive NP6 sessions. The range is 0 to 1000 seconds.	40
<code>session-timeout-random-range &lt;range&gt;</code>	Set the random timeout for checking and removing inactive NP6 sessions. The range is 0 to 1000 seconds. For more information, see <a href="#">Configuring NP6 session timeouts on page 169</a> .	8
<code>session-timeout-fixed {disable   enable}</code>	Enable to force checking for and removing inactive NP6 sessions at the <code>session-timeout-interval</code> time interval. Set to <code>disable</code> (the default) to check for and remove inactive NP6 sessions at random time intervals. For more information, see <a href="#">Configuring NP6 session timeouts on page 169</a> .	disable
<code>config hpe</code> <code>config fp-anomaly</code>	See <a href="#">NP6 HPE host protection engine on page 155</a> .	
<code>fp-anomaly</code>	Configure how the NP6 processor performs traffic anomaly protection. In most cases you can configure the NP6 processor to allow or drop the packets associated with an attack or forward the packets that are associated with the attack to FortiOS (called <code>trap-to-host</code> ). Selecting <code>trap-to-host</code> turns off NP6 anomaly protection for that anomaly. If you require anomaly protection but don't want to use the NP6 processor, you can select <code>trap-to-host</code> and enable anomaly protection with a DoS policy.	
<code>tcp-syn-fin {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood SYN/FIN flag set anomalies.	allow
<code>tcp-fin-noack {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood with FIN flag set without ACK setting anomalies.	trap-to-host
<code>tcp-fin-only {allow   drop   trap-to-host}</code>	Detects TCP SYN flood with only FIN flag set anomalies.	trap-to-host

Command	Description	Default
tcp-no-flag {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP SYN flood with no flag set anomalies.	allow
tcp-syn-data {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP SYN flood packets with data anomalies.	allow
tcp-winnuke {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP WinNuke anomalies.	trap-to-host
tcp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
udp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects UDP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
icmp-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects ICMP land anomalies.	trap-to-host
icmp-frag {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects Layer 3 fragmented packets that could be part of a layer 4 ICMP anomalies.	allow
ipv4-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 land anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-proto-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects invalid layer 4 protocol anomalies. For information about the error codes that are produced by setting this option to drop, see <a href="#">NP6 anomaly error codes</a> .	trap-to-host
ipv4-unknopt {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects unknown option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optssrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with strict source record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optlsrr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 with loose source record route option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optstream {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects stream option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-optsecurity {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects security option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-opttimestamp {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects timestamp option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv4-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv4 checksum errors.	drop
tcp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects TCP checksum errors.	drop

Command	Description	Default
udp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects UDP checksum errors.	drop
icmp-csum-err {drop   trap-to-host}	Detects ICMP checksum errors.	drop
ipv6-land {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects IPv6 land anomalies	trap-to-host
ipv6-unknopt {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects unknown option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-saddr-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects source address as multicast anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-daddr-err {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects destination address as unspecified or loopback address anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-optralert {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects router alert option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-optjumbo {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects jumbo options anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-opttunnel {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects tunnel encapsulation limit option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-opthomeaddr {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects home address option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-optnsap {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects network service access point address option anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-optendpid {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects end point identification anomalies.	trap-to-host
ipv6-optinvld {allow   drop   trap-to-host}	Detects invalid option anomalies.	trap-to-host

## Per-session accounting for offloaded NP6, NP6XLite, and NP6Lite sessions (NP6 performance monitoring)

Per-session accounting is a logging feature that allows the FortiGate to report the correct bytes/pkt numbers per session for sessions offloaded to an NP6, NP6XLite, or NP6Lite processor. This information appears in traffic log messages as well as in FortiView. The following example shows the Sessions dashboard widget tracking SPU and nTurbo sessions. **Current sessions** shows the total number of sessions, **SPU** shows the percentage of these sessions that are SPU sessions and **Nturbo** shows the percentage that are nTurbo sessions.



You can hover over the SPU icon to see some information about the offloaded sessions.

You configure per-session accounting for each NP6 processor. For example, use the following command to enable per-session accounting for NP6\_0 and NP6\_1:

```
config system np6
  edit np6_0
    set per-session-accounting traffic-log-only
  next
  edit np6_1
    set per-session-accounting traffic-log-only
  end
```

You configure per-session accounting for each NP6XLite processor. For example, use the following command to enable per-session accounting for np6xlite\_0:

```
config system np6xlite
  edit np6xlite_0
    set per-session-accounting traffic-log-only
  end
```

If your FortiGate has NP6Lite processors, you can use the following command to enable per-session accounting for all of the NP6Lite processors in the FortiGate unit:

```
config system npu
  set per-session-accounting traffic-log-only
  end
```

The option `traffic-log-only` enables per-session accounting for offloaded sessions with traffic logging.

The option `enable` enables per-session accounting for all offloaded sessions.

By default, `per-session-accounting` is set to `traffic-log-only`, which results in per-session accounting being turned on when you enable traffic logging in a policy.

Per-session accounting can affect offloading performance. So you should only enable per-session accounting if you need the accounting information.

Enabling per-session accounting does not provide traffic flow data for sFlow or NetFlow.

## Multicast per-session accounting

Some FortiGates with NP6 processors include the following command to configure multicast session accounting:

```
config system npu
  set mcast-session-accounting {tpe-based | session-based | disable}
end
```

`tpe-based` (the default) enables TPE-based multicast session accounting. TPE is the NP6 accounting and traffic shaping module. In most cases, if you want multicast session accounting, you should select `tpe-based` for optimal performance and reliability. This setting may be incompatible with some traffic. If problems such as packet order issues occur, you can disable multicast session accounting or select `session-based` multicast accounting.

`session-based` enables session-based multicast session accounting.

`disable` disables multicast session accounting.

Generally speaking, session-based accounting has better performance than TPE-based when there are high number of multicast sessions (on the order of 7,000 sessions, depending on network and other conditions).

TPE-based accounting generally can have better performance when there are a fewer multicast sessions with very high throughput.

Some FortiGate models support the following command to enable or disable multicast session accounting. For these models, multicast session accounting is enabled by default:

```
config system npu
  set mcast-session-counting {disable | enable}
  set mcast-session-counting6 {disable | enable}
end
```

## Configuring NP6 session timeouts

For NP6 traffic, FortiOS refreshes an NP6 session's lifetime when it receives a session update message from the NP6 processor. To avoid session update message congestion, these NP6 session checks are performed all at once after a random time interval and all of the update messages are sent from the NP6 processor to FortiOS at once. This can result in fewer messages being sent because they are only sent at random time intervals instead of every time a session times out.

In fact, if your NP6 processor is processing a lot of short lived sessions, it is recommended that you use the default setting of random checking every 8 seconds to avoid very bursty session updates. If the time between session updates is very long and very many sessions have been expired between updates a large number of updates will need to be done all at once.

You can use the following command to set the random time range.

```
config system {np6 | np6xlite}
  edit <np6-processor-name>
    set session-timeout-fixed disable
    set session-timeout-random-range 8
  end
```

This is the default configuration. The random timeout range is 1 to 1000 seconds and the default range is 8. So, by default, NP6 sessions are checked at random time intervals of between 1 and 8 seconds. So sessions can be inactive for up to 8 seconds before they are removed from the FortiOS session table.

If you want to reduce the amount of checking you can increase the `session-timeout-random-range`. This could result in inactive sessions being kept in the session table longer. But if most of your NP6 sessions are relatively long this shouldn't be a problem.

You can also change this session checking to a fixed time interval and set a fixed timeout:

```
config system {np6 | np6xlite}
  edit <np6-processor-name>
    set session-timeout-fixed enable
    set session-timeout-interval 40
  end
```

The fixed timeout default is every 40 seconds and the range is 1 to 1000 seconds. Using a fixed interval further reduces the amount of checking that occurs.

You can select random or fixed updates and adjust the time intervals to minimize the refreshing that occurs while still making sure inactive sessions are deleted regularly. For example, if an NP6 processor is processing sessions with long lifetimes you can reduce checking by setting a relatively long fixed timeout.

## Configure the number of IPsec engines NP6 processors use

NP6 processors use multiple IPsec engines to accelerate IPsec encryption and decryption. In some cases out of order ESP packets can cause problems if multiple IPsec engines are running. To resolve this problem you can configure all of the NP6 processors to use fewer IPsec engines.

Use the following command to change the number of IPsec engines used for decryption (`ipsec-dec-subengine-mask`) and encryption (`ipsec-enc-subengine-mask`). These settings are applied to all of the NP6 processors in the FortiGate unit.

```
config system npu
  set ipsec-dec-subengine-mask <engine-mask>
  set ipsec-enc-subengine-mask <engine-mask>
end
```

`<engine-mask>` is a hexadecimal number in the range 0x01 to 0xff where each bit represents one IPsec engine. The default `<engine-mask>` for both options is 0xff which means all IPsec engines are used. Add a lower `<engine-mask>` to use fewer engines. You can configure different engine masks for encryption and decryption.

## Stripping clear text padding and IPsec session ESP padding

In some situations, when clear text or ESP packets in IPsec sessions may have large amounts of layer 2 padding, the NP6 IPsec engine may not be able to process them and the session may be blocked.

If you notice dropped IPsec sessions, you could try using the following CLI options to cause the NP6 processor to strip clear text padding and ESP padding before send the packets to the IPsec engine. With padding stripped, the session can be processed normally by the IPsec engine.

Use the following command to strip ESP padding:

```
config system npu
  set strip-esp-padding enable
  set strip-clear-text-padding enable
end
```

Stripping clear text and ESP padding are both disabled by default.

## Disabling NP6 and NP6XLite CAPWAP offloading

By default and where possible, managed FortiAP and FortiLink CAPWAP sessions are offloaded to NP6 and NP6XLite processors. You can use the following command to disable CAPWAP session offloading:

```
config system npu
  set capwap-offload disable
end
```

## Optionally disable NP6 offloading of traffic passing between 10Gbps and 1Gbps interfaces

Due to NP6 internal packet buffer limitations, some offloaded packets received at a 10Gbps interface and destined for a 1Gbps interface can be dropped, reducing performance for TCP and IP tunnel traffic. If you experience this performance reduction, you can use the following command to disable offloading sessions passing from 10Gbps interfaces to 1Gbps interfaces:

```
config system npu
  set host-shortcut-mode host-shortcut
end
```

Select `host-shortcut` to stop offloading TCP and IP tunnel packets passing from 10Gbps interfaces to 1Gbps interfaces. TCP and IP tunnel packets passing from 1Gbps interfaces to 10Gbps interfaces are still offloaded as normal.

If `host-shortcut` is set to the default `bi-directional` setting, packets in both directions are offloaded.

This option is only available if your FortiGate has 10G and 1G interfaces accelerated by NP6 processors.

## Performance reduction for NP6 processors with 1Gbps interfaces

Due to NP6 internal packet buffer limitations, performance can be reduced for some traffic mixes accelerated by an NP6 processor when both ingress and egress interfaces are 1Gbps interfaces. If you experience a performance reduction when using this configuration, you may be able to improve performance by disabling NP6 acceleration. You can also improve performance by using higher capacity interfaces for example, using 10Gbps interfaces as both the ingress and egress interfaces.

This performance problem is most commonly seen on FortiGates with NP6 processors and no internal switch fabric (for example the FortiGate 500E and 600E). The problem is less likely to occur if your FortiGate has an ISF. On a FortiGate 500E and 600E, using the 10Gbps X1 and X2 interfaces as the ingress and egress interfaces with NP6 offloading enabled results in the expected performance.

## Offloading RDP traffic

FortiOS supports NP6 offloading of Reliable Data Protocol (RDP) traffic. RDP is a network transport protocol that optimizes remote loading, debugging, and bulk transfer of images and data. RDP traffic uses Assigned Internet Protocol number 27 and is defined in [RFC 908](#) and updated in [RFC 1151](#). If your network is processing a lot of RDP traffic, offloading it can improve overall network performance.

You can use the following command to enable or disable NP6 RDP offloading. RDP offloading is enabled by default.

```
config system npu
  set rdp-offload {disable | enable}
end
```

## NP6 session drift

In some cases, sessions processed by NP6 processors may fail to be deleted leading to a large number of idle or orphaned sessions. This is called session drift. You can use SNMP to be alerted when the number of idle sessions becomes high. SNMP also allows you to see which NP6 processor has the abnormal number of idle sessions and you can use a diagnose command to delete them.

The following MIB fields allow you to use SNMP to monitor session table information for NP6 processors including drift for each NP6 processor:

```
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUNumber.0 = INTEGER: 2
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUName.0 = STRING: NP6
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUDrvDriftSum.0 = INTEGER: 0
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUIndex.0 = INTEGER: 0
```

```

FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUIndex.1 = INTEGER: 1
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUSessionTblSize.0 = Gauge32: 33554432
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUSessionTblSize.1 = Gauge32: 33554432
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUSessionCount.0 = Gauge32: 0
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUSessionCount.1 = Gauge32: 0
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUDrvDrift.0 = INTEGER: 0
FORTINET-FORTIGATE-MIB::fgNPUDrvDrift.1 = INTEGER: 0

```

You can also use the following diagnose command to determine if drift is occurring. The command output shows a drift summary for all the NP6 processors in the FortiGate, and shows the total drift. The following example command output, from a FortiGate 1500D, shows that the two NP6 processors in the FortiGate-1500D are not experiencing any drift.

```

diagnose npu np6 sse-drift-summary
NPU   drv-drift
-----
np6_0 0
np6_1 0
-----
Sum   0
-----

```

For the best results you should restart your FortiGate to remove orphaned sessions causing session drift. However, the following command can be a useful workaround until you are able to restart the FortiGate or if you are troubleshooting an issue and want to remove orphaned sessions.

```
diagnose npu np6 sse-purge-drift <np6_id> [<time>]
```

Where <np6\_id> is the number (starting with NP6\_0 with a np6\_id of 0) of the NP6 processor for which to delete idle sessions in.

<time> is the time in seconds during which the NP6 processor attempts to delete orphaned sessions. The default time is 300 seconds.

The command instructs the selected NP6 processor to scan session tables and delete (or purge) orphaned sessions, which are sessions that have been idle for a long time. During the session purge, traffic may be disrupted. The longer the purge time, the longer the amount of time that a disruption might occur.

The command purges all orphaned sessions during the specified time and you only have to execute the command once to purge all orphaned sessions.

In most cases the NP6 processor should recover and continue working normally after the purge. In rare cases, the NP6 processor may not be able to recover successfully after the purge and you may need to restart the FortiGate.

## Optimizing FortiGate 3960E and 3980E IPsec VPN performance

You can use the following command to configure outbound hashing to improve IPsec VPN performance for the FortiGate 3960E and 3980E. If you change these settings, to make sure they take effect, you should restart your device.

```
config system np6
```

```

edit np6_0
  set ipsec-outbound-hash {disable | enable}
  set ipsec-ob-hash-function {switch-group-hash | global-hash | global-hash-weighted | round-
    robin-switch-group | round-robin-global}
end

```

Where:

`ipsec-outbound-hash` is disabled by default. If you enable it you can set `ipsec-ob-hash-function` as follows:

`switch-group-hash` (the default) distribute outbound IPsec Security Association (SA) traffic to NP6 processors connected to the same switch as the interfaces that received the incoming traffic. This option, keeps all traffic on one switch and the NP6 processors connected to that switch, to improve performance.

`global-hash` distribute outbound IPsec SA traffic among all NP6 processors.

`global-hash-weighted` distribute outbound IPsec SA traffic from switch 1 among all NP6 processors with more sessions going to the NP6s connected to switch 0. This options is only recommended for the FortiGate 3980E because it is designed to weigh switch 0 higher to send more sessions to switch 0 which on the FortiGate 3980E has more NP6 processors connected to it. On the FortiGate 3960E, both switches have the same number of NP6s so for best performance one switch shouldn't have a higher weight.

`round-robin-switch-group` round-robin distribution of outbound IPsec SA traffic among the NP6 processors connected to the same switch.

`round-robin-global` round-robin distribution of outbound IPsec SA traffic among all NP6 processors.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## FortiGate 3960E and 3980E support for high throughput traffic streams

FortiGate devices with multiple NP6 processors support high throughput by distributing sessions to multiple NP6 processors. However, default ISF hash-based load balancing has some limitations for single traffic streams or flows that use more than 10Gbps of bandwidth. Normally, the ISF sends all of the packets in a single traffic stream over the same 10Gbps interface to an NP6 processor. If a single traffic stream is larger than 10Gbps, packets are also sent to 10Gbps interfaces that may be connected to the same NP6 or to other NP6s. Because the ISF uses hash-based load balancing, this can lead to packets being processed out of order and other potential drawbacks.

You can configure the FortiGate 3960E and 3980E to support single traffic flows that are larger than 10Gbps. To enable this feature, you can assign interfaces to round robin groups using the following configuration. If you assign an interface to a Round Robin group, the ISF uses round-robin load balancing to distribute incoming traffic from one stream to multiple NP6 processors. Round-robin load balancing prevents the potential problems associated with hash-based load balancing of packets from a single stream.

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit <interface>
      set npu-group-index <npu-group>
    end
  end
```

<interface> is the name of an interface that receives or sends large traffic streams.

<npu-group> is the number of an NPU group. To enable round-robin load balancing select a round-robin NPU group. Use ? to see the list of NPU groups. The output shows which groups support round robin load balancing. For example, the following output shows that NPU group 30 supports round robin load balancing to NP6 0 to 7.

```
set npu-group-index ?
index: npu group
0 : NP#0-7
2 : NP#0
3 : NP#1
4 : NP#2
5 : NP#3
6 : NP#4
7 : NP#5
8 : NP#6
9 : NP#7
10 : NP#0-1
11 : NP#2-3
12 : NP#4-5
13 : NP#6-7
14 : NP#0-3
15 : NP#4-7
30 : NP#0-7 - Round Robin
```

For example, use the following command to assign port1, port2, port17 and port18 to NPU group 30.

```
config system npu
  config port-npu-map
    edit port1
      set npu-group-index 30
    next
    edit port2
      set npu-group-index 30
    next
    edit port7
      set npu-group-index 30
    next
    edit port18
      set npu-group-index 30
    next
  end
end
```

## Recalculating packet checksums if the iph.reserved bit is set to 0

NP6 processors clear the iph.flags.reserved bit. This results in the packet checksum becoming incorrect because by default the packet is changed but the checksum is not recalculated. Since the checksum is incorrect these packets may be dropped by the network stack. You can enable this option to cause the system to re-calculate the checksum. Enabling this option may cause a minor performance reduction. This option is disabled by default.

To enable checksum recalculation for packets with the iph.flags.reserved header:

```
config system npu
  set iph-rsvd-re-cksum enable
end
```

## NP6 IPsec engine status monitoring

Use the following command to configure NP6 IPsec engine status monitoring.

```
config monitoring np6-ipsec-engine
  set status enable
  set interval 5
  set threshold 10 10 8 8 6 6 4 4
end
```

Use this command to configure NP6 IPsec engine status monitoring. NP6 IPsec engine status monitoring writes a system event log message if the IPsec engines in an NP6 processor become locked after receiving malformed packets.

If an IPsec engine becomes locked, that particular engine can no longer process IPsec traffic, reducing the capacity of the NP6 processor. The only way to recover from a locked IPsec engine is to restart the FortiGate device. If you notice an IPsec performance reduction over time on your NP6 accelerated FortiGate device, you could enable NP6 IPsec engine monitoring and check log messages to determine if your NP6 IPsec engines are becoming locked.

To configure IPsec engine status monitoring you set status to enable and then configure the following options:

**interval**

Set the IPsec engine status check time interval in seconds (range 1 to 60 seconds, default = 1).

**threshold <np6\_0-threshold> <np6\_1-threshold>...<np6\_7-threshold>**

Set engine status check thresholds. An NP6 processor has eight IPsec engines and you can set a threshold for each engine. NP6 IPsec engine status monitoring regularly checks the status of all eight engines in all NP6 processors in the FortiGate device.

Each threshold can be an integer between 1 and 255 and represents the number of times the NP6 IPsec engine status check detects that the NP6 processor is busy before generating a log message.

The default thresholds are 15 15 12 12 8 8 5 5. Any IPsec engine exceeding its threshold triggers the event log message. The default interval and thresholds have been set to work for most network topologies based on a balance

of timely reporting a lock-up and accuracy and on how NP6 processors distribute sessions to their IPsec engines. The default settings mean:

- If engine 1 or 2 are busy for 15 checks (15 seconds) trigger an event log message.
- If engine 3 or 4 are busy for 12 checks (15 seconds) trigger an event log message.
- And so on.

NP6 IPsec engine monitoring writes three levels of log messages:

- Information if an IPsec engine is found to be busy.
- Warning if an IPsec engine exceeds a threshold.
- Critical if a lockup is detected, meaning an IPsec engine continues to exceed its threshold.

The log messages include the NP6 processor and engine affected.

## Interface to CPU mapping

In some cases, packets in a multicast traffic stream with fragmented packets can be forwarded by the FortiGate in the wrong order. This can happen if different CPU cores are processing different packets from the same multicast stream. If you notice this problem, on some FortiGates with NP6 processors you can use the following command to configure the FortiGate to send all traffic received by an interface to the same CPU core.

```
config system npu
  config port-cpu-map
    edit <interface-name>
      set cpu-core <core-number>
    end
```

Where:

<interface-name> is the name of the interface to map to a CPU core. You can map any interface connected to an NP6 processor to a CPU core.

<core-number> is the number of the CPU core to map to the interface. Use ? to see the list of available CPU cores. You can map one CPU core to an interface. The default setting is all, which maps the traffic to all CPU cores.

## Allowing offloaded IPsec packets that exceed the interface MTU

In some cases, encrypted IPsec packets offloaded to NP6 processors may be larger than unencrypted packets. When this happens, the packets may be blocked or fragmented by the exiting IPsec VPN interface if the encrypted packet size exceeds the MTU value of the IPsec VPN interface. This can happen even if `mtu-override` is enabled for the interface.

You can use the following option to allow offloaded IPsec packets that exceed the MTU value of the exiting interface to be allowed without fragmentation.

```
config system npu
```

```
set ipsec-mtu-override enable
end
```

## Configuring the QoS mode for NP6-accelerated traffic

If you have a FortiGate with multiple NP6 processors and an internal switch fabric (ISF), you can use the following command to configure the QoS mode to control how the ISF distributes traffic to the NP6 processors:

```
config system npu
  set qos-mode {disable | priority | round-robin}
end
```

Where:

`disable` (the default setting) disables QoS for NP6-accelerated traffic.

`priority` uses priority-based QoS that is applied to ingress and egress traffic based on the traffic CoS value. Traffic with a higher CoS value has a higher QoS priority.

`round-robin` applies round-robin or bandwidth control distribution to ingress traffic only based on the traffic CoS value. This mode helps smooth out incoming burst traffic by distributing traffic evenly among the NP6 processors.

## Recovering from an internal link failure

Some FortiGate models with NP6 processors include the following option that can help your FortiGate recover from an internal link failure:

```
config system npu
  set recover-np6-link {disable | enable}
end
```

This command is available on several FortiGate models, including the 1200D, 1500D, 1500DT, 3000D, 3100D, and 3200D.

In some configurations with aggregate interfaces, an internal link failure can occur on some FortiGate models. This failure can cause one of the aggregate interface members to transmit irregular LACP packets. You can recover from this failure by enabling `recover-np6-link` and restarting the FortiGate. Every time the FortiGate restarts, this command checks for and recovers from any internal link failures that it finds.

Enabling this option may cause the FortiGate to take slightly longer to start up but should not affect performance.

## Offloading UDP-encapsulated ESP traffic

You can use the following command to enable or disable NP6 offloading of UDP-encapsulated ESP traffic on port 4500.

```
config system npu
  set uesp-offload {disable | enable}
end
```

Enable to offload UDP traffic with a destination port of 4500 (ESP-in-UDP traffic). This option is disabled by default.

In addition to enabling this option, to make sure UDP-encapsulated ESP traffic can be offloaded successfully, you should disable IPsec anti-replay protection and use large MTU check values in NAT-traversal sessions to avoid fragmented packets and MTU exceptions.

# NP6 get and diagnose commands

This section describes some `get` and `diagnose` commands you can use to display useful information about NP6 processors and about sessions processed by NP6 processors.

## get hardware npu np6

You can use the `get hardware npu np6` command to display information about the NP6 processors in your FortiGate and the sessions they are processing. This command contains a subset of the options available from the `diagnose npu np6` command. The command syntax is:

```
get hardware npu np6 {dce <np6-id> | ipsec-stats | port-list | session-stats <np6-id> | sse-stats <np6-id> | synproxy-stats}
```

`<np6-id>` identifies the NP6 processor. 0 is `np6_0`, 1 is `np6_1` and so on.

`dce show` NP6 non-zero sub-engine drop counters for the selected NP6.

`ipsec-stats` show overall NP6 IPsec offloading statistics.

`port-list` show the mapping between the FortiGate physical interfaces and NP6 processors.

`session-stats` show NP6 session offloading statistics counters for the selected NP6.

`sse-stats` show hardware session statistics counters.

`synproxy-stats` show overall NP6 synproxy statistics for TCP connections identified as being syn proxy DoS attacks.

## diagnose npu np6

The `diagnose npu np6` command displays extensive information about NP6 processors and the sessions that they are processing. Some of the information displayed can be useful for understanding the NP6 configuration, seeing how sessions are being processed and diagnosing problems. Some of the commands may only be useful for Fortinet software developers. The command syntax is:

```
diagnose npu np6 {options}
```

The following options are available:

`fastpath {disable | enable} <np6-od>` enable or disable fastpath processing for a selected NP6.

`dce` shows NP6 non-zero sub-engine drop counters for the selected NP6.

`dce-all` show all subengine drop counters.

`anomaly-drop` show non-zero L3/L4 anomaly check drop counters.

`anomaly-drop-all` show all L3/L4 anomaly check drop counters.

`hrx-drop` show non-zero host interface drop counters.

`hrx-drop-all` show all host interface drop counters.  
`session-stats` show session offloading statistics counters.  
`session-stats-clear` clear session offloading statistics counters.  
`sse-stats` show hardware session statistics counters.  
`sse-stats-clear` show hardware session statistics counters.  
`pdq` show packet buffer queue counters.  
`xgmac-stats` show XGMAC MIBs counters.  
`xgmac-stats-clear` clear XGMAC MIBS counters.  
`port-list` show port list.  
`ipsec-stats` show IPsec offloading statistics.  
`ipsec-stats-clear` clear IPsec offloading statistics.  
`eeeprom-read` read NP6 EEPROM.  
`npu-feature` show NPU feature and status.  
`register` show NP6 registers.  
`fortilink` configure managed FortiSwitch.  
`synproxy-stats` show synproxy statistics.

## diagnose npu np6 npu-feature (verify enabled NP6 features)

You can use the `diagnose npu np6 npu-feature` command to see the NP6 features that are enabled on your FortiGate and those that are not.

The following command output, from a FortiGate 1500D, shows the default NP6 configuration for most FortiGates with NP6 processors:

```

diagnose npu np6 npu-feature
      np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath      Enabled      Enabled
HPE-type-shaping Disabled      Disabled
Standalone    No           No
IPv4 firewall Yes          Yes
IPv6 firewall Yes          Yes
IPv4 IPsec    Yes          Yes
IPv6 IPsec    Yes          Yes
IPv4 tunnel   Yes          Yes
IPv6 tunnel   Yes          Yes
GRE tunnel    No           No
GRE passthrough Yes         Yes
IPv4 Multicast Yes         Yes
IPv6 Multicast Yes         Yes
  
```

CAPWAP	Yes	Yes
RDP Offload	Yes	Yes

If you use the following command to disable fastpath:

```
config system npu
  set fastpath disable
end
```

The npu-feature command output shows this configuration change:

```
diagnose npu np6 npu-feature
-----
                np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath          Disabled  Disabled
HPE-type-shaping  Disabled  Disabled
Standalone        No         No
IPv4 firewall     Yes       Yes
IPv6 firewall     Yes       Yes
IPv4 IPSec        Yes       Yes
IPv6 IPSec        Yes       Yes
IPv4 tunnel       Yes       Yes
IPv6 tunnel       Yes       Yes
GRE tunnel        No         No
GRE passthrough   Yes       Yes
IPv4 Multicast    Yes       Yes
IPv6 Multicast    Yes       Yes
CAPWAP            Yes       Yes
RDP Offload       Yes       Yes
```

## diagnose npu np6xlite npu-feature (verify enabled NP6Lite features)

You can use the `diagnose npu np6xlite npu-feature` command to see the NP6XLite features that are enabled on your FortiGate and those that are not.

The following command output, from a FortiGate 60F, shows the default NP6XLite configuration for most FortiGates with NP6XLite processors:

```
diagnose npu np6xlite npu-feature
-----
                np_0
-----
Fastpath          Enabled
HPE-type-shaping  Disabled
IPv4 firewall     Yes
IPv6 firewall     Yes
IPv4 IPSec        Yes
IPv6 IPSec        Yes
IPv4 tunnel       Yes
IPv6 tunnel       Yes
GRE passthrough   Yes
```

```
IPv4 Multicast    Yes
IPv6 Multicast    Yes
CAPWAP           Yes
```

If you use the following commands to disable fastpath:

```
config system np6xlite
  edit np6xlite_0
    set fastpath disable
  end
```

The npu-feature command output show this configuration change:

```
diagnose npu np6xlite npu-feature
                        np_0
-----
Fastpath                Disabled
HPE-type-shaping        Disabled
IPv4 firewall           Yes
IPv6 firewall           Yes
IPv4 IPSec              Yes
IPv6 IPSec              Yes
IPv4 tunnel             Yes
IPv6 tunnel             Yes
GRE passthrough         Yes
IPv4 Multicast          Yes
IPv6 Multicast          Yes
CAPWAP                  Yes
```

## diagnose npu np6lite npu-feature (verify enabled NP6Lite features)

You can use the `diagnose npu np6lite npu-feature` command to see the NP6Lite features that are enabled on your FortiGate and those that are not.

The following command output, from a FortiGate 200E, shows the default NP6Lite configuration for most FortiGates with NP6Lite processors:

```
diagnose npu np6 npu-feature
                        np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath                Enabled  Enabled
IPv4 firewall           Yes     Yes
IPv6 firewall           Yes     Yes
IPv4 IPSec              Yes     Yes
IPv6 IPSec              Yes     Yes
IPv4 tunnel             Yes     Yes
IPv6 tunnel             Yes     Yes
GRE tunnel              No      No
```

If you use the following command to disable fastpath:

```
config system npu
  set fastpath disable
end
```

The npu-feature command output show this configuration change:

```
diagnose npu np6 npu-feature
-----
Fastpath           np_0      np_1
-----
Fastpath           Disabled  Disabled
IPv4 firewall      Yes       Yes
IPv6 firewall      Yes       Yes
IPv4 IPSec         Yes       Yes
IPv6 IPSec         Yes       Yes
IPv4 tunnel        Yes       Yes
IPv6 tunnel        Yes       Yes
GRE tunnel         No        No
```

## diagnose sys session/session6 list (view offloaded NP6 sessions)

The `diagnose sys session list` and `diagnose sys session6 list` commands list all of the current IPv4 or IPv6 sessions being processed by the FortiGate. For each session the command output includes an `npu info` line that displays NPx offloading information for the session. If a session is not offloaded the command output includes a `no_ofld_reason` line that indicates why the session was not offloaded.

### Displaying NP6 offloading information for a session

The `npu info` line of the `diagnose sys session list` command includes information about the offloaded session that indicates the type of processor and whether its IPsec or regular traffic:

- `offload=8/8` for NP6 sessions.
- `flag 0x81` means regular traffic.
- `flag 0x82` means IPsec traffic.

### Example offloaded IPv4 NP6 session

The following session output by the `diagnose sys session list` command shows an offloaded session. The information in the `npu info` line shows this is a regular session (`flag=0x81/0x81`) that is offloaded by an NP6 processor (`offload=8/8`).

```
diagnose sys session list
session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=4599 expire=2753 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
```

```

ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/ vlan_cos=0/255
state=log may_dirty npu none log-start
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=1549/20/1 reply=1090/15/1 tuples=2
speed(Bps/kbps): 0/0
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=15->17/17->15
gwy=172.20.121.2/5.5.5.33
hook=post dir=org act=snat 5.5.5.33:60656->91.190.218.66:12350(172.20.121.135:60656)
hook=pre dir=reply act=dnat 91.190.218.66:12350->172.20.121.135:60656(5.5.5.33:60656)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
src_mac=98:90:96:af:89:b9
misc=0 policy_id=1 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=00058b9c tos=ff/ff app_list=0 app=0 url_cat=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
npu_state=0x000c00
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=8/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=140/138, ipid=138/140,
vlan=0x0000/0x0000
vlifid=138/140, vtag_in=0x0000/0x0000 in_npu=1/1, out_npu=1/1, fwd_en=0/0, qid=0/2

```

## Example IPv4 session that is not offloaded

The following session, output by the diagnose sys session list command includes the no\_ofld\_reason line that indicates that the session was not offloaded because it is a local-in session.

```

session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=19 expire=3597 timeout=3600
flags=00000000 sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/ vlan_cos=8/8
state=local may_dirty
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=6338/15/1 reply=7129/12/1 tuples=2
speed(Bps/kbps): 680/5
origin->sink: org pre->in, reply out->post dev=15->50/50->15 gwy=5.5.5.5/0.0.0.0
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 5.5.5.33:60567->5.5.5.5:443(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 5.5.5.5:443->5.5.5.33:60567(0.0.0.0:0)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
src_mac=98:90:96:af:89:b9
misc=0 policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=000645d8 tos=ff/ff app_list=0 app=0 url_cat=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
npu_state=00000000
no_ofld_reason: local

```

## Example IPv4 IPsec NP6 session

```

diagnose sys session list
session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=34 expire=3565 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=

```

```

reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/p1-vdom2
state=re may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=112/2/1 reply=112/2/1 tuples=2
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=57->7/7->57 gwy=10.1.100.11/11.11.11.1
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 172.16.200.55:35254->10.1.100.11:80(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 10.1.100.11:80->172.16.200.55:35254(0.0.0.0:0)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 id_policy_id=0 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=4
serial=00002d29 tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
per_ip_bandwidth meter: addr=172.16.200.55, bps=260
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x82, offload=8/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=1/3, ipid=3/1, vlan=32779/0

```

## Example IPv6 NP6 session

```

diagnose sys session6 list
session6 info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=2 expire=3597 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
sockport=0 sockflag=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0
policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=152/2/0 reply=152/2/0 tuples=2
speed(Bps/kbps): 0/0
origin->sink: org pre->post, reply pre->post dev=13->14/14->13
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 2000:172:16:200::55:59145 ->2000:10:1:100::11:80(:::0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 2000:10:1:100::11:80 ->2000:172:16:200::55:59145(::::0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0 serial=0000027a
npu_state=0x000c00
npu info: flag=0x81/0x81, offload=8/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=137/136, ipid=136/137, vlan=0/0

```

## Example NAT46 NP6 session

```

diagnose sys session list
session info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=19 expire=3580 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
sockflag=00000000 sockport=0 av_idx=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0 policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=npu nlb
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=112/2/1 reply=112/2/1 tuples=2
speed(Bps/kbps): 0/0

```

```

origin->sink: org nataf->post, reply pre->org dev=52->14/14->52 gwy=0.0.0.0/10.1.100.1
hook=5 dir=org act=noop 10.1.100.1:21937->10.1.100.11:80(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=6 dir=reply act=noop 10.1.100.11:80->10.1.100.1:21937(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 2000:172:16:200::55:33945 ->64:ff9b::a01:640b:80( :::0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 64:ff9b::a01:640b:80 ->2000:172:16:200::55:33945( :::0)
pos/(before,after) 0/(0,0), 0/(0,0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0
serial=04051aae tos=ff/ff ips_view=0 app_list=0 app=0
dd_type=0 dd_mode=0
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x81/0x00, offload=0/8, ips_offload=0/0, epid=0/136, ipid=0/137, vlan=0/0

```

## Example NAT64 NP6 session

```

diagnose sys session6 list
session6 info: proto=6 proto_state=01 duration=36 expire=3563 timeout=3600 flags=00000000
sockport=0 sockflag=0 use=3
origin-shaper=
reply-shaper=
per_ip_shaper=
ha_id=0
policy_dir=0 tunnel=/
state=may_dirty npu nlb
statistic(bytes/packets/allow_err): org=72/1/0 reply=152/2/0 tuples=2
speed(Bps/kbps): 0/0
origin->sink: org pre->org, reply nataf->post dev=13->14/14->13
hook=pre dir=org act=noop 2000:172:16:200::55:33945 ->64:ff9b::a01:640b:80( :::0)
hook=post dir=reply act=noop 64:ff9b::a01:640b:80 ->2000:172:16:200::55:33945( :::0)
hook=5 dir=org act=noop 10.1.100.1:21937->10.1.100.11:80(0.0.0.0:0)
hook=6 dir=reply act=noop 10.1.100.11:80->10.1.100.1:21937(0.0.0.0:0)
misc=0 policy_id=1 auth_info=0 chk_client_info=0 vd=0 serial=0000027b
npu_state=00000000
npu info: flag=0x00/0x81, offload=8/0, ips_offload=0/0, epid=137/0, ipid=136/0, vlan=0/0

```

## diagnose sys session list no\_ofld\_reason field

The `no_ofld_reason` field appears in the output of the `diagnose sys session list` or `diagnose sys sessions6 list` command to indicate why the session wasn't offloaded by an NP6 processor. The field appears for sessions that normally would be offloaded but for some reason can't currently be offloaded. The following table lists and explains some of the reasons that a session could not be offloaded. Note that more than one of these reasons can appear in the `no_ofld_reason` field for a single session.

no_ofld_reason	Description
dirty	Because of a configuration change to routing, firewall policies, interfaces, ARP tables, or other configuration, the session needs to be revalidated by FortiOS. Traffic may still be processed by the session, but it will not be offloaded until the session has been revalidated.
local	The session is a local-in or local-out session that can't be offloaded. Examples include management sessions, SSL VPN sessions accessing an SSL VPN portal, explicit proxy sessions, and so on.
disabled-by-policy	The firewall policy option <code>auto-asic-offload</code> is disabled in the firewall policy that accepted the session. This reason can also appear if one or more of the interfaces handling the session are software switch interfaces.
non-npu-intf	The incoming or outgoing interface handling the sessions is not an NP6-accelerated interface or is part of a software switch. This reason may also appear if when the <code>config system npu option fastpath</code> is disabled.
npu-flag-off	The session is not offloaded because of hardware or software limitations. For example, the session could be using EMAC VLAN interfaces or the session could be for a protocol or service for which offloading is not supported. For example, before NP6 processors supported offloading IPv6 tunnel sessions, <code>npu-flag-off</code> would appear in the <code>no_ofld_reason</code> field for IPv6 tunnel sessions.
redir-to-ips	Normally this session is expected to be offloaded to the NP6 processor by the IPS, but for some reason the session cannot be offloaded. May be caused by a bug. The <code>no_ofld_reason</code> field may contain more information.
denied-by-nturbo	A session being processed by the IPS that could normally be offloaded is not supported by nTurbo. May be caused by a bug. Can be paired with <code>redir-to-ips</code> .
block-by-ips	A session being processed by the IPS that could normally be offloaded is blocked. May be caused by a bug. Can be paired with <code>redir-to-ips</code> .
intf-dos	The session is matched by an interface policy or a DoS policy and sessions processed by interface policies or DoS policies are not offloaded.
redir-to-av	Flow-based antivirus is preventing offloading of this session.
sflow	sFlow is enabled for one or both of the interfaces handling the session. sFlow periodic traffic sampling that can only be done by the CPU.
mac-host-check	Device identification has not yet identified the device communicating with the FortiGate using this session. Once the device has been identified the session may be offloaded.
offload-denied	Usually this reason appears if the session is being handled by a session helper and sessions handled by this session helper can't be offloaded.
not-established	A TCP session is not in its established state ( <code>proto_state=01</code> ).

## diagnose npu np6 session-stats <np6-id> (number of NP6 IPv4 and IPv6 sessions)

You can use the `diagnose npu np6 portlist` command to list the NP6 processor IDs and the interfaces that each NP6 is connected to. The <np6-id> of np6\_0 is 0, the <np6-id> of np6\_1 is 1 and so on. The `diagnose npu np6 session-stats <np6-id>` command output includes the following headings:

- `ins44` installed IPv4 sessions
- `ins46` installed NAT46 sessions
- `del14` deleted IPv4 and NAT46 sessions
- `ins64` installed NAT64 sessions
- `ins66` installed IPv6 sessions
- `del16` deleted IPv6 and NAT64 sessions
- `e` is the error counter for each session type

```
diagnose npu np6 session-stats 0
qid  ins44    ins46    del14    ins64    ins66    del16
     ins44_e  ins46_e  del14_e  ins64_e  ins66_e  del16_e
-----
0    94        0        44        0         40        30
     0         0         0         0         0         0
1    84        0        32        0         30        28
     0         0         0         0         0         0
2    90        0        42        0         40        30
     0         0         0         0         0         0
3    86        0        32        0         24        27
     0         0         0         0         0         0
4    72        0        34        0         34        28
     0         0         0         0         0         0
5    86        0        30        0         28        32
     0         0         0         0         0         0
6    82        0        38        0         32        34
     0         0         0         0         0         0
7    86        0        30        0         30        30
     0         0         0         0         0         0
8    78        0        26        0         36        26
     0         0         0         0         0         0
9    86        0        34        0         32        32
     0         0         0         0         0         0
-----
Total 844      0        342      0         326      297
     0         0         0         0         0         0
-----
```

## diagnose npu np6 ipsec-stats (NP6 IPsec statistics)

The command output includes IPv4, IPv6, and NAT46 IPsec information:

- spi\_ses4 is the IPv4 counter
- spi\_ses6 is the IPv6 counter
- 4to6\_ses is the NAT46 counter

```

diagnose npu np6 ipsec-stats
vif_start_oid      03ed      vif_end_oid      03fc
IPsec Virtual interface stats:
vif_get            0000000000      vif_get_expired  0000000000
vif_get_fail      0000000000      vif_get_invl     0000000000
vif_set           0000000000      vif_set_fail     0000000000
vif_clear        0000000000      vif_clear_fail   0000000000
np6_0:
sa_install       0000000000      sa_ins_fail      0000000000
sa_remove       0000000000      sa_del_fail      0000000000
4to6_ses_ins    0000000000      4to6_ses_ins_fail 0000000000
4to6_ses_del    0000000000      4to6_ses_del_fail 0000000000
spi_ses6_ins    0000000000      spi_ses6_ins_fail 0000000000
spi_ses6_del    0000000000      spi_ses6_del_fail 0000000000
spi_ses4_ins    0000000000      spi_ses4_ins_fail 0000000000
spi_ses4_del    0000000000      spi_ses4_del_fail 0000000000
sa_map_alloc_fail 0000000000      vif_alloc_fail   0000000000
sa_ins_null_adapter 0000000000      sa_del_null_adapter 0000000000
del_sa_mismatch 0000000000      ib_chk_null_adpt 0000000000
ib_chk_null_sa  0000000000      ob_chk_null_adpt 0000000000
ob_chk_null_sa  0000000000      rx_vif_miss      0000000000
rx_sa_miss      0000000000      rx_mark_miss     0000000000
waiting_ib_sa   0000000000      sa_mismatch      0000000000
msg_miss        0000000000
np6_1:
sa_install       0000000000      sa_ins_fail      0000000000
sa_remove       0000000000      sa_del_fail      0000000000
4to6_ses_ins    0000000000      4to6_ses_ins_fail 0000000000
4to6_ses_del    0000000000      4to6_ses_del_fail 0000000000
spi_ses6_ins    0000000000      spi_ses6_ins_fail 0000000000
spi_ses6_del    0000000000      spi_ses6_del_fail 0000000000
spi_ses4_ins    0000000000      spi_ses4_ins_fail 0000000000
spi_ses4_del    0000000000      spi_ses4_del_fail 0000000000
sa_map_alloc_fail 0000000000      vif_alloc_fail   0000000000
sa_ins_null_adapter 0000000000      sa_del_null_adapter 0000000000
del_sa_mismatch 0000000000      ib_chk_null_adpt 0000000000
ib_chk_null_sa  0000000000      ob_chk_null_adpt 0000000000
ob_chk_null_sa  0000000000      rx_vif_miss      0000000000
rx_sa_miss      0000000000      rx_mark_miss     0000000000
waiting_ib_sa   0000000000      sa_mismatch      0000000000
msg_miss        0000000000

```

## diagnose npu np6 sse-stats <np6-id> (number of NP6 sessions and dropped sessions)

This command displays the total number of inserted, deleted and purged sessions processed by a selected NP6 processor. The number of dropped sessions of each type can be determined by subtracting the number of successful sessions from the total number of sessions. For example, the total number of dropped insert sessions is `insert-total - insert-success`.

```
diagnose npu np6 sse-stats 0
Counters      SSE0          SSE1          Total
-----
active         0              0              0
insert-total   25             0              0
insert-success 25             0              0
delete-total   25             0              0
delete-success 25             0              0
purge-total    0              0              0
purge-success  0              0              0
search-total   40956          38049         79005
search-hit     37714          29867         67581
-----
pht-size       8421376        8421376
oft-size       8355840        8355840
oftfree        8355839        8355839
PBA            3001
```

## diagnose npu np6 dce <np6-id> (number of dropped NP6 packets)

This command displays the number of dropped packets for the selected NP6 processor.

- IHP1\_PKTCHK number of dropped IP packets
- IPSEC0\_ENGINB0 number of dropped IPSec
- TPE\_SHAPER number of dropped traffic sharper packets

```
diag npu np6 dce 1
IHP1_PKTCHK :0000000000001833 [5b] IPSEC0_ENGINB0 :000000000000003 [80]
TPE_SHAPER  :0000000000000552 [94]
```

## diagnose hardware deviceinfo nic <interface-name> (number of packets dropped by an interface)

This command displays a wide variety of statistics for FortiGate interfaces. The fields `Host Rx dropped` and `Host Tx dropped` display the number of received and transmitted packets that have been dropped.

```
diagnose hardware deviceinfo nic port2
...
===== Counters =====
Rx Pkts          :20482043
Rx Bytes        :31047522516
Tx Pkts          :19000495
Tx Bytes        :1393316953
Host Rx Pkts    :27324
Host Rx Bytes   :1602755
Host Rx dropped :0
Host Tx Pkts    :8741
Host Tx Bytes   :5731300
Host Tx dropped :0
sw_rx_pkts     :20482043
sw_rx_bytes    :31047522516
sw_tx_pkts     :19000495
sw_tx_bytes    :1393316953
sw_np_rx_pkts  :19000495
sw_np_rx_bytes :1469318933
sw_np_tx_pkts  :20482042
sw_np_tx_bytes :31129450620
```

## diagnose npu np6 synproxy-stats (NP6 SYN-proxied sessions and unacknowledged SYNs)

This command display information about NP6 syn-proxy sessions including the total number proxied sessions. As well the Number of attacks, no ACK from client shows the total number of acknowledged SYNs.

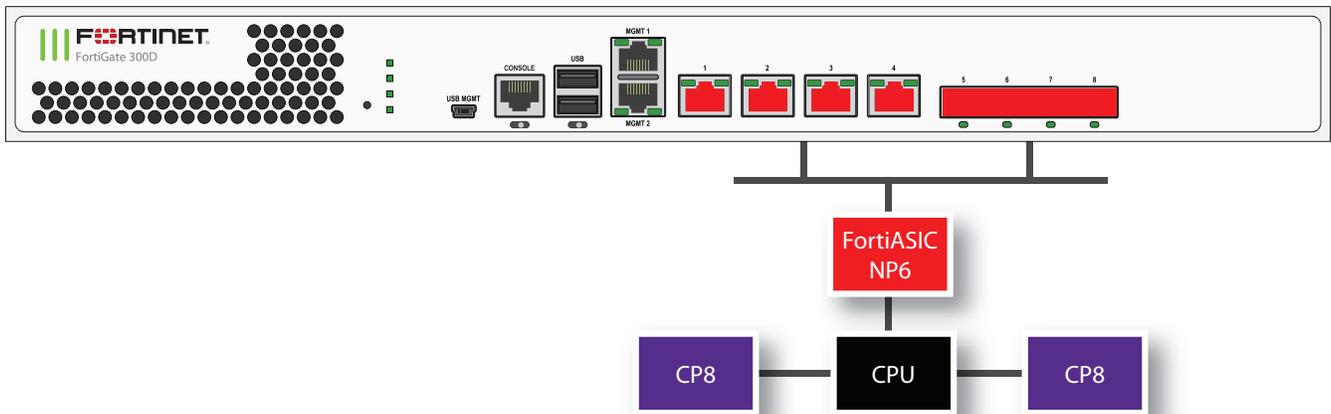
```
diagnose npu np6 synproxy-stats
DoS SYN-Proxy:
Number of proxied TCP connections : 39277346
Number of working proxied TCP connections : 182860
Number of retired TCP connections : 39094486
Number of attacks, no ACK from client : 208
```

# FortiGate NP6 architectures

This chapter shows the NP6 architecture for FortiGate models that include NP6 processors.

## FortiGate 300D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 300D includes one NP6 processor connected to four 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port1-4) and four 1Gb SFP interfaces (port5-port8).



You can use the following `get` command to display the FortiGate 300D NP6 configuration. The command output shows one NP6 named NP6\_0 and the interfaces (ports) connected to it. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port5  1G   Yes
      1  port7  1G   Yes
      1  port8  1G   Yes
      1  port6  1G   Yes
      1  port3  1G   Yes
      1  port4  1G   Yes
      1  port1  1G   Yes
      1  port2  1G   Yes
      2
      3
-----
```

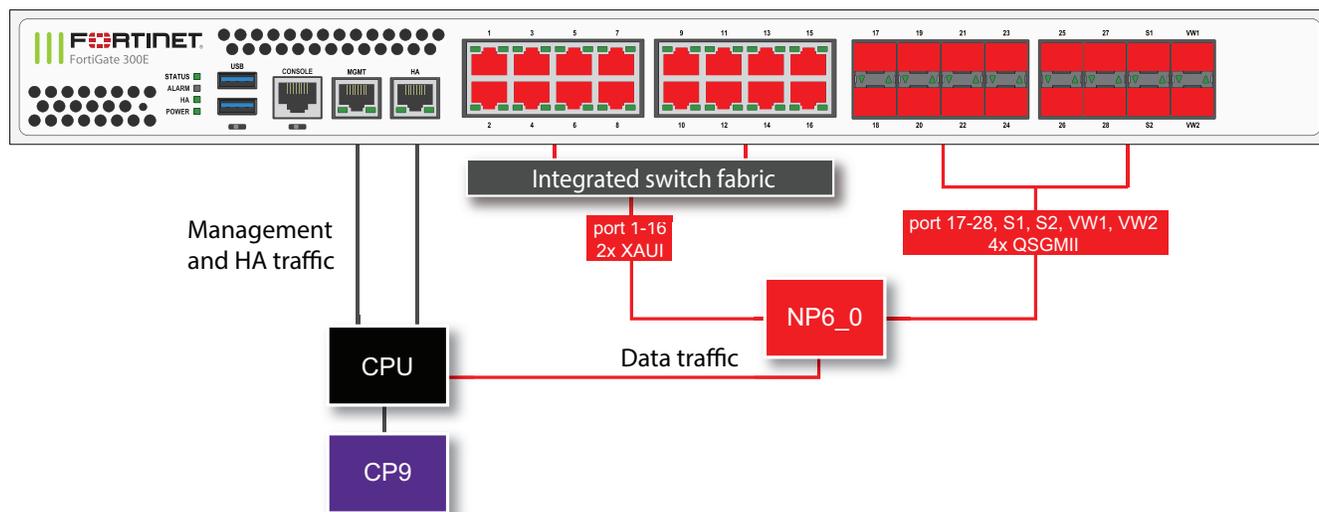
## FortiGate 300E and 301E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 300E and 301E each include one NP6 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the NP6 processor to the CPU. Interfaces 1 to 16 connect to an integrated switch fabric to allow these sixteen interfaces to share two XAUI ports that connect to the NP6 processor. Interfaces 17 to 28, S1, S2, VW1 and VW2 each connect to one of four QSGMII ports that connect them to the NP6 processor.

The FortiGate 300E and 301E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGNT and HA, not connected to the NP6 processor)
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 16)
- Sixteen 1 GigE SFP (17 - 28, S1, S2, VW1, VW2) (S1 and S2 are configured as sniffer interfaces, VW1 and VW2 are configured as virtual wire interfaces)

The following diagram also shows the XAUI and QSGMII port connections between the NP6 processor and the front panel interfaces.



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 300E or 301E NP6 configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

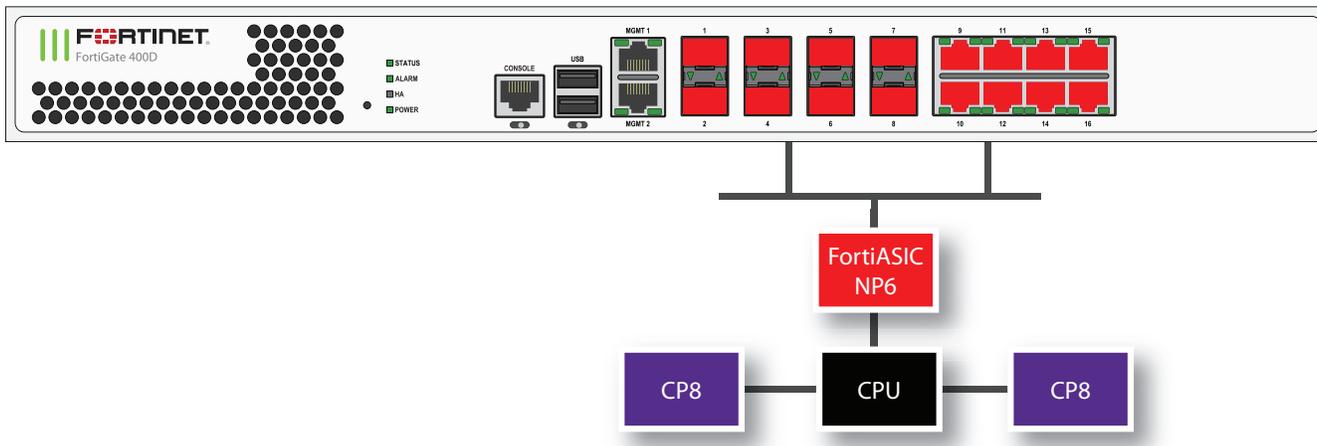
```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0  port1          1G  Yes
      0  port2          1G  Yes
```

0	port3	1G	Yes
0	port4	1G	Yes
0	port5	1G	Yes
0	port6	1G	Yes
0	port7	1G	Yes
0	port8	1G	Yes
1	port9	1G	Yes
1	port10	1G	Yes
1	port11	1G	Yes
1	port12	1G	Yes
1	port13	1G	Yes
1	port14	1G	Yes
1	port15	1G	Yes
1	port16	1G	Yes
2	port17	1G	Yes
2	port18	1G	Yes
2	port19	1G	Yes
2	port20	1G	Yes
2	port21	1G	Yes
2	port22	1G	Yes
2	port23	1G	Yes
2	port2	1G	Yes
3	port25	1G	Yes
3	port26	1G	Yes
3	port27	1G	Yes
3	port28	1G	Yes
3	s1	1G	Yes
3	s2	1G	Yes
3	vw1	1G	Yes
3	vw2	1G	Yes

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## FortiGate 400D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 400D includes one NP6 processor connected to eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port1-port8) and eight 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port9-16).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 400D NP6 configuration. The command output shows one NP6 named NP6\_0 and the interfaces (ports) connected to it. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port10  1G   Yes
      1  port9   1G   Yes
      1  port12  1G   Yes
      1  port11  1G   Yes
      1  port14  1G   Yes
      1  port13  1G   Yes
      1  port16  1G   Yes
      1  port15  1G   Yes
      1  port5   1G   Yes
      1  port7   1G   Yes
      1  port8   1G   Yes
      1  port6   1G   Yes
      1  port3   1G   Yes
      1  port4   1G   Yes
      1  port1   1G   Yes
      1  port2   1G   Yes
      2
      3
-----
```

## FortiGate 400E and 401E fast path architecture

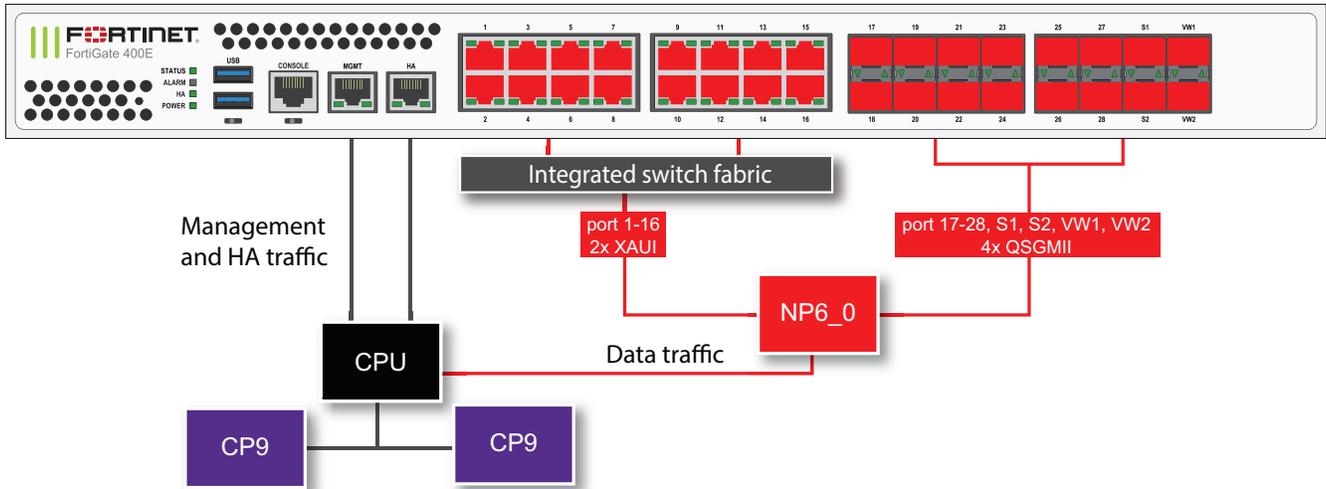
The FortiGate 400E and 401E each include one NP6 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the NP6 processor to the CPU. Interfaces 1 to 16 connect to an integrated switch fabric to allow these

sixteen interfaces to share two XAUI ports that connect to the NP6 processor. Interfaces 17 to 28, S1, S2, VW1 and VW2 each connect to one of four QSGMII ports that connect them to the NP6 processor.

The FortiGate 400E and 401E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT and HA, not connected to the NP6 processor)
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 16)
- Sixteen 1 GigE SFP (17 - 28, S1, S2, VW1, VW2) (S1 and S2 are configured as sniffer interfaces, VW1 and VW2 are configured as virtual wire interfaces)

The following diagram also shows the XAUI and QSGMII port connections between the NP6 processor and the integrated switch fabric.



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 400E or 401E NP6 configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0  port1          1G  Yes
      0  port2          1G  Yes
      0  port3          1G  Yes
      0  port4          1G  Yes
      0  port5          1G  Yes
      0  port6          1G  Yes
      0  port7          1G  Yes
      0  port8          1G  Yes
      1  port9          1G  Yes
      1  port10         1G  Yes
    
```

1	port11	1G	Yes
1	port12	1G	Yes
1	port13	1G	Yes
1	port14	1G	Yes
1	port15	1G	Yes
1	port16	1G	Yes
2	port17	1G	Yes
2	port18	1G	Yes
2	port19	1G	Yes
2	port20	1G	Yes
2	port21	1G	Yes
2	port22	1G	Yes
2	port23	1G	Yes
2	port2	1G	Yes
3	port25	1G	Yes
3	port26	1G	Yes
3	port27	1G	Yes
3	port28	1G	Yes
3	s1	1G	Yes
3	s2	1G	Yes
3	vw1	1G	Yes
3	vw2	1G	Yes

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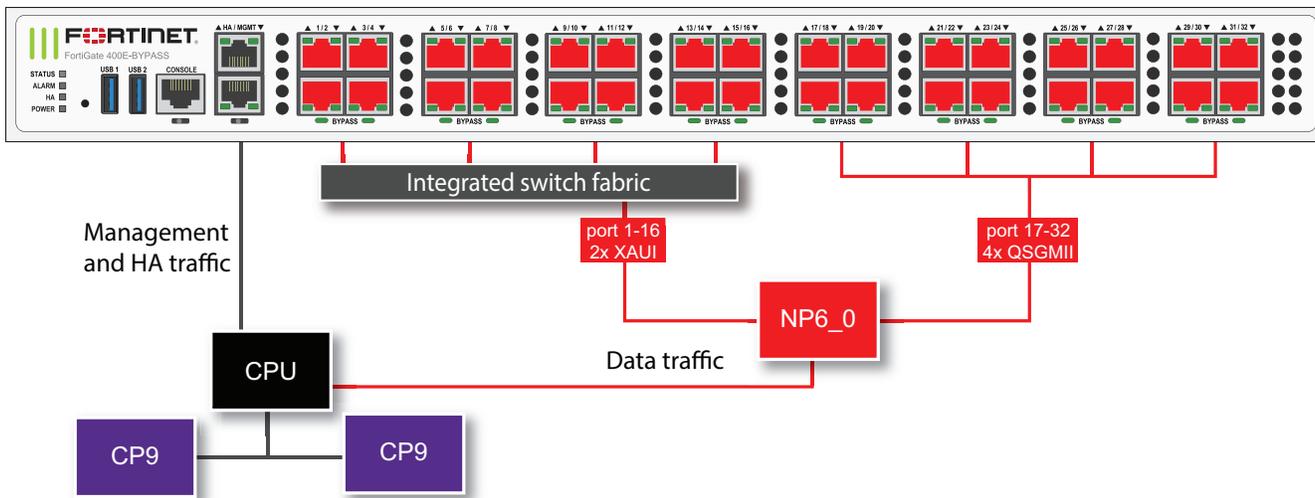
## FortiGate 400E Bypass fast path architecture

The FortiGate 400E Bypass includes one NP6 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the NP6 processor to the CPU. Interfaces 1 to 16 connect to an integrated switch fabric to allow these sixteen interfaces to share two XAUI ports that connect to the NP6 processor. Interfaces 17 to 20, 21 to 24, 25 to 28, and 29 to 32 each connect to one of four QSGMII ports that connect them to the NP6 processor.

The FortiGate 400E Bypass model features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT and HA, not connected to the NP6 processor)
- Thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 32) that make up sixteen copper virtual wire bypass pairs

The following diagram also shows the XAUI and QSGMII port connections between the NP6 processor and the integrated switch fabric.



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 400E Bypass NP6 configuration. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0  port1          1G  Yes
      0  port2          1G  Yes
      0  port3          1G  Yes
      0  port4          1G  Yes
      0  port5          1G  Yes
      0  port6          1G  Yes
      0  port7          1G  Yes
      0  port8          1G  Yes
      1  port9          1G  Yes
      1  port10         1G  Yes
      1  port11         1G  Yes
      1  port12         1G  Yes
      1  port13         1G  Yes
      1  port14         1G  Yes
      1  port15         1G  Yes
      1  port16         1G  Yes
      2  port17         1G  Yes
      2  port18         1G  Yes
      2  port19         1G  Yes
      2  port20         1G  Yes
      2  port21         1G  Yes
      2  port22         1G  Yes
    
```

2	port23	1G	Yes
2	port24	1G	Yes
3	port25	1G	Yes
3	port26	1G	Yes
3	port27	1G	Yes
3	port28	1G	Yes
3	port29	1G	Yes
3	port30	1G	Yes
3	port31	1G	Yes
3	port32	1G	Yes

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## Bypass interfaces

The FortiGate 400E Bypass includes sixteen bypass interface pairs that can provide fail open support for up to sixteen networks. Each consecutively numbered pair of interfaces can be configured to operate as a bypass pair by adding the interfaces to a virtual wire bypass pair. Interface 1 and 2, interface 3 and 4, interface 5 and interface 6, and so on can form virtual wire bypass pairs.

When bypass mode is activated, the interfaces in each virtual wire bypass pair are directly connected. Traffic can pass between these interfaces, bypassing the FortiOS firewall and the NP6 processor, but continuing to provide network connectivity.

In bypass mode, each virtual wire bypass pair acts like a patch cable, failing open and allowing all traffic to pass through. Traffic on the virtual wire bypass pair interfaces that are using VLANs or other network extensions can only continue flowing if the connected network equipment is configured for these features.

If the FortiGate 400E Bypass fails or loses power, the virtual wire bypass pairs will continue to operate in bypass mode until the failed device is replaced or power is restored. If power is restored and the FortiGate 400E Bypass starts up, the device resumes operating as a FortiGate device without interrupting traffic flow. Replacing a failed FortiGate 400E Bypass disrupts traffic while the technician physically replaces the failed device with a new one.

If bypass mode is enabled because of a software or hardware failure, the virtual wire bypass pairs continue to operate in bypass mode until the FortiGate 400E Bypass restarts. You can configure the FortiGate 400E Bypass to resume normal operation after a restart or to keep the virtual wire bypass pairs operating in bypass mode after a restart.

## Configuring bypass settings

You can use the following command to configure how bypass operates.

```
config system bypass
  set bypass-watchdog {disable | enable}
  set bypass-timeout {1 | 10 | 60}
  set auto-recover {disable | enable}
end
```

`bypass-watchdog enable` to turn on the bypass watchdog. The bypass watchdog monitors traffic passing between interfaces in each of the virtual wire bypass pairs. If the watchdog detects that traffic is blocked on any virtual wire bypass pair, that virtual wire bypass pair switches to bypass mode.

`bypass-timeout` select the amount of time the bypass watchdog waits after detecting a failure before enabling bypass mode. You can select to wait 1, 10, or 60 seconds. The default timeout is 10 seconds.

`auto-recover` enable to cause all virtual wire bypass pairs to return to normal operation after bypass mode has been turned on and then the FortiGate 400E Bypass has restarted. Disable to keep virtual wire bypass pairs in bypass mode, if bypass mode was turned on and the FortiGate 400E Bypass has restarted.

## Creating a virtual wire bypass pair

Use the following command to configure two interfaces to act as a virtual wire bypass pair. FortiGate 400E Bypass interfaces that are not configured in this way will operate in the same way as any FortiGate interfaces and not as bypass pairs.

```
config system virtual-wire-pair
  edit <name>
    set member <interface> <interface>
    set poweron-bypass {disable | enable}
    set poweroff-bypass {disable | enable}
  end
```

`<interface> <interface>` the interfaces in the virtual wire bypass pair have to be two interfaces that can form a bypass pair. For example port1 and port2, port3 and port4, and so on can form virtual wire bypass pairs.

`poweron-bypass` enable bypass mode for this virtual wire bypass pair when the FortiGate 400E Bypass is powered on. With this mode enabled, the virtual wire bypass pair can switch to bypass mode if the bypass watchdog detects a failure while the FortiGate 400E Bypass is operating.

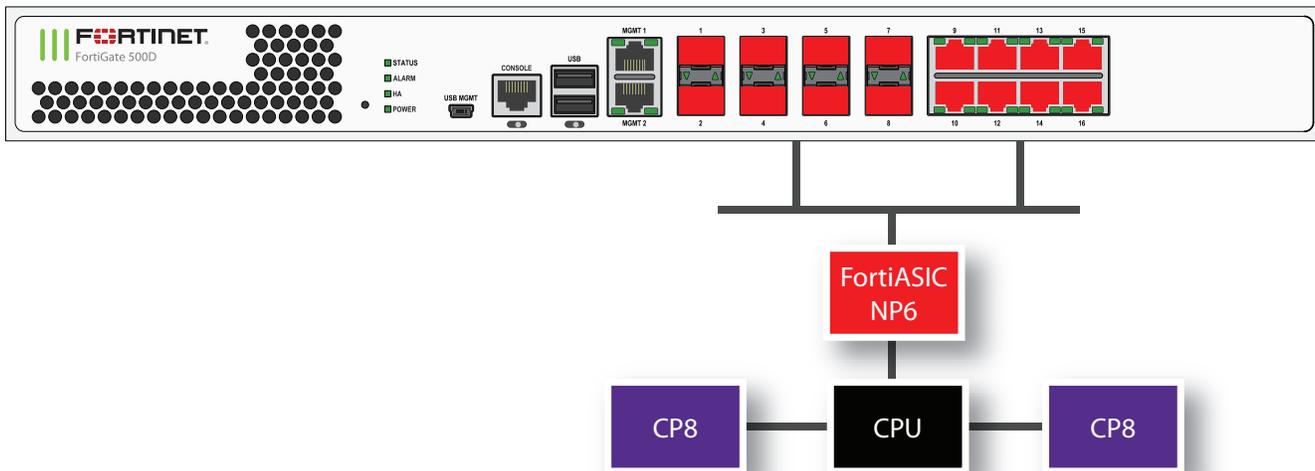
`poweroff-bypass` enable bypass mode for this virtual wire bypass pair when the FortiGate 400E Bypass loses power or is powered off.

For example, use the following command to configure port5 and port6 to operate as a virtual wire bypass pair that will switch to bypass mode if the bypass watchdog detects a failure or if the FortiGate 400E bypass is powered off.

```
config system virtual-wire-pair
  edit <name>
    set member port5 port6
    set poweron-bypass enable
    set poweroff-bypass enable
  end
```

## FortiGate 500D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 500D includes one NP6 processor connected to eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port1-port8) and eight 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port9-16).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 500D NP6 configuration. The command output shows one NP6 named NP6\_0 and the interfaces (ports) connected to it. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port10  1G   Yes
      1  port9   1G   Yes
      1  port12  1G   Yes
      1  port11  1G   Yes
      1  port14  1G   Yes
      1  port13  1G   Yes
      1  port16  1G   Yes
      1  port15  1G   Yes
      1  port5   1G   Yes
      1  port7   1G   Yes
      1  port8   1G   Yes
      1  port6   1G   Yes
      1  port3   1G   Yes
      1  port4   1G   Yes
      1  port1   1G   Yes
      1  port2   1G   Yes
      2
      3
-----
```

## FortiGate 500E and 501E fast path architecture

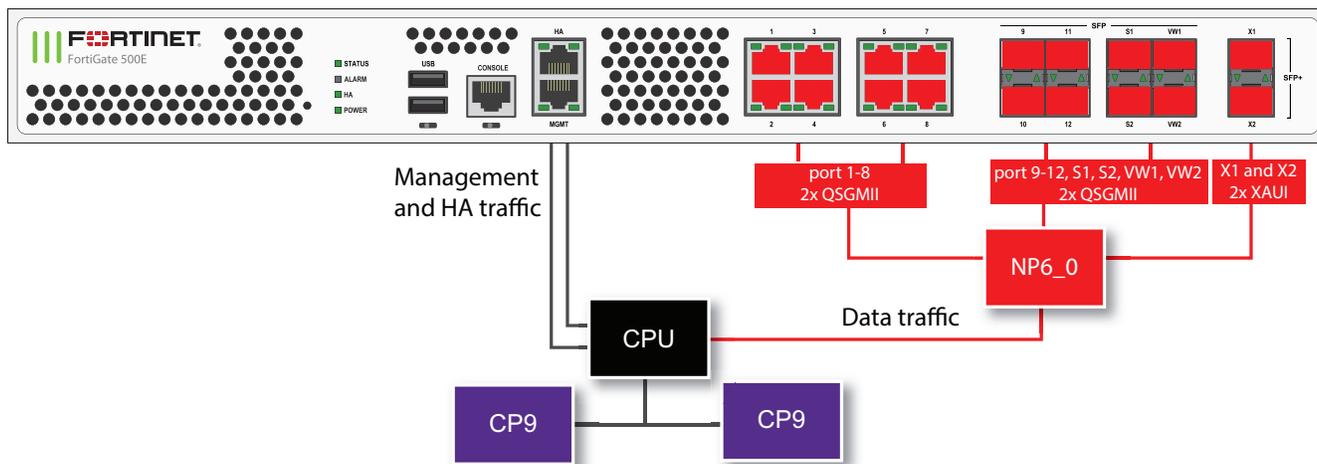
The FortiGate 500E and 501E each include one NP6 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the NP6 processor to the CPU. Interfaces 1 to 8 connect to one of two QSGMII ports that connect them

to the NP6 processor. Interfaces 9 to 12, S1, S2, VW1 and VW2 each connect to one of two QSGMII ports that connect them to the NP6 processor. Interfaces X1 and X2 each connect to one of two XAUI ports that connect them to the NP6 processor.

The FortiGate 500E and 501E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (HA and MGMT, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Eight 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 8)
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (9 - 12, S1, S2, VW1, VW2) (S1 and S2 are configured as sniffer interfaces, VW1 and VW2 are configured as virtual wire interfaces)
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ (X1 and X2) (cannot be configured to be SFP interfaces)

The following diagram also shows the QSGMII and XAUI port connections between the NP6 processor and the front panel interfaces.



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 500E or 501E NP6 configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0  x1             10G  Yes
      1  port1          1G   Yes
      1  port2          1G   Yes
      1  port3          1G   Yes
      1  port4          1G   Yes
      1  port5          1G   Yes
      1  port6          1G   Yes
      1  port7          1G   Yes
      1  port8          1G   Yes
    
```

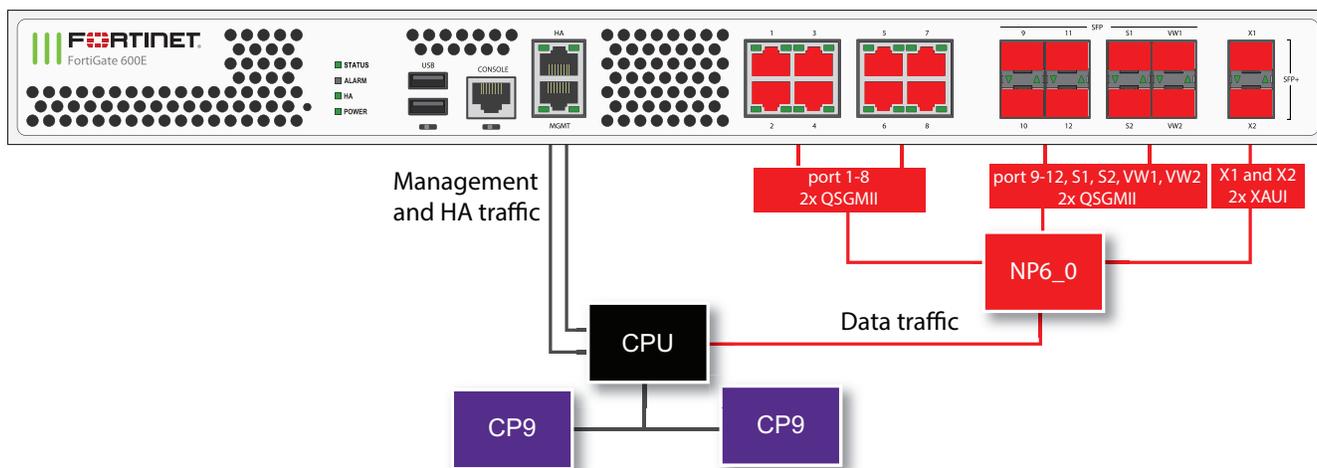
1	port9	1G	Yes
1	port10	1G	Yes
1	port11	1G	Yes
1	port12	1G	Yes
1	s1	1G	Yes
1	s2	1G	Yes
1	vw1	1G	Yes
1	vw2	1G	Yes
2	x2	10G	Yes
3			

## FortiGate 600E and 601E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 600E and 601E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (HA and MGMT, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Eight 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 8)
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (9 - 12, S1, S2, VW1, VW2) (S1 and S2 are configured as sniffer interfaces, VW1 and VW2 are configured as virtual wire interfaces)
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ (X1 and X2) (cannot be configured to be SFP interfaces)

The following diagram also shows the QSGMII and XAU1 port connections between the NP6 processor and the front panel interfaces.



The FortiGate 600E and 601E each include one NP6 processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the NP6 processor to the CPU.

The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic

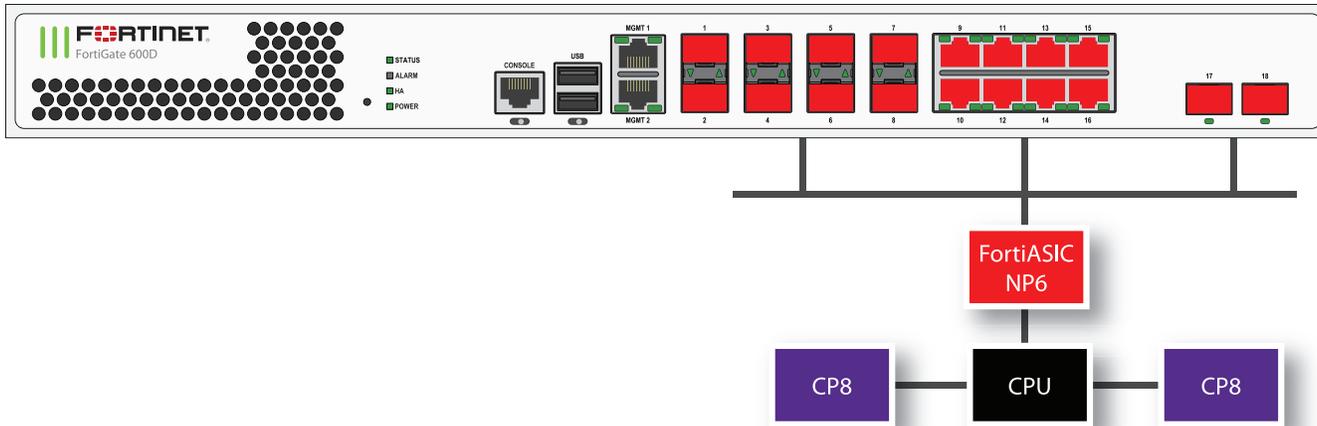
from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 600E or 601E NP6 configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   x1              10G  Yes
      1   port1           1G   Yes
      1   port2           1G   Yes
      1   port3           1G   Yes
      1   port4           1G   Yes
      1   port5           1G   Yes
      1   port6           1G   Yes
      1   port7           1G   Yes
      1   port8           1G   Yes
      1   port9           1G   Yes
      1   port10          1G   Yes
      1   port11          1G   Yes
      1   port12          1G   Yes
      1   s1              1G   Yes
      1   s2              1G   Yes
      1   vw1             1G   Yes
      1   vw2             1G   Yes
      2   x2              10G  Yes
      3
-----
```

## FortiGate 600D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 600D includes one NP6 processor connected to eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port1-port8) and eight 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port9-16) and two 10Gb SFP+ interfaces (port17 and port18).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 600D NP6 configuration. The command output shows one NP6 named NP6\_0 and the interfaces (ports) connected to it. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

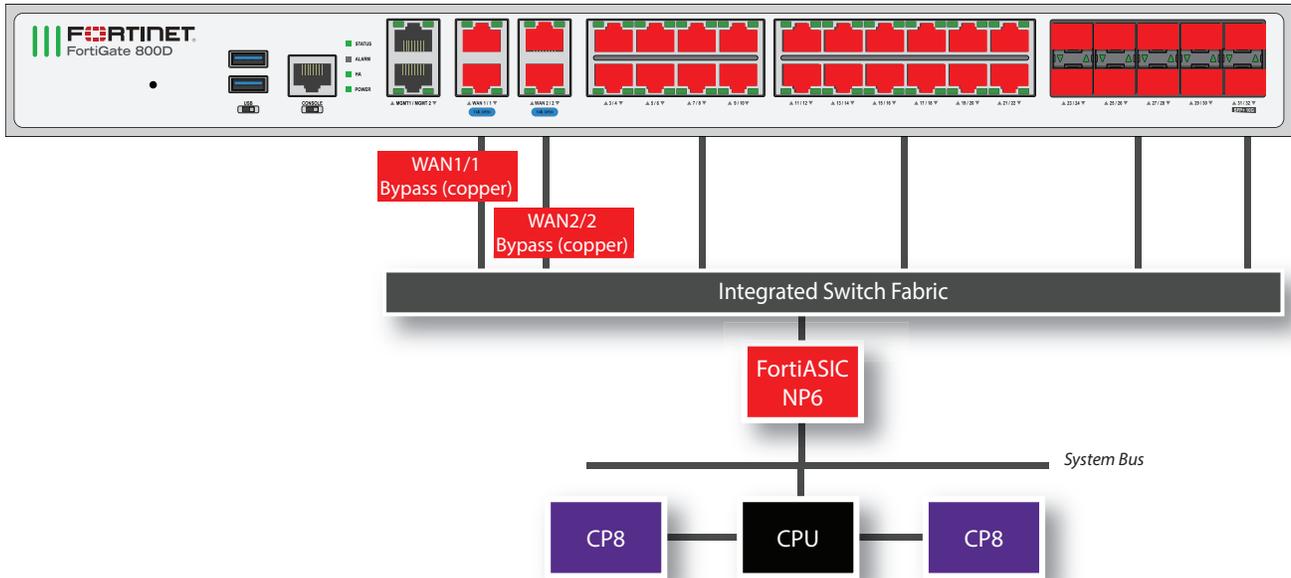
```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port10  1G  Yes
      1  port9   1G  Yes
      1  port12  1G  Yes
      1  port11  1G  Yes
      1  port14  1G  Yes
      1  port13  1G  Yes
      1  port16  1G  Yes
      1  port15  1G  Yes
      1  port5   1G  Yes
      1  port7   1G  Yes
      1  port8   1G  Yes
      1  port6   1G  Yes
      1  port3   1G  Yes
      1  port4   1G  Yes
      1  port1   1G  Yes
      1  port2   1G  Yes
      2  port17 10G  Yes
      3  port18 10G  Yes
-----
```

## FortiGate 800D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 800D includes one NP6 processor connected through an integrated switch fabric to all of the FortiGate 800D network interfaces. This hardware configuration supports NP6-accelerated fast path offloading for sessions between any of the FortiGate 800D interfaces.

The FortiGate 800D features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper bypass pairs (WAN1 and 1 and WAN2 and 2)
- Eighteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (3 to 22)
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (23 to 30)
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ (31 and 32)



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 800D NP6 configuration. The command output shows one NP6 named NP6\_0. The output also shows all of the FortiGate 800D interfaces (ports) connected to NP6\_0. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0 0   port31 10G  Yes
      1   wan1    1G   Yes
      1   port1   1G   Yes
      1   wan2    1G   Yes
      1   port2   1G   Yes
      1   port3   1G   Yes
      1   port4   1G   Yes
      1   port5   1G   Yes
      1   port6   1G   Yes
      1   port30  1G   Yes
      1   port29  1G   Yes
      1   port28  1G   Yes
      1   port27  1G   Yes
      1   port26  1G   Yes
      1   port25  1G   Yes
      1   port24  1G   Yes
      1   port23  1G   Yes
      2   port7   1G   Yes
```

2	port8	1G	Yes
2	port9	1G	Yes
2	port10	1G	Yes
2	port11	1G	Yes
2	port12	1G	Yes
2	port13	1G	Yes
2	port14	1G	Yes
2	port15	1G	Yes
2	port16	1G	Yes
2	port17	1G	Yes
2	port18	1G	Yes
2	port19	1G	Yes
2	port20	1G	Yes
2	port21	1G	Yes
2	port22	1G	Yes
3	port32	10G	Yes

-----

## Bypass interfaces (WAN1/1 and WAN2/2)

The FortiGate 800D includes two bypass interface pairs: WAN1 and 1 and WAN2 and 2 that provide fail open support. When a FortiGate 800D experiences a hardware failure or loses power, or when bypass mode is enabled, the bypass interface pairs operate in bypass mode. In bypass mode, WAN1 and 1 are directly connected and WAN2 and 2 are directly connected. Traffic can pass between WAN1 and 1 and between WAN2 and 2, bypassing the FortiOS firewall and the NP6 processor, but continuing to provide network connectivity.

In bypass mode, the bypass pairs act like patch cables, failing open and allowing all traffic to pass through. Traffic on the bypass interfaces that is using VLANs or other network extensions can only continue flowing if the connected network equipment is configured for these features.

The FortiGate 800D will continue to operate in bypass mode until the failed FortiGate 800D is replaced, power is restored, or bypass mode is disabled. If power is restored or bypass mode is disabled, the FortiGate 800D resumes operating as a FortiGate device without interrupting traffic flow. Replacing a failed FortiGate 800D disrupts traffic as a technician physically replaces the failed FortiGate 800D with a new one.

## Manually enabling bypass mode

You can manually enable bypass mode if the FortiGate 800D is operating in transparent mode. You can also manually enable bypass mode for a VDOM if WAN1 and 1 or WAN2 and 2 are both connected to the same VDOM operating in transparent mode.

Use the following command to enable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode enable
```

This command changes the configuration, so bypass mode will still be enabled if the FortiGate 800D restarts.

You can use the following command to disable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode disable
```

## Configuring bypass settings

You can use the following command to configure how bypass operates.

```
config system bypass
  set bypass-watchdog {disable | enable}
  set poweroff-bypass {disable | enable}
end
```

`bypass-watchdog enable` to turn on bypass mode. When bypass mode is turned on, if the bypass watchdog detects a software or hardware failure, bypass mode will be activated.

`poweroff-bypass` if enabled, traffic will be able to pass between WAN1 and 1 and between WAN2 and 2 if the FortiGate 800D is powered off.

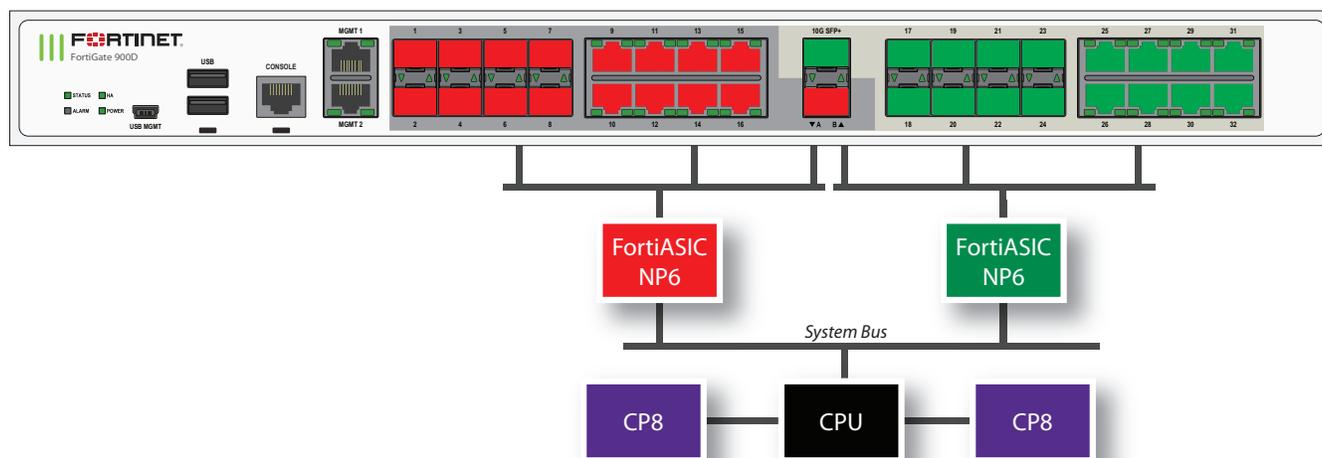
## FortiGate 900D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 900D includes two NP6 processors that are not connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF). Without an ISF, traffic through a FortiGate 900D could experience lower latency than traffic through similar hardware with an ISF. The NP6 processors are connected to network interfaces as follows:



Because the FortiGate 900D does not have an ISF you cannot create Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) that include interfaces connected to both NP6 processors.

- Eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port17-port24), eight 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet interfaces (port25-32) and one 10Gb SFP+ interface (portB) share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- Eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port1-port8), eight RJ-45 Ethernet interfaces (port9-16) and one 10Gb SFP+ interface (portA) share connections to the second NP6 processor.



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 900D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port17  1G   Yes
      1  port18  1G   Yes
      1  port19  1G   Yes
      1  port20  1G   Yes
      1  port21  1G   Yes
      1  port22  1G   Yes
      1  port23  1G   Yes
      1  port24  1G   Yes
      1  port27  1G   Yes
      1  port28  1G   Yes
      1  port25  1G   Yes
      1  port26  1G   Yes
      1  port31  1G   Yes
      1  port32  1G   Yes
      1  port29  1G   Yes
      1  port30  1G   Yes
      2  portB  10G  Yes
      3
-----
np6_1  0
      1  port1    1G   Yes
      1  port2    1G   Yes
      1  port3    1G   Yes
      1  port4    1G   Yes
      1  port5    1G   Yes
      1  port6    1G   Yes
      1  port7    1G   Yes
      1  port8    1G   Yes
      1  port11   1G   Yes
      1  port12   1G   Yes
      1  port9    1G   Yes
      1  port10   1G   Yes
      1  port15   1G   Yes
      1  port16   1G   Yes
      1  port13   1G   Yes
      1  port14   1G   Yes
      2  portA   10G  Yes
      3
```

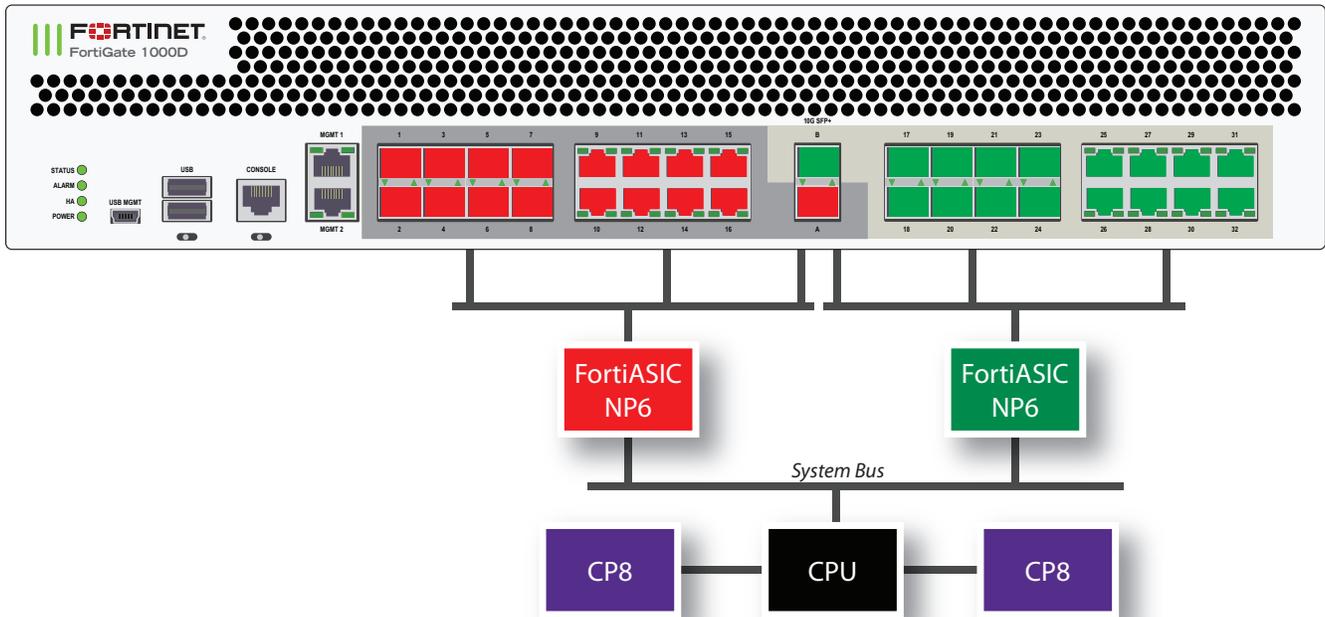
## FortiGate 1000D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1000D includes two NP6 processors that are not connected by an integrated switch fabric (ISF). The NP6 processors are connected to network interfaces as follows:



Because the FortiGate 1000D does not have an ISF you cannot create Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) or redundant interfaces that include interfaces connected to both NP6 processors.

- Eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port17-port24), eight 1Gb RJ-45 Ethernet interfaces (port25-32) and one 10Gb SFP+ interface (portB) share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- Eight 1Gb SFP interfaces (port1-port8), eight RJ-45 Ethernet interfaces (port9-16) and one 10Gb SFP+ interface (portA) share connections to the second NP6 processor.



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 1000D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

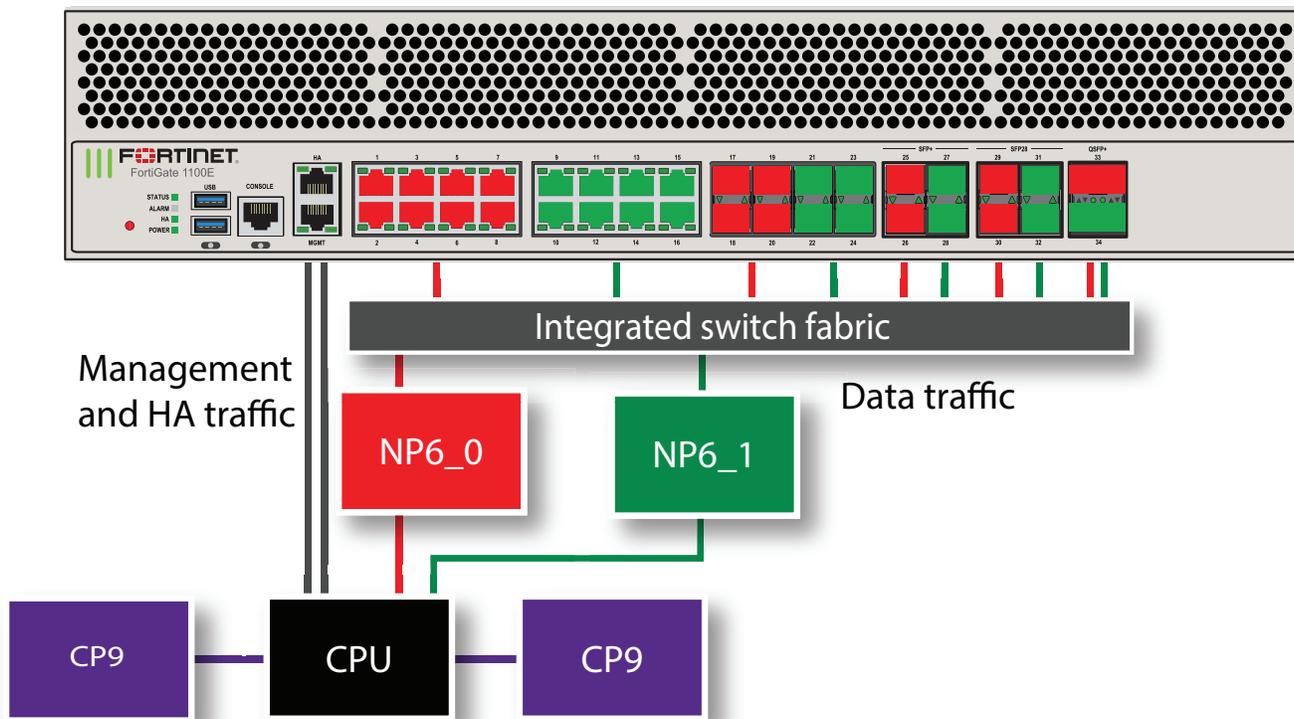
```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0
      1  port17  1G   Yes
      1  port18  1G   Yes
      1  port19  1G   Yes
      1  port20  1G   Yes
      1  port21  1G   Yes
      1  port22  1G   Yes
      1  port23  1G   Yes
      1  port24  1G   Yes
      1  port27  1G   Yes
      1  port28  1G   Yes
      1  port25  1G   Yes
      1  port26  1G   Yes
      1  port31  1G   Yes
      1  port32  1G   Yes
```

1	port29	1G	Yes
1	port30	1G	Yes
2	portB	10G	Yes
3			
-----			
np6_1	0		
	1	port1	1G Yes
1	port2	1G	Yes
1	port3	1G	Yes
1	port4	1G	Yes
1	port5	1G	Yes
1	port6	1G	Yes
1	port7	1G	Yes
1	port8	1G	Yes
1	port11	1G	Yes
1	port12	1G	Yes
1	port9	1G	Yes
1	port10	1G	Yes
1	port15	1G	Yes
1	port16	1G	Yes
1	port13	1G	Yes
1	port14	1G	Yes
2	portA	10G	Yes
3			

## FortiGate 1100E and 1101E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1100E and 1101E each include two NP6 processors. All front panel data interfaces and both NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (HA and MGMT, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 16)
- Eight 1 GigE SFP (17 - 24)
- Four 10 GigE SFP+ (25 - 28)
- Four 1/10/25 GigE SFP28 (29 - 32) interface group: 29 - 32. Every time you change the speed of one of these interfaces from 25Gbps to 10Gbps or 1Gbps or from 10Gbps or 1Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of the other interfaces in the group also change to that speed. When you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change.
- Two 40 GigE QSFP+ (33 and 34)



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 1100E or 1101E NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. This interface to NP6 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

The command output also shows the XAUI configuration for each NP6 processor. Each NP6 processor has a 40-Gigabit bandwidth capacity. Traffic passes to each NP6 processor over four 10-Gigabit XAUI links. The XAUI links are numbered 0 to 3.

You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          QSGMII Max  Cross-chip
                        Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port20             NA    1G    Yes
        0    port1              NA    1G    Yes
        0    port2              NA    1G    Yes
        1    port19             NA    1G    Yes
        1    port3              NA    1G    Yes
    
```

1	port4	NA	1G	Yes	
2	port18	NA	1G	Yes	
2	port5	NA	1G	Yes	
2	port6	NA	1G	Yes	
3	port17	NA	1G	Yes	
3	port7	NA	1G	Yes	
3	port8	NA	1G	Yes	
0-3	port25	NA	10G	Yes	
0-3	port26	NA	10G	Yes	
0-3	port29	NA	25G	Yes	
0-3	port30	NA	25G	Yes	
0-3	port33	NA	40G	Yes	
-----					
np6_1	0	port24	NA	1G	Yes
	0	port9	NA	1G	Yes
	0	port10	NA	1G	Yes
	1	port23	NA	1G	Yes
	1	port11	NA	1G	Yes
	1	port12	NA	1G	Yes
	2	port22	NA	1G	Yes
	2	port13	NA	1G	Yes
	2	port14	NA	1G	Yes
	3	port21	NA	1G	Yes
	3	port15	NA	1G	Yes
	3	port16	NA	1G	Yes
	0-3	port27	NA	10G	Yes
	0-3	port28	NA	10G	Yes
	0-3	port31	NA	25G	Yes
	0-3	port32	NA	25G	Yes
	0-3	port34	NA	40G	Yes
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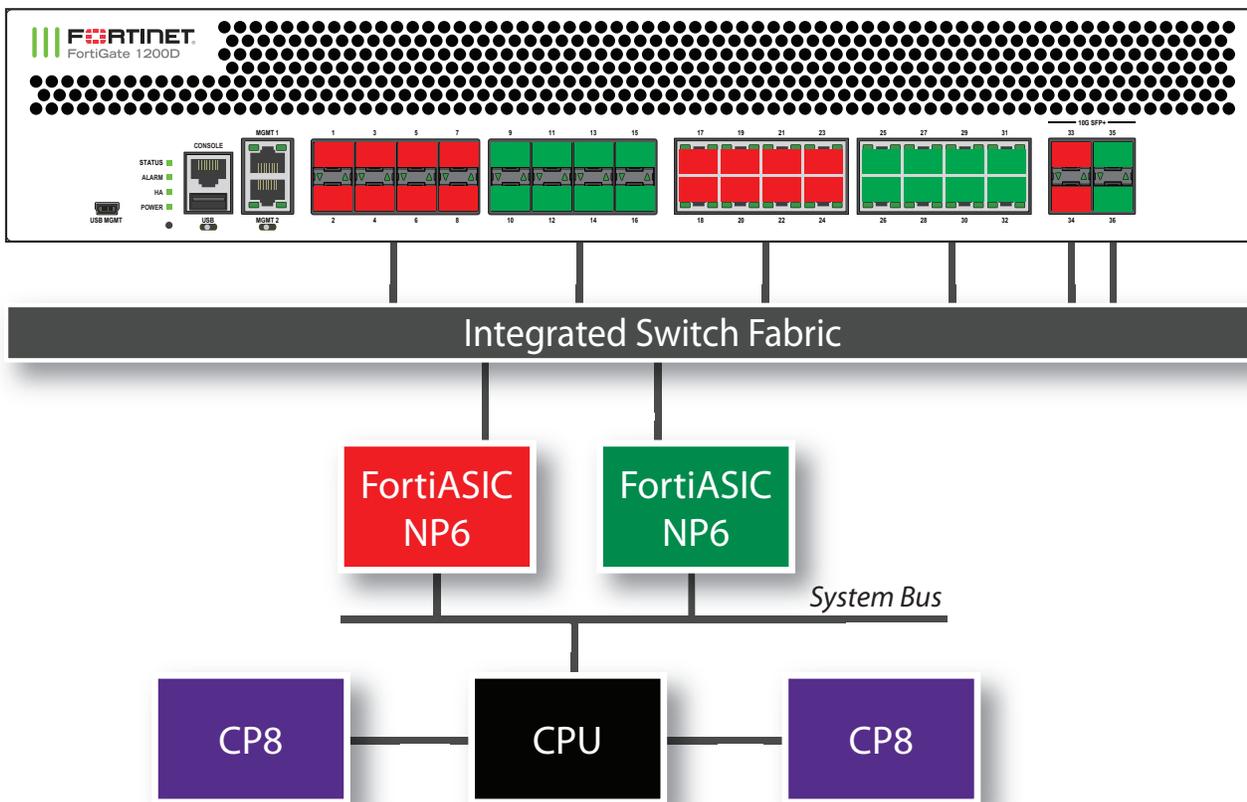
Distributing traffic evenly among the NP6 processors can optimize performance. For details, see [Optimizing NP6 performance by distributing traffic to XAUI links on page 143](#).

You can also add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

## FortiGate 1200D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1200D features two NP6 processors both connected to an integrated switch fabric.

- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port1-port8), eight RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port17-24) and two SFP+ 10Gb interfaces (port33 and port34) share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port9-port16), eight RJ-45 Ethernet ports (port25-32) and two SFP+ 10Gb interfaces (port35-port36) share connections to the second NP6 processor.



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 1200D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port33  10G  Yes
      1    port34  10G  Yes
      2    port1   1G   Yes
      2    port3   1G   Yes
      2    port5   1G   Yes
      2    port7   1G   Yes
      2    port17  1G   Yes
      2    port19  1G   Yes
      2    port21  1G   Yes
      2    port23  1G   Yes
      3    port2   1G   Yes
      3    port4   1G   Yes
      3    port6   1G   Yes
      3    port8   1G   Yes
      3    port18  1G   Yes
      3    port20  1G   Yes
      3    port22  1G   Yes
```

	3	port24	1G	Yes
-----				
np6_1	0	port35	10G	Yes
	1	port36	10G	Yes
	2	port9	1G	Yes
	2	port11	1G	Yes
	2	port13	1G	Yes
	2	port15	1G	Yes
	2	port25	1G	Yes
	2	port27	1G	Yes
	2	port29	1G	Yes
	2	port31	1G	Yes
	3	port10	1G	Yes
	3	port12	1G	Yes
	3	port14	1G	Yes
	3	port16	1G	Yes
	3	port26	1G	Yes
	3	port28	1G	Yes
	3	port30	1G	Yes
	3	port32	1G	Yes
-----				

## Improving FortiGate 1200D connections per second performance

On the FortiGate 1200D, you can use the following command to potentially improve connections per second (CPS) performance:

```
config system npu
  set np6-cps-optimization-mode {disable | enable}
end
```

Disabled by default, enabling this option can increase CPS performance by using more CPUs for interrupt processing. If your FortiGate 1200D is processing very large numbers sessions with short life times, you can try enabling this feature to see if performance improves.

Enabling or disabling `np6-cps-optimization-mode` requires a system restart. You should only change this setting during a maintenance window or quiet period.

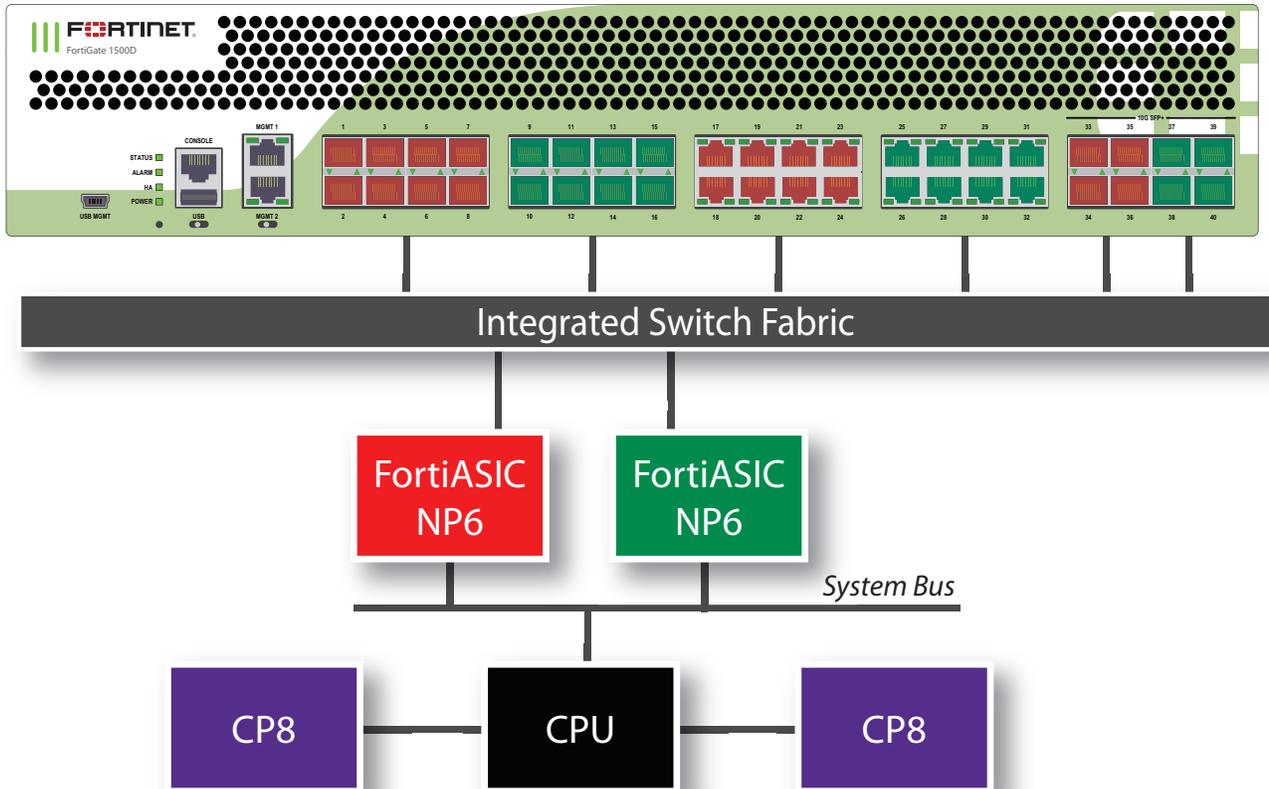


A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

# FortiGate 1500D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1500D features two NP6 processors both connected to an integrated switch fabric.

- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port1-port8), eight RJ-45 1Gb Ethernet interfaces (port17-24) and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces (port33-port36) share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port9-port16), eight RJ-45 1Gb Ethernet interfaces (port25-32) and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces (port37-port40) share connections to the second NP6 processor.



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 1500D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   port1             1G   Yes
      0   port5             1G   Yes
      0   port17            1G   Yes
      0   port21            1G   Yes
      0   port33            10G  Yes
      1   port2             1G   Yes
      1   port6             1G   Yes
```

1	port18	1G	Yes	
1	port22	1G	Yes	
1	port34	10G	Yes	
2	port3	1G	Yes	
2	port7	1G	Yes	
2	port19	1G	Yes	
2	port23	1G	Yes	
2	port35	10G	Yes	
3	port4	1G	Yes	
3	port8	1G	Yes	
3	port20	1G	Yes	
3	port24	1G	Yes	
3	port36	10G	Yes	
-----				
np6_1	0	port9	1G	Yes
	0	port13	1G	Yes
	0	port25	1G	Yes
	0	port29	1G	Yes
	0	port37	10G	Yes
	1	port10	1G	Yes
	1	port14	1G	Yes
	1	port26	1G	Yes
	1	port30	1G	Yes
	1	port38	10G	Yes
	2	port11	1G	Yes
	2	port15	1G	Yes
	2	port27	1G	Yes
	2	port31	1G	Yes
	2	port39	10G	Yes
	3	port12	1G	Yes
	3	port16	1G	Yes
	3	port28	1G	Yes
	3	port32	1G	Yes
	3	port40	10G	Yes
-----				

## Improving FortiGate 1500D connections per second performance

On the FortiGate 1500D, you can use the following command to potentially improve connections per second (CPS) performance:

```
config system npu
  set np6-cps-optimization-mode {disable | enable}
end
```

Disabled by default, enabling this option can increase CPS performance by using more CPUs for interrupt processing. If your FortiGate 1500D is processing very large numbers sessions with short life times, you can try enabling this feature to see if performance improves.

Enabling or disabling `np6-cps-optimization-mode` requires a system restart. You should only change this setting during a maintenance window or quiet period.



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A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

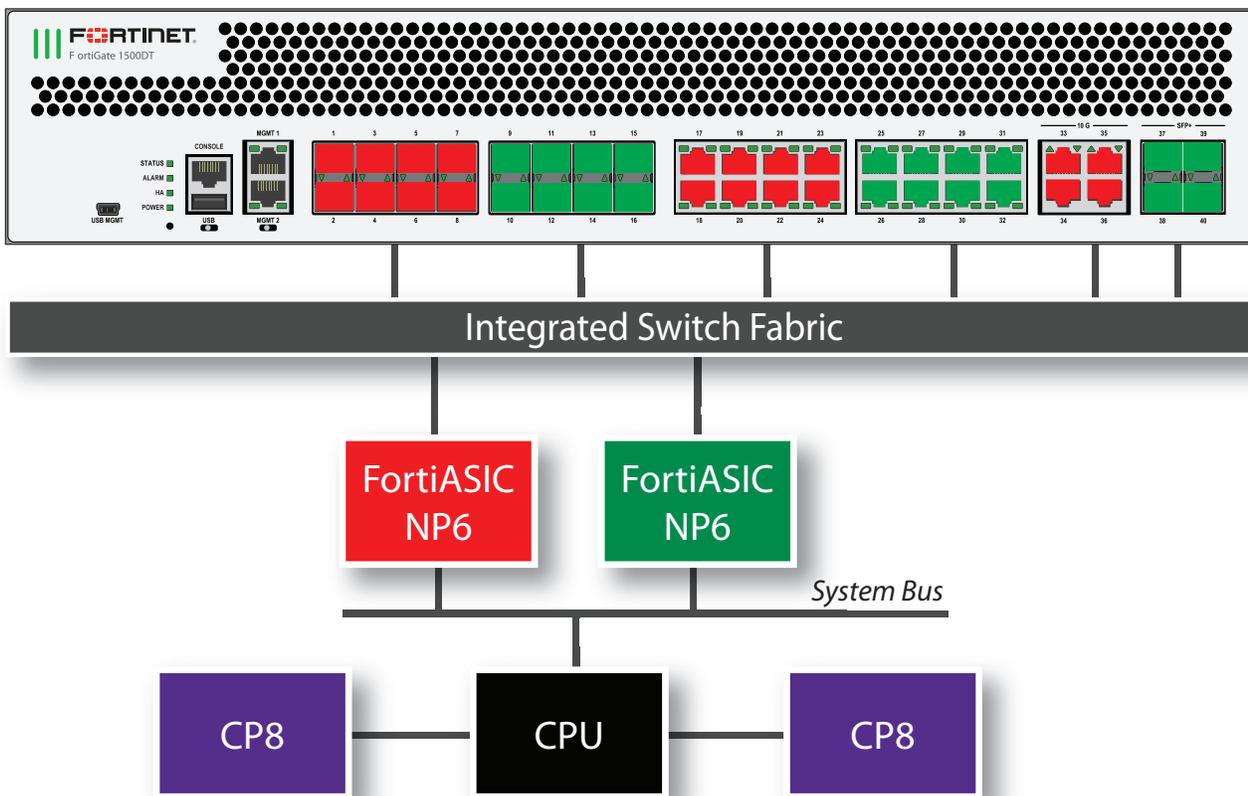
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## FortiGate 1500DT fast path architecture

The FortiGate 1500DT features two NP6 processors both connected to an integrated switch fabric. The FortiGate 1500DT has the same hardware configuration as the FortiGate 1500D, but with the addition of newer CPUs and a slightly different interface configuration.

The FortiGate 1500DT includes the following interfaces and NP6 processors:

- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port1-port8), eight RJ-45 1Gb Ethernet interfaces (port17-24) and four RJ-45 10Gb Ethernet interfaces (port33-port36) share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- Eight SFP 1Gb interfaces (port9-port16), eight RJ-45 1Gb Ethernet ports (port25-32) and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces (port37-port40) share connections to the second NP6 processor.



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 1500DT NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   port1   1G   Yes
      0   port5   1G   Yes
      0   port17  1G   Yes
      0   port21  1G   Yes
      0   port33  10G  Yes
      1   port2   1G   Yes
      1   port6   1G   Yes
      1   port18  1G   Yes
      1   port22  1G   Yes
      1   port34  10G  Yes
      2   port3   1G   Yes
      2   port7   1G   Yes
      2   port19  1G   Yes
      2   port23  1G   Yes
      2   port35  10G  Yes
      3   port4   1G   Yes
      3   port8   1G   Yes
```

3	port20	1G	Yes	
3	port24	1G	Yes	
3	port36	10G	Yes	
-----				
np6_1	0	port9	1G	Yes
	0	port13	1G	Yes
	0	port25	1G	Yes
	0	port29	1G	Yes
	0	port37	10G	Yes
	1	port10	1G	Yes
	1	port14	1G	Yes
	1	port26	1G	Yes
	1	port30	1G	Yes
	1	port38	10G	Yes
	2	port11	1G	Yes
	2	port15	1G	Yes
	2	port27	1G	Yes
	2	port31	1G	Yes
	2	port39	10G	Yes
	3	port12	1G	Yes
	3	port16	1G	Yes
	3	port28	1G	Yes
	3	port32	1G	Yes
	3	port40	10G	Yes
-----				

## Improving FortiGate 1500DT connections per second performance

On the FortiGate 1500DT, you can use the following command to potentially improve connections per second (CPS) performance:

```
config system npu
  set np6-cps-optimization-mode {disable | enable}
end
```

Disabled by default, enabling this option can increase CPS performance by using more CPUs for interrupt processing. If your FortiGate 1500DT is processing very large numbers sessions with short life times, you can try enabling this feature to see if performance improves.

Enabling or disabling `np6-cps-optimization-mode` requires a system restart. You should only change this setting during a maintenance window or quiet period.



A configuration change that causes a FortiGate to restart can disrupt the operation of an FGCP cluster. If possible, you should make this configuration change to the individual FortiGates before setting up the cluster. If the cluster is already operating, you should temporarily remove the secondary FortiGate(s) from the cluster, change the configuration of the individual FortiGates and then re-form the cluster. You can remove FortiGate(s) from a cluster using the **Remove Device from HA cluster** button on the **System > HA** GUI page. For more information, see [Disconnecting a FortiGate](#).

## FortiGate 2000E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 2000E includes three NP6 processors in an NP Direct configuration. The NP6 processors connected to the 10GigE ports are also in a low latency NP Direct configuration.

The NP6s are connected to network interfaces as follows:

- NP6\_0 is connected to 33 to 36 in a low latency configuration
- NP6\_1 is connected to 1 to 32
- NP6\_2 is connected to 37 and 38 in a low latency configuration

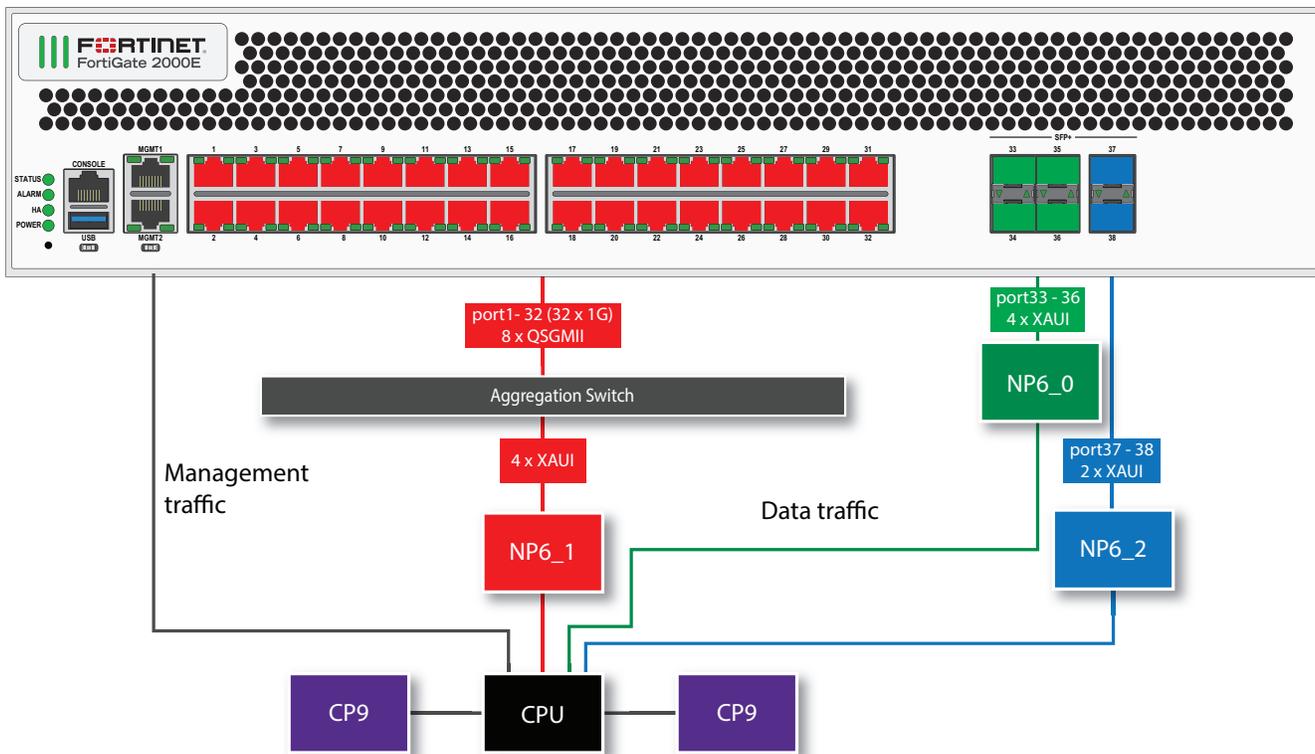
As a result of the NP Direct configuration, traffic will only be offloaded if it enters and exits the FortiGate-2000E on interfaces connected to the same NP6 processor.

All data traffic passes from the data interfaces to the NP6 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 2000E features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper interfaces (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T interfaces (1 to 32)
- Four 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (33 to 36)
- Two 10GigE SFP+ (37 and 38)

The following diagram also shows the XAUI and QSGMII port connections between the NP6 processors and the front panel interfaces and the aggregate switch for the thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T interfaces.



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data paths. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)). This separation of management traffic from data traffic keeps management traffic from interfering with the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 2000E NP6 configuration. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
-----
np6_1  0   port1   1G   No
      0   port5   1G   No
      0   port9   1G   No
      0  port13   1G   No
      0  port17   1G   No
      0  port21   1G   No
      0  port25   1G   No
      0  port29   1G   No
      1   port2   1G   No
      1   port6   1G   No
      1  port10   1G   No
      1  port14   1G   No
      1  port18   1G   No
      1  port22   1G   No
      1  port26   1G   No
```

1	port30	1G	No	
2	port3	1G	No	
2	port7	1G	No	
2	port11	1G	No	
2	port15	1G	No	
2	port19	1G	No	
2	port23	1G	No	
2	port27	1G	No	
2	port31	1G	No	
3	port4	1G	No	
3	port8	1G	No	
3	port12	1G	No	
3	port16	1G	No	
3	port20	1G	No	
3	port24	1G	No	
3	port28	1G	No	
3	port32	1G	No	
-----				
np6_0	0	port33	10G	No
	1	port34	10G	No
	2	port35	10G	No
	3	port36	10G	No
-----				
np6_2	0	port37	10G	No
	1	port38	10G	No
-----				

The FortiGate- 2000E supports creating LAGs that include interfaces connected to different NP6 processors. Because the FortiGate-2000E does not have an internal switch fabric, when you set up a LAG consisting of interfaces connected to different NP6 processors, interfaces connected to each NP6 processor are added to different interface groups in the LAG. One interface group becomes the active group and processes all traffic. The interfaces in the other group or groups become passive. No traffic is processed by interfaces in the passive group or groups unless all of the interfaces in the active group fail or become disconnected.

Since only one NP6 processor can process traffic accepted by the LAG, creating a LAG with multiple NP6 processors does not improve performance in the same way as a in FortiGate with an internal switch fabric. However, other benefits of LAGs, such as redundancy, are supported.

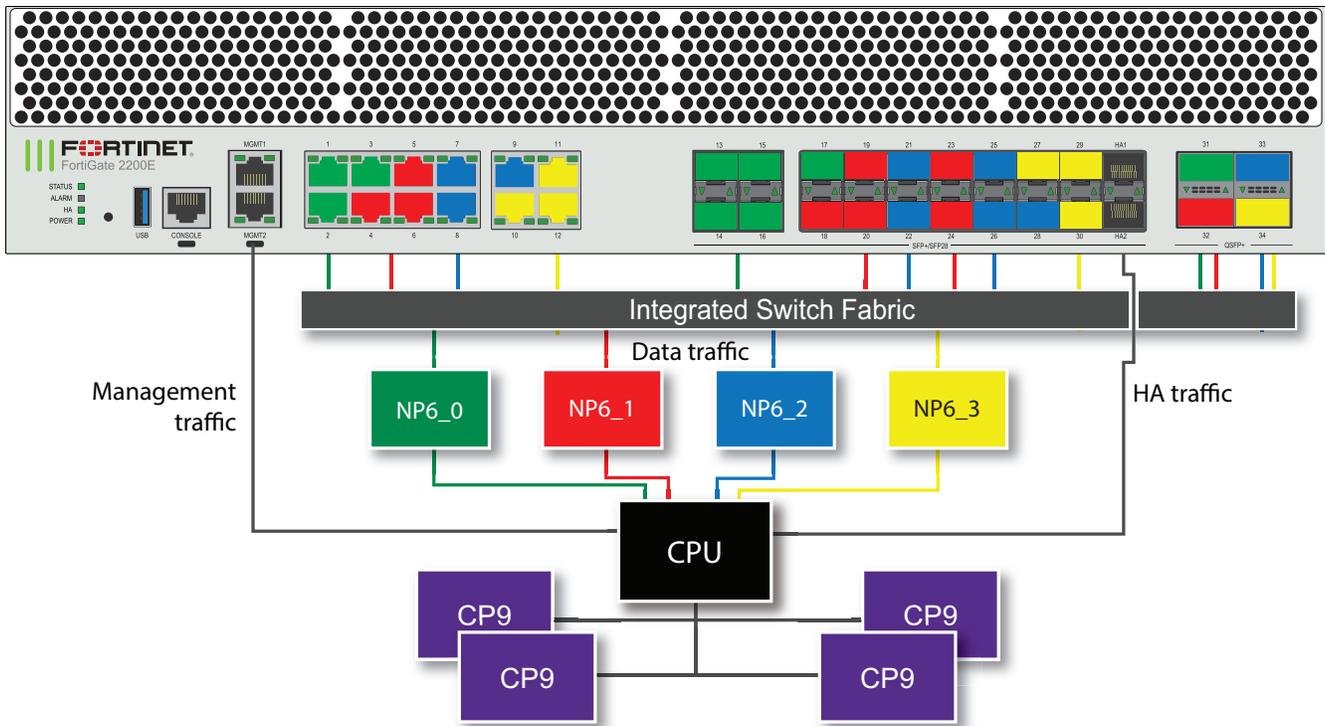
For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

## FortiGate 2200E and 2201E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 2200E and 2201E each include four NP6 processors. All front panel data interfaces and both NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 2200E and 2201E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2)
- Twelve 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 12)
- Eighteen 10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (13 to 28), interface groups: 13 - 16, 17 - 20, 21 - 24, and 25 - 28
- Four 1/10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (29, 30, HA1 and HA2), interface groups: 29 - HA1 and 30 - HA2 (the HA interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processor). Every time you change the speed of one of these interfaces from 25Gbps to 10Gbps or 1Gbps or from 10Gbps or 1Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of the other interfaces in the group also change to that speed. When you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change.
- Four 40 GigE QSFP+ (31 to 34)



You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 2200E or 2201E NP6 configuration. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, and NP6\_2 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. This interface to NP6 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

The command output also shows the XAUI configuration for each NP6 processor. Each NP6 processor has a 40-Gigabit bandwidth capacity. Traffic passes to each NP6 processor over four 10-Gigabit XAUI links. The XAUI links are numbered 0 to 3.

You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
-----
np6_0  0   port1              1G   Yes
      1   port2              1G   Yes
      2   port3              1G   Yes
      3
```

0-3	port13	25G	Yes	
0-3	port14	25G	Yes	
0-3	port15	25G	Yes	
0-3	port16	25G	Yes	
0-3	port17	25G	Yes	
0-3	port31	40G	Yes	
-----				
np6_1	0	port4	1G	Yes
	1	port5	1G	Yes
	2	port6	1G	Yes
	3			
	0-3	port18	25G	Yes
	0-3	port19	25G	Yes
	0-3	port20	25G	Yes
	0-3	port24	25G	Yes
	0-3	port23	25G	Yes
	0-3	port32	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_2	0	port7	1G	Yes
	1	port8	1G	Yes
	2	port9	1G	Yes
	3			
	0-3	port22	25G	Yes
	0-3	port21	25G	Yes
	0-3	port26	25G	Yes
	0-3	port25	25G	Yes
	0-3	port28	25G	Yes
	0-3	port33	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_3	0	port10	1G	Yes
	1	port11	1G	Yes
	2	port12	1G	Yes
	2	port29	10G	Yes
	3	port30	10G	Yes
	0-3	port27	25G	Yes
	0-3	port34	40G	Yes
-----				

Distributing traffic evenly among the NP6 processors can optimize performance. For details, see [Optimizing NP6 performance by distributing traffic to XAUI links on page 143](#).

You can also add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

The HA1 and HA2 interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. The HA interfaces are instead mapped to a dedicated control path to prevent HA traffic from interfering with the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

## FortiGate 2500E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 2500E includes four NP6 processors in an NP Direct configuration. The NP6 processors connected to the 10GigE ports are also in a low latency NP Direct configuration.

The NP6s are connected to network interfaces as follows:

- NP6\_0 is connected to four 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (port37 to port40) in a low latency configuration.
- NP6\_1 is connected to thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T interfaces (port1 to port32).
- NP6\_2 is connected to two 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (port41 and port42) and two 10 Gig LC fiber bypass interfaces (port43 and port44) in a low latency configuration.
- NP6\_3 is connected to four 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (port33 to port36) in a low latency configuration.

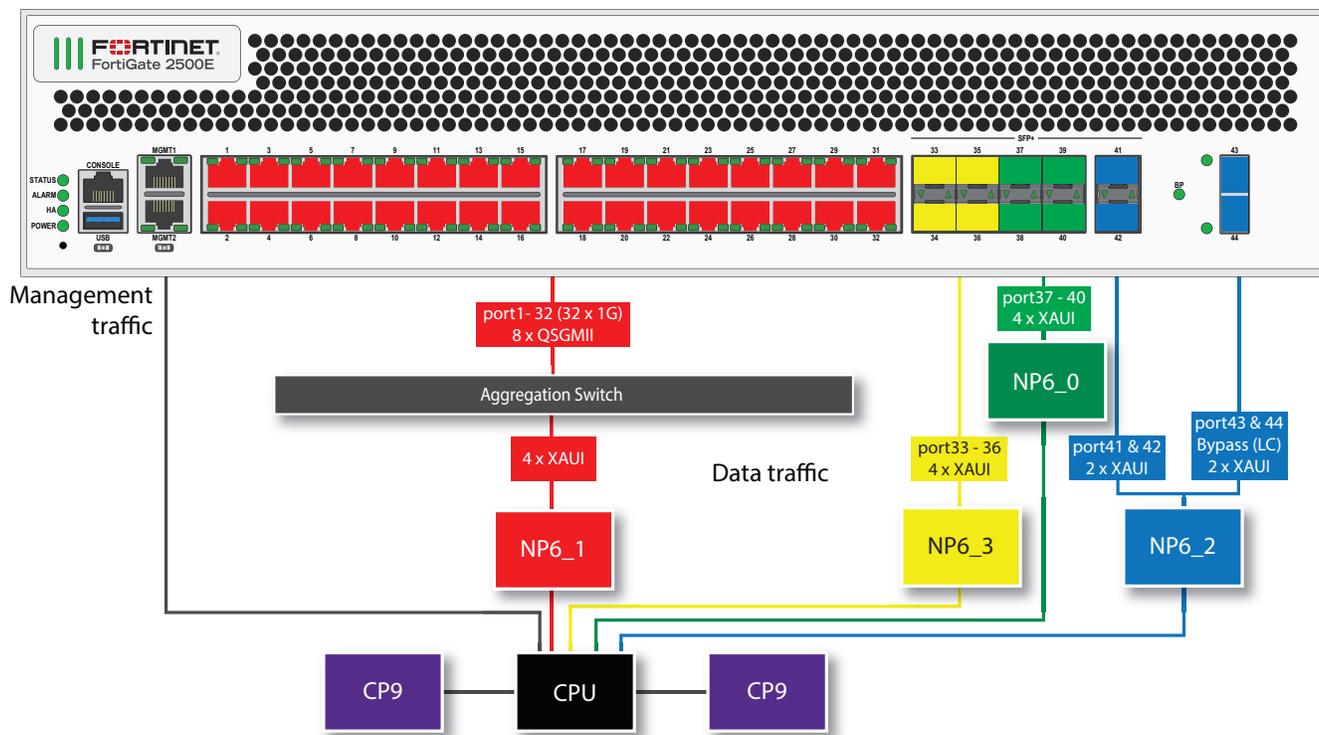
As a result of the NP Direct configuration, traffic will only be offloaded if it enters and exits the FortiGate-2500E on interfaces connected to the same NP6 processor.

All data traffic passes from the data interfaces to the NP6 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 2500E features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T interfaces (1 to 32)
- Four 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (33 to 36)
- Four 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (37 to 40)
- Two 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (41 and 42)
- Two 10 Gig LC fiber bypass interfaces (43 and 44)

The following diagram also shows the XAUI and QSGMII port connections between the NP6 processors and the front panel interfaces and the aggregate switch for the thirty-two 10/100/1000BASE-T interfaces.



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data paths. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)). This separation of management traffic from data traffic keeps management traffic from interfering with the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 2500E NP6 configuration. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed offloading
-----
np6_1  0   port1   1G   No
      0   port5   1G   No
      0   port9   1G   No
      0   port13  1G   No
      0   port17  1G   No
      0   port21  1G   No
      0   port25  1G   No
      0   port29  1G   No
      1   port2   1G   No
      1   port6   1G   No
      1   port10  1G   No
      1   port14  1G   No
      1   port18  1G   No
      1   port22  1G   No
      1   port26  1G   No
      1   port30  1G   No
```

2	port3	1G	No	
2	port7	1G	No	
2	port11	1G	No	
2	port15	1G	No	
2	port19	1G	No	
2	port23	1G	No	
2	port27	1G	No	
2	port31	1G	No	
3	port4	1G	No	
3	port8	1G	No	
3	port12	1G	No	
3	port16	1G	No	
3	port20	1G	No	
3	port24	1G	No	
3	port28	1G	No	
3	port32	1G	No	
-----				
np6_0	0	port37	10G	No
	1	port38	10G	No
	2	port39	10G	No
	3	port40	10G	No
-----				
np6_2	0	port43	10G	No
	1	port44	10G	No
	2	port41	10G	No
	3	port42	10G	No
-----				
np6_3	0	port33	10G	No
	1	port34	10G	No
	2	port35	10G	No
	3	port36	10G	No
-----				

The FortiGate- 2500E supports creating LAGs that include interfaces connected to different NP6 processors. Because the FortiGate-2500E does not have an internal switch fabric, when you set up a LAG consisting of interfaces connected to different NP6 processors, interfaces connected to each NP6 processor are added to different interface groups in the LAG. One interface group becomes the active group and processes all traffic. The interfaces in the other group or groups become passive. No traffic is processed by interfaces in the passive group or groups unless all of the interfaces in the active group fail or become disconnected.

Since only one NP6 processor can process traffic accepted by the LAG, creating a LAG with multiple NP6 processors does not improve performance in the same way as a in FortiGate with an internal switch fabric. However, other benefits of LAGs, such as redundancy, are supported.

For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

## Bypass interfaces (port43 and port44)

The FortiGate 2500E includes an internal optical bypass module between interfaces 43 and 44 that provides fail open support. On these two interfaces, LC connectors connect directly to internal short-range (SR) lasers. No transceivers are required. When the FortiGate- 2500E experiences a hardware failure or loses power, or when bypass

mode is enabled, these interfaces operate in bypass mode. In bypass mode, interfaces 43 and 44 are optically shunted and all traffic can pass between them, bypassing the FortiOS firewall and the NP6\_2 processor.

Interfaces 43 and 44 use an internal short-range (SR) laser, so interfaces 43 and 44 only support SR multi-mode fiber. You cannot use LR or single-mode fiber connections with these interfaces.

When the interfaces switch to bypass mode the FortiGate 2500E acts like an optical patch cable so if packets going through these interfaces use VLANs or other network extensions, the attached upstream or downstream network equipment must be configured for these features.

The FortiGate 2500E will continue to operate in bypass mode until the failed FortiGate 2500E is replaced, power is restored, or bypass mode is disabled. If power is restored or bypass mode is disabled, the FortiGate 2500E resumes operating as a FortiGate device without interrupting traffic flow. Replacing a failed FortiGate 800D disrupts traffic as a technician physically replaces the failed FortiGate 800D with a new one.

During normal operation, the bypass status (B/P) LED glows green. When bypass mode is enabled, this LED glows amber.

## Manually enabling bypass-mode

You can manually enable bypass mode if the FortiGate 2500E is operating in transparent mode. You can also manually enable bypass mode for a VDOM if interfaces 43 and 44 are both connected to the same VDOM operating in transparent mode.

Use the following command to enable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode enable
```

This command changes the configuration, so bypass mode will still be enabled if the FortiGate-2500E restarts.

You can use the following command to disable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode disable
```

## Configuring bypass settings

You can use the following command to configure how bypass operates.

```
config system bypass
  set bypass-watchdog {disable | enable}
  set poweroff-bypass {disable | enable}
end
```

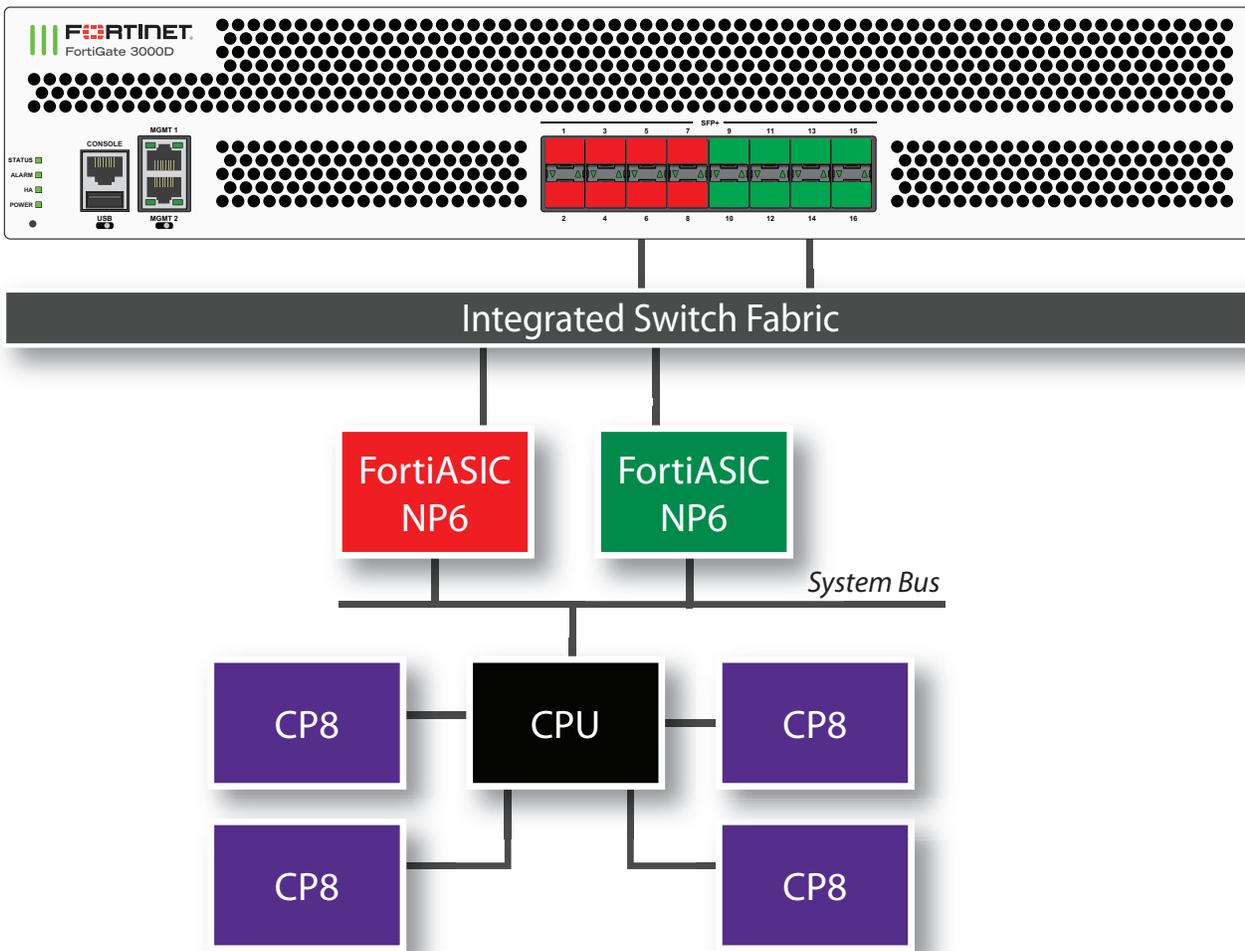
`bypass-watchdog enable` to turn on bypass mode. When bypass mode is turned on, if the bypass watchdog detects a software or hardware failure, bypass mode will be activated.

`poweroff-bypass` if enabled, traffic will be able to pass between the port43 and port44 interfaces if the FortiGate 2500E is powered off.

# FortiGate 3000D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3000D features 16 front panel SFP+ 10Gb interfaces connected to two NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). The FortiGate 3000D has the following fastpath architecture:

- 8 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port1 through port8 share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0).
- 8 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port9 through port16 share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3000D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

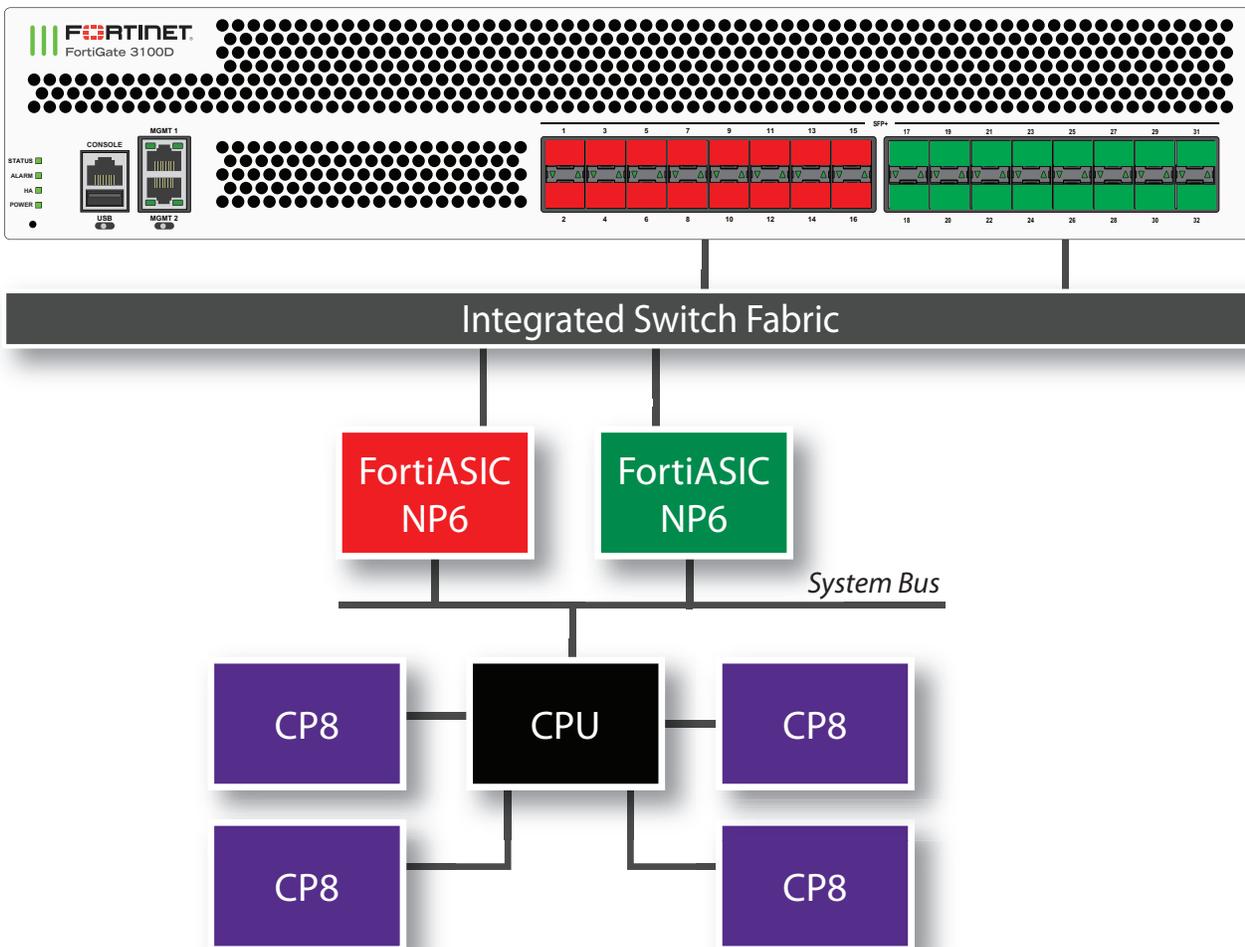
```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   port1   10G  Yes
      0   port6   10G  Yes
      1   port2   10G  Yes
```

	1	port5	10G	Yes
	2	port3	10G	Yes
	2	port8	10G	Yes
	3	port4	10G	Yes
	3	port7	10G	Yes
-----				
np6_1	0	port10	10G	Yes
	0	port13	10G	Yes
	1	port9	10G	Yes
	1	port14	10G	Yes
	2	port12	10G	Yes
	2	port15	10G	Yes
	3	port11	10G	Yes
	3	port16	10G	Yes
-----				

## FortiGate 3100D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3100D features 32 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces connected to two NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). The FortiGate 3100D has the following fastpath architecture:

- 16 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port1 through port16 share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0).
- 16 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port27 through port32 share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3100D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

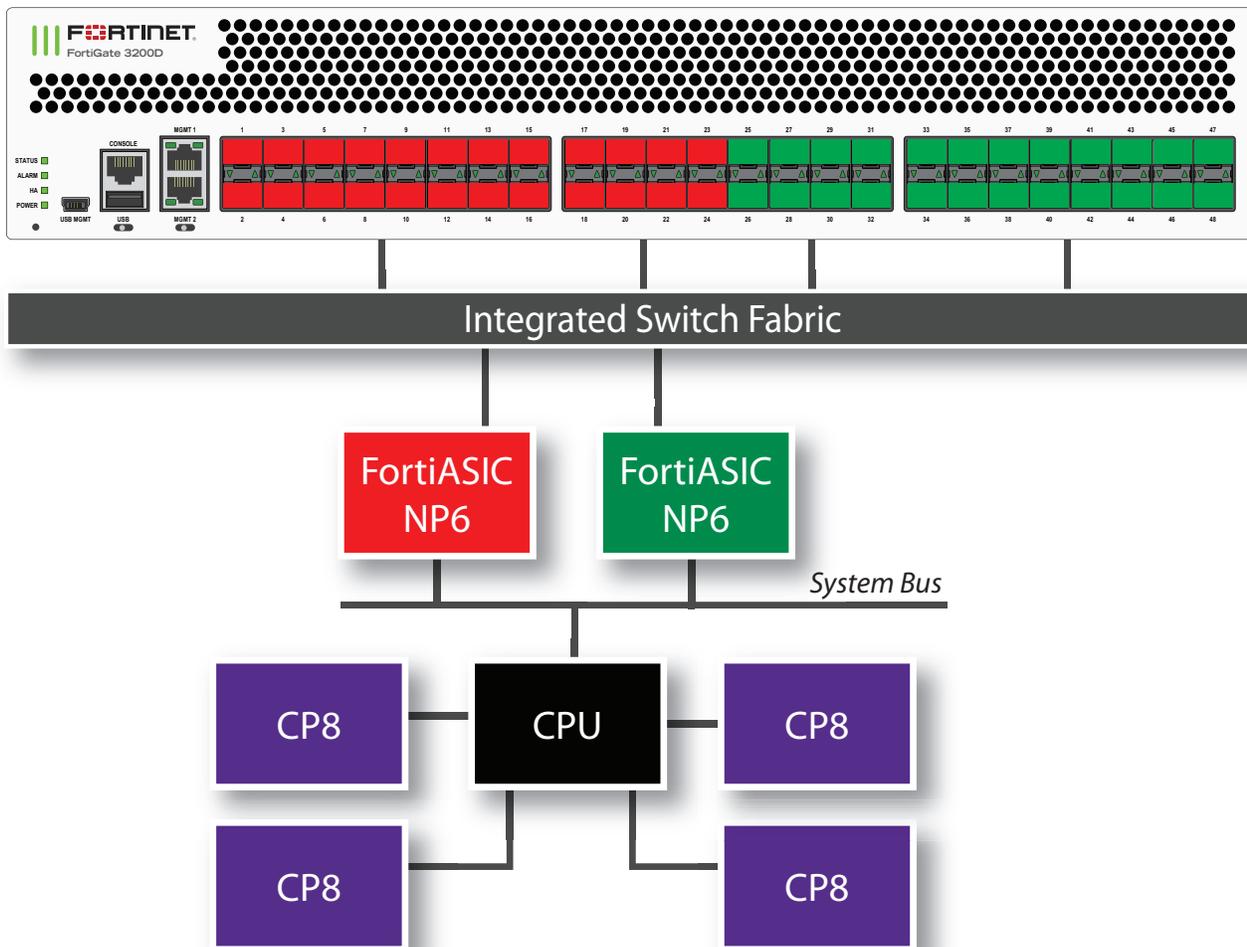
```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed  offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port1    10G  Yes
      0    port6    10G  Yes
      0    port10   10G  Yes
      0    port13   10G  Yes
      1    port2    10G  Yes
      1    port5    10G  Yes
      1    port9    10G  Yes
      1    port14   10G  Yes
      2    port3    10G  Yes
      2    port8    10G  Yes
      2    port12   10G  Yes
      2    port15   10G  Yes
      3    port4    10G  Yes
```

	3	port7	10G	Yes
	3	port11	10G	Yes
	3	port16	10G	Yes
-----				
np6_1	0	port17	10G	Yes
	0	port21	10G	Yes
	0	port25	10G	Yes
	0	port29	10G	Yes
	1	port18	10G	Yes
	1	port22	10G	Yes
	1	port26	10G	Yes
	1	port30	10G	Yes
	2	port19	10G	Yes
	2	port23	10G	Yes
	2	port27	10G	Yes
	2	port31	10G	Yes
	3	port20	10G	Yes
	3	port24	10G	Yes
	3	port28	10G	Yes
	3	port32	10G	Yes
-----				

## FortiGate 3200D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3200D features two NP6 processors connected to an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). The FortiGate 3200D has the following fastpath architecture:

- 24 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port1 through port24 share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0).
- 24 SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port25 through port48 share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3200D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port1   10G  Yes
        0    port5   10G  Yes
        0    port10  10G  Yes
        0    port13  10G  Yes
        0    port17  10G  Yes
        0    port22  10G  Yes
        1    port2   10G  Yes
        1    port6   10G  Yes
        1    port9   10G  Yes
        1    port14  10G  Yes
        1    port18  10G  Yes
        1    port21  10G  Yes
        2    port3   10G  Yes
```

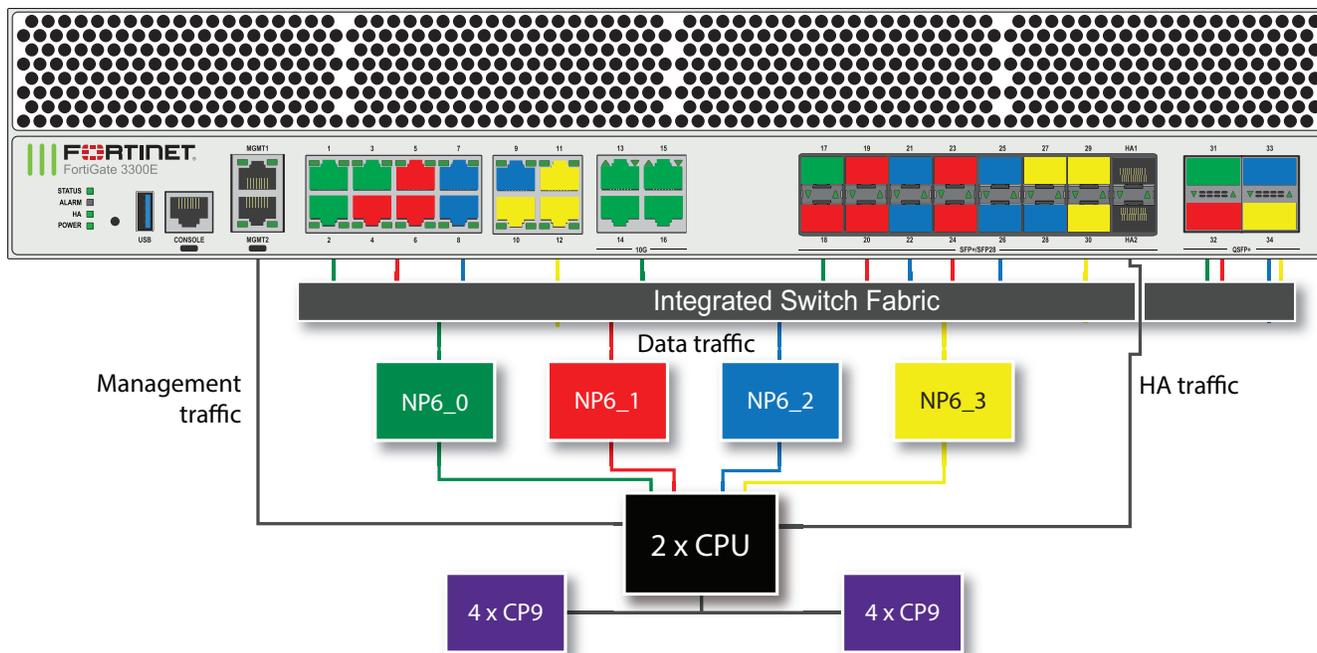
2	port7	10G	Yes	
2	port12	10G	Yes	
2	port15	10G	Yes	
2	port19	10G	Yes	
2	port24	10G	Yes	
3	port4	10G	Yes	
3	port8	10G	Yes	
3	port11	10G	Yes	
3	port16	10G	Yes	
3	port20	10G	Yes	
3	port23	10G	Yes	
-----				
np6_1	0	port26	10G	Yes
	0	port29	10G	Yes
	0	port33	10G	Yes
	0	port37	10G	Yes
	0	port41	10G	Yes
	0	port45	10G	Yes
	1	port25	10G	Yes
	1	port30	10G	Yes
	1	port34	10G	Yes
	1	port38	10G	Yes
	1	port42	10G	Yes
	1	port46	10G	Yes
	2	port28	10G	Yes
	2	port31	10G	Yes
	2	port35	10G	Yes
	2	port39	10G	Yes
	2	port43	10G	Yes
	2	port47	10G	Yes
	3	port27	10G	Yes
	3	port32	10G	Yes
	3	port36	10G	Yes
	3	port40	10G	Yes
	3	port44	10G	Yes
	3	port48	10G	Yes
-----				

## FortiGate 3300E and 3301E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3300E and 3301E each include four NP6 processors. All front panel data interfaces and all of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 3300E and 3301E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2).
- Twelve 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 12).
- Four 1/10 GigE BASE-T Copper (13 to 16).
- Fourteen 1/10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (17 to 30), interface groups: 17 - 20, 21 - 24, 25 - 28, 29-HA1, and 30 - HA2. Every time you change the speed of one of these interfaces from 25Gbps to 10Gbps or 1Gbps or from 10Gbps or 1Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of the other interfaces in the group also change to that speed. When you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change.
- Two 1/10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (HA1 and HA2, not connected to the NP6 processors).
- Four 40 GigE QSFP+ (31 to 34).



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, the HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 3300E or 3301E NP6 configuration. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, NP6\_2, and NP6\_3 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. This interface to NP6 mapping is also shown in the diagram above.

The command output also shows the XAUI configuration for each NP6 processor. Each NP6 processor has a 40-Gigabit bandwidth capacity. Traffic passes to each NP6 processor over four 10-Gigabit XAUI links. The XAUI links are numbered 0 to 3.

You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0   port1             1G   Yes
      0   port14          10G  Yes
      1   port2             1G   Yes
      1   port15           10G  Yes
      2   port3             1G   Yes
      2   port16           10G  Yes
      3   port13           10G  Yes
      0-3 port17           25G  Yes
      0-3 port31          40G  Yes
-----
np6_1  0   port4             1G   Yes
      1   port5             1G   Yes
      2   port6             1G   Yes
      3
      0-3 port18          25G  Yes
      0-3 port19          25G  Yes
      0-3 port20          25G  Yes
      0-3 port24          25G  Yes
      0-3 port23          25G  Yes
      0-3 port32          40G  Yes
-----
np6_2  0   port7             1G   Yes
      1   port8             1G   Yes
      2   port9             1G   Yes
      3
      0-3 port22          25G  Yes
      0-3 port21          25G  Yes
      0-3 port26          25G  Yes
      0-3 port25          25G  Yes
      0-3 port28          25G  Yes
      0-3 port33          40G  Yes
-----
np6_3  0   port10            1G   Yes
      1   port11            1G   Yes
      2   port12            1G   Yes
      2   port29            10G  Yes
      3   port30            10G  Yes
      0-3 port27          25G  Yes
      0-3 port34          40G  Yes
-----

```

Distributing traffic evenly among the NP6 processors can optimize performance. For details, see [Optimizing NP6 performance by distributing traffic to XAUI links on page 143](#).

You can also add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

## FortiGate 3400E and 3401E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3400E and 3401E each include six NP6 processors (NP6\_0 to NP6\_5). All front panel data interfaces and all of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. No special mapping is required for fast path offloading or aggregate interfaces. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

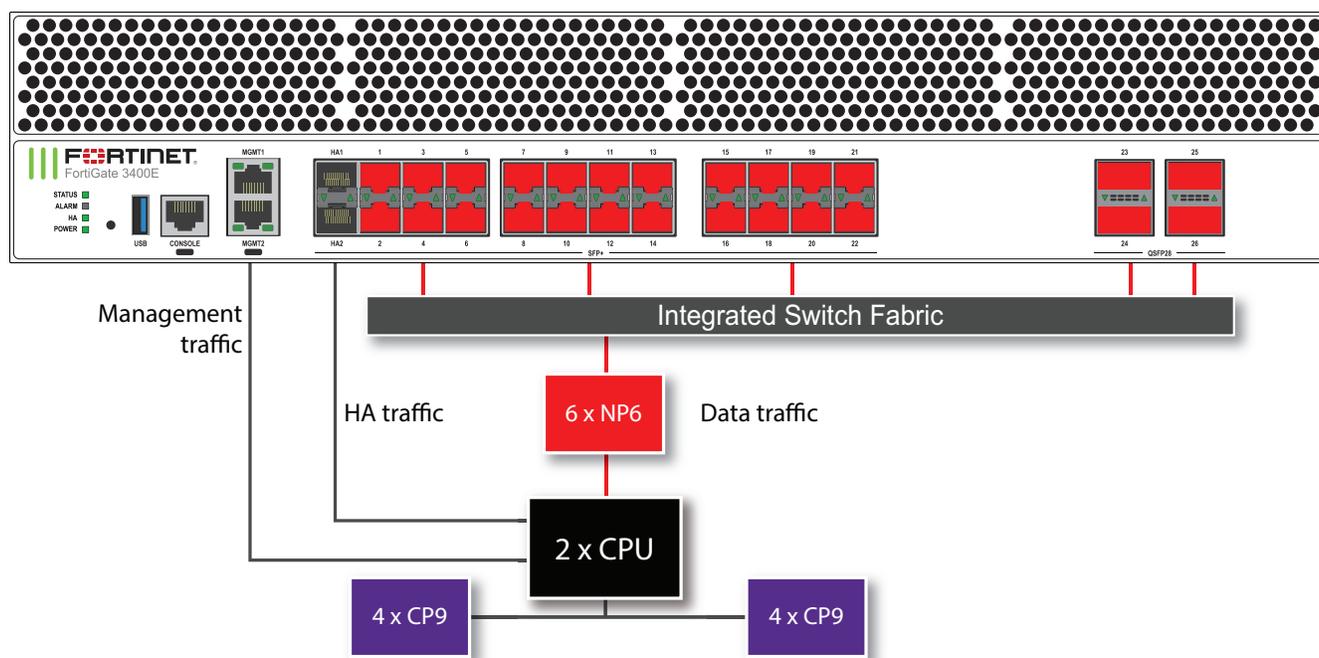
The FortiGate 3400E and 3401E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2).
- Two 10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (HA1 and HA2, not connected to the NP6 processors).
- Twenty-two 1/10/25 GigE SFP/SFP+/SFP28 (1 to 22), interface groups: HA1 - HA2 - 1 - 2, 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, and 19 - 22. Every time you change the speed of one of these interfaces from 25Gbps to 10Gbps or 1Gbps or from 10Gbps or 1Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of the other interfaces in the group also change to that speed. When you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change.
- Four 100 GigE QSFP28 (23 to 26).



The FortiGate-3400 and 3401 do not support auto-negotiation when setting interface speeds. Always set a specific interface speed. For example:

```
config system interface
  edit port23
    set speed {40000full | 100Gfull}
  end
```



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for

management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, the HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3400E or 3401E NP6 configuration. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip                XAUI Ports    Max      Cross-chip
                   Speed         offloading
-----
NP#0-5              0-3 port1    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port2    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port3    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port4    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port5    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port6    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port7    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port8    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port9    25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port10   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port11   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port12   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port13   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port14   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port15   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port16   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port17   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port18   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port19   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port20   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port21   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port22   25000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port23   100000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port24   100000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port25   100000M  Yes
NP#0-5              0-3 port26   100000M  Yes
-----
```

## FortiGate 3600E and 3601E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3600E and 3601E each include six NP6 processors (NP6\_0 to NP6\_5). All front panel data interfaces and all of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two

data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. No special mapping is required for fast path offloading or aggregate interfaces. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

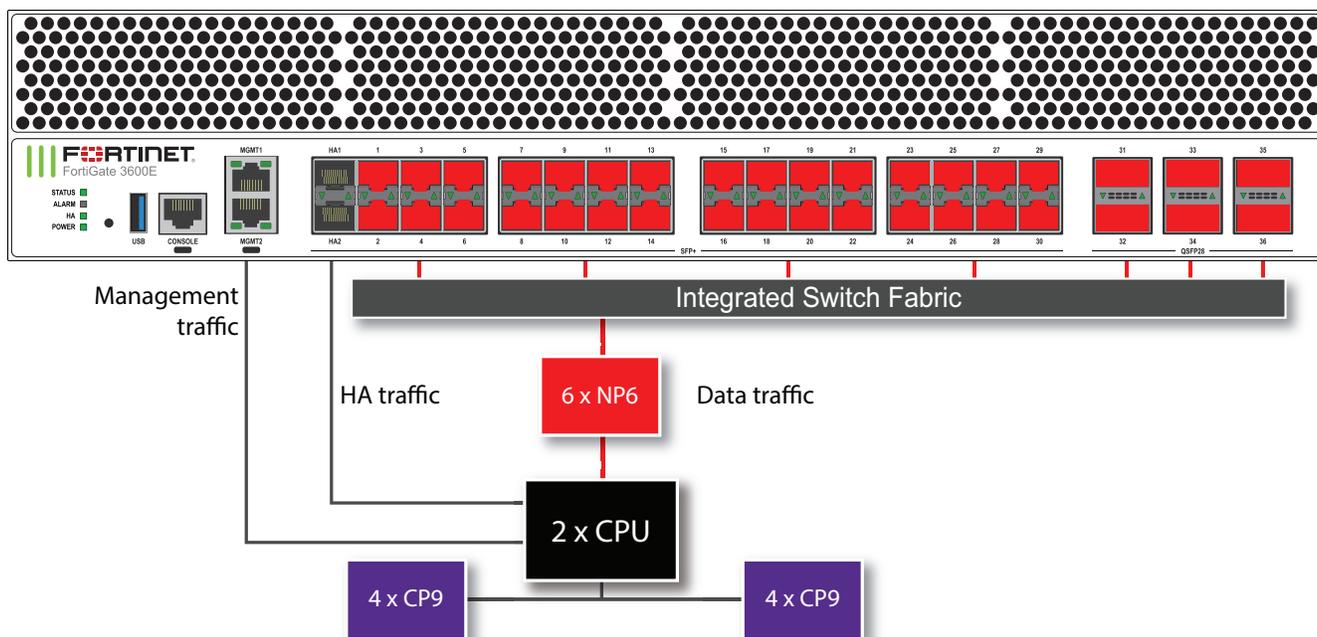
The FortiGate 3600E and 3601E models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2)
- Two 10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (HA1 and HA2, not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Thirty 10/25 GigE SFP+/SFP28 (1 to 30) interface groups: HA1 - HA2 - 1 - 2, 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, 19 - 22, 23 - 26, and 27 - 30. Every time you change the speed of one of these interfaces from 25Gbps to 10Gbps or 1Gbps or from 10Gbps or 1Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of the other interfaces in the group also change to that speed. When you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change.
- Six 100 GigE QSFP28 (31 to 36)



The FortiGate-3600 and 3601 do not support auto-negotiation when setting interface speeds. Always set a specific interface speed. For example:

```
config system interface
  edit port31
    set speed {40000full | 100Gfull}
  end
```



The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)).

The HA interfaces are also not connected to the NP6 processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, the HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing.

The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 3600E or 3601E NP6 configuration. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
```

Chip	XAUI	Ports	Max Speed	Cross-chip offloading
NP#0-5	0-3	port1	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port2	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port3	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port4	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port5	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port6	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port7	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port8	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port9	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port10	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port11	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port12	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port13	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port14	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port15	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port16	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port17	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port18	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port19	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port20	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port21	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port22	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port23	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port24	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port25	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port26	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port27	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port28	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port29	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port30	25000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port31	100000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port32	100000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port33	100000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port34	100000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port35	100000M	Yes
NP#0-5	0-3	port36	100000M	Yes

## FortiGate 3700D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3700D features four NP6 processors. The first two NP6 processors (np6\_0 and np6\_1) can be configured for low latency operation. The low latency configuration changes the FortiGate 3700D fast path architecture.

## FortiGate 3700D low latency fast path architecture

Ports 25 to 32 can be used for low latency offloading. As long as traffic enters and exits the FortiGate 3700D through ports connected to the same NP6 processor and using these low latency ports the traffic will be offloaded and have lower latency than other NP6 offloaded traffic. Latency is reduced by bypassing the integrated switch fabric (ISF).

You can use the following command to turn on low latency mode for np6\_0 and np6\_1:

```
config system np6
  edit np6_0
    set low-latency-mode enable
  next
  edit np6_1
    set low-latency-mode enable
end
```

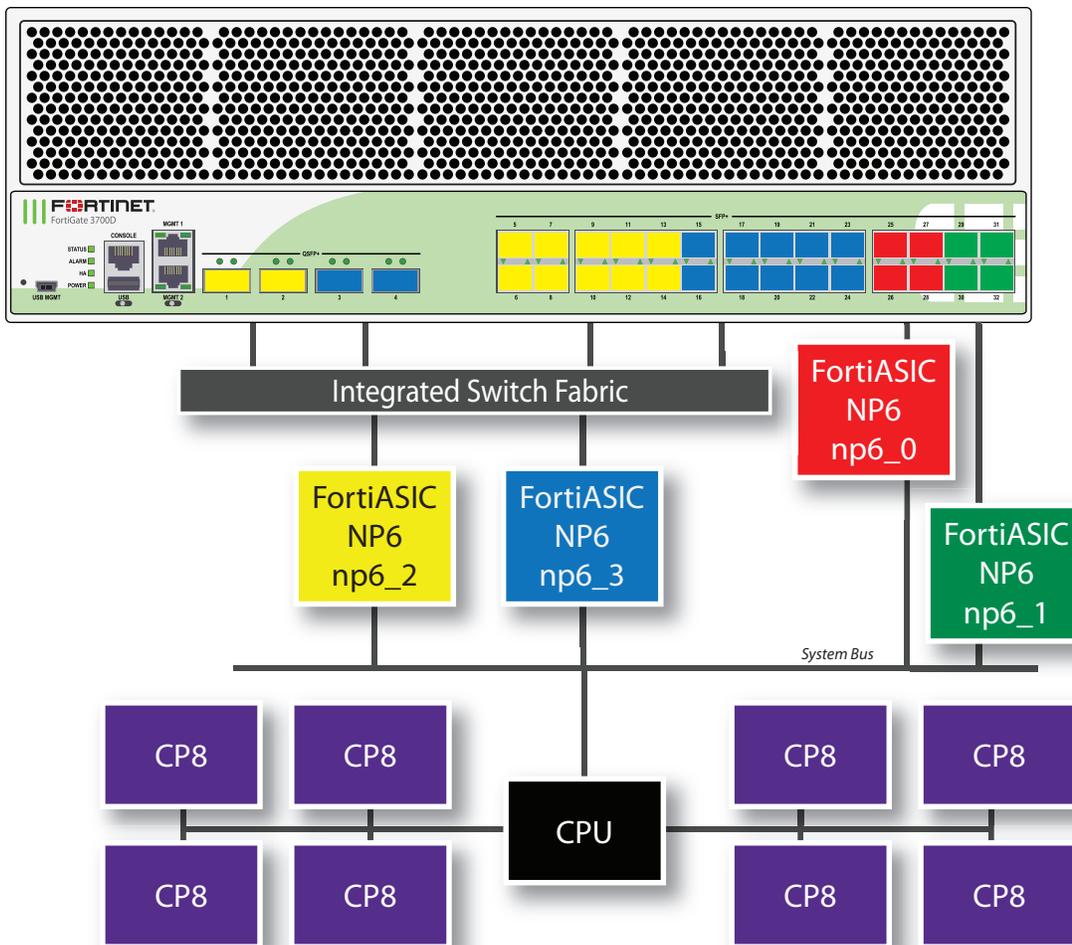


You do not have to turn on low latency to both np6\_0 and np6\_1. If you turn on low latency for just one NP6, the other NP6 will still be mapped according to the normal latency configuration.

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With low latency enabled for both np6\_0 and np6\_1 the FortiGate 3700D has the following fastpath architecture:

- Four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port25 to port28, share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0) so sessions entering one of these ports and exiting through another will experience low latency
- Four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port29 to port32, share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1) so sessions entering one of these ports and exiting through another will experience low latency
- Ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port5 to port14, and two 40Gb QSFP interfaces, port1 and port2, share connections to the third NP6 processor (np6\_2).
- Ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port15 to port24, and two 40Gb QSFP interfaces, port3 and port4, share connections to the fourth NP6 processor (np6\_3).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3700D NP6 configuration. In this output example, the first two NP6s (np6\_0 and np6\_1) are configured for low latency. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, NP6\_2, and NP6\_3 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_2  0   port5   10G  Yes
      0   port9   10G  Yes
      0   port13  10G  Yes
      1   port6   10G  Yes
      1   port10  10G  Yes
      1   port14  10G  Yes
      2   port7   10G  Yes
      2   port11  10G  Yes
      3   port8   10G  Yes
      3   port12  10G  Yes
      0-3 port1   40G  Yes
      0-3 port2   40G  Yes
    
```

```

-----
np6_3  0    port15  10G  Yes
        0    port19  10G  Yes
        0    port23  10G  Yes
        1    port16  10G  Yes
        1    port20  10G  Yes
        1    port24  10G  Yes
        2    port17  10G  Yes
        2    port21  10G  Yes
        3    port18  10G  Yes
        3    port22  10G  Yes
        0-3  port3   40G  Yes
        0-3  port4   40G  Yes
-----

```

```

-----
np6_0  0    port26  10G  No
        1    port25  10G  No
        2    port28  10G  No
        3    port27  10G  No
-----

```

```

-----
np6_1  0    port30  10G  No
        1    port29  10G  No
        2    port32  10G  No
        3    port31  10G  No
-----

```

## FortiGate 3700D normal latency fast path architecture

You can use the following command to turn off low latency mode for np6\_0 and np6\_1:

```

config system np6
  edit np6_0
    set low-latency-mode disable
  next
  edit np6_1
    set low-latency-mode disable
end

```

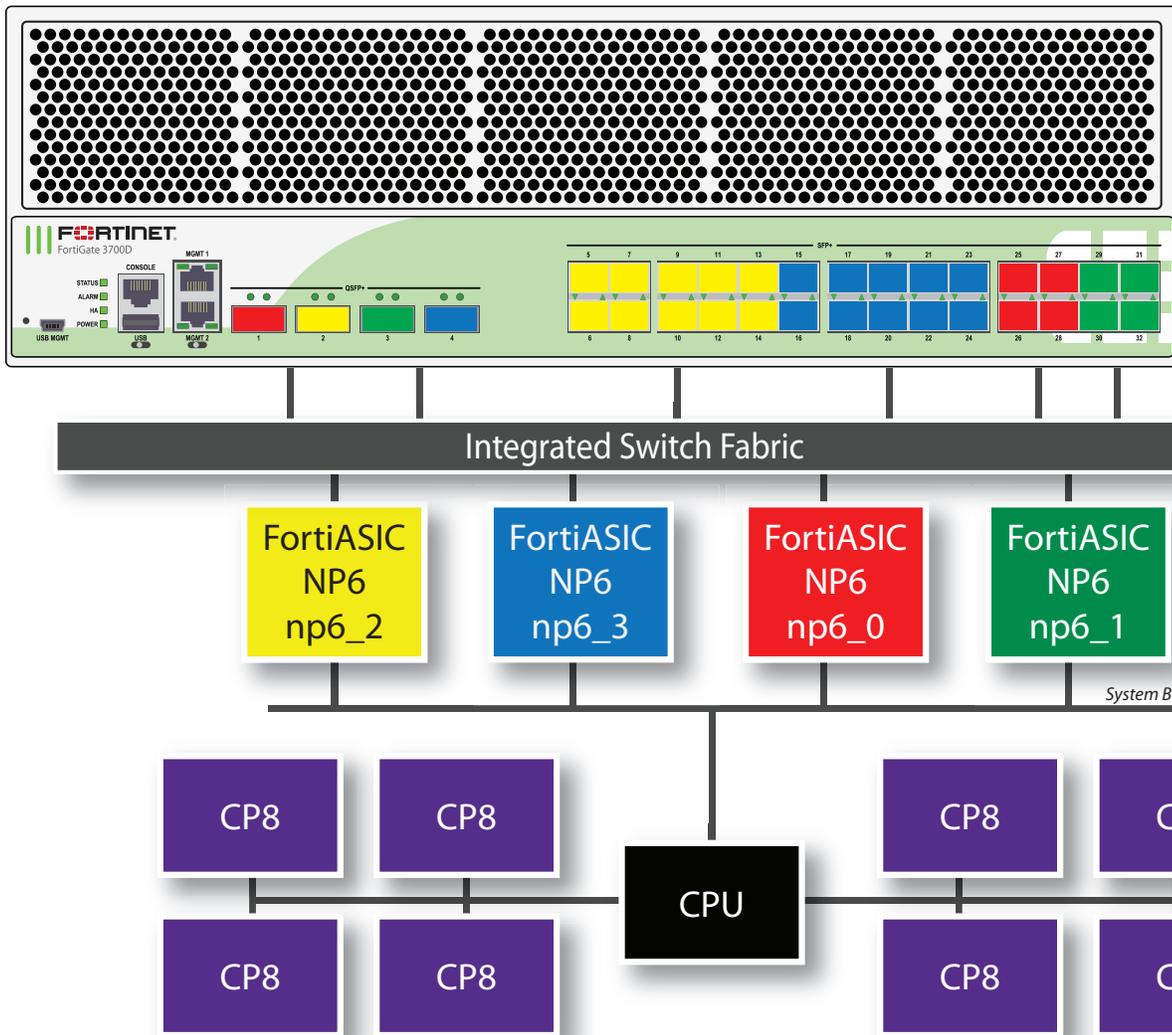


You do not have to turn off low latency to both np6\_0 and np6\_1. If you turn off low latency to just one NP6, the other NP6 will still be mapped according to the normal configuration.

In addition to turning off low latency, entering these commands also changes how ports are mapped to NP6s. Port1 is now mapped to np6\_0 and port 3 is not mapped to np6\_1. The FortiGate 3700D has the following fastpath architecture:

- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port1, and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port25 to port28 share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0).
- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port3, and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port29 to port32 share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1).

- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port2 and ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port5 to port14 share connections to the third NP6 processor (np6\_2).
- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port4, and ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port15 to port24 share connections to the fourth NP6 processor (np6\_3).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3700D NP6 configuration with low latency turned off for np6\_0 and np6\_1. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, NP6\_2, and NP6\_3 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port26             10G  Yes
      1    port25             10G  Yes
      2    port28             10G  Yes
      3    port27             10G  Yes
```

	0-3	port1	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_1	0	port30	10G	Yes
	1	port29	10G	Yes
	2	port32	10G	Yes
	3	port31	10G	Yes
	0-3	port3	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_2	0	port5	10G	Yes
	0	port9	10G	Yes
	0	port13	10G	Yes
	1	port6	10G	Yes
	1	port10	10G	Yes
	1	port14	10G	Yes
	2	port7	10G	Yes
	2	port11	10G	Yes
	3	port8	10G	Yes
	3	port12	10G	Yes
	0-3	port2	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_3	0	port15	10G	Yes
	0	port19	10G	Yes
	0	port23	10G	Yes
	1	port16	10G	Yes
	1	port20	10G	Yes
	1	port24	10G	Yes
	2	port17	10G	Yes
	2	port21	10G	Yes
	3	port18	10G	Yes
	3	port22	10G	Yes
	0-3	port4	40G	Yes
-----				

## FortiGate 3700DX fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3700DX features four NP6 processors. The first two NP6 processors (np6\_0 and np6\_1) can be configured for low latency operation. The low latency configuration changes the FortiGate 3700D fast path architecture. The FortiGate 3700DX also includes two TP2 cards that offload GTPu sessions.

## FortiGate 3700DX low latency fast path architecture

Ports 25 to 32 can be used for low latency offloading. As long as traffic enters and exits the FortiGate 3700D through ports connected to the same NP6 processor and using these low latency ports the traffic will be offloaded and have lower latency than other NP6 offloaded traffic. Latency is reduced by bypassing the integrated switch fabric (ISF).

You can use the following command to turn on low latency mode for np6\_0 and np6\_1:

```
config system np6
```

```
edit np6_0
  set low-latency-mode enable
next
edit np6_1
  set low-latency-mode enable
end
```

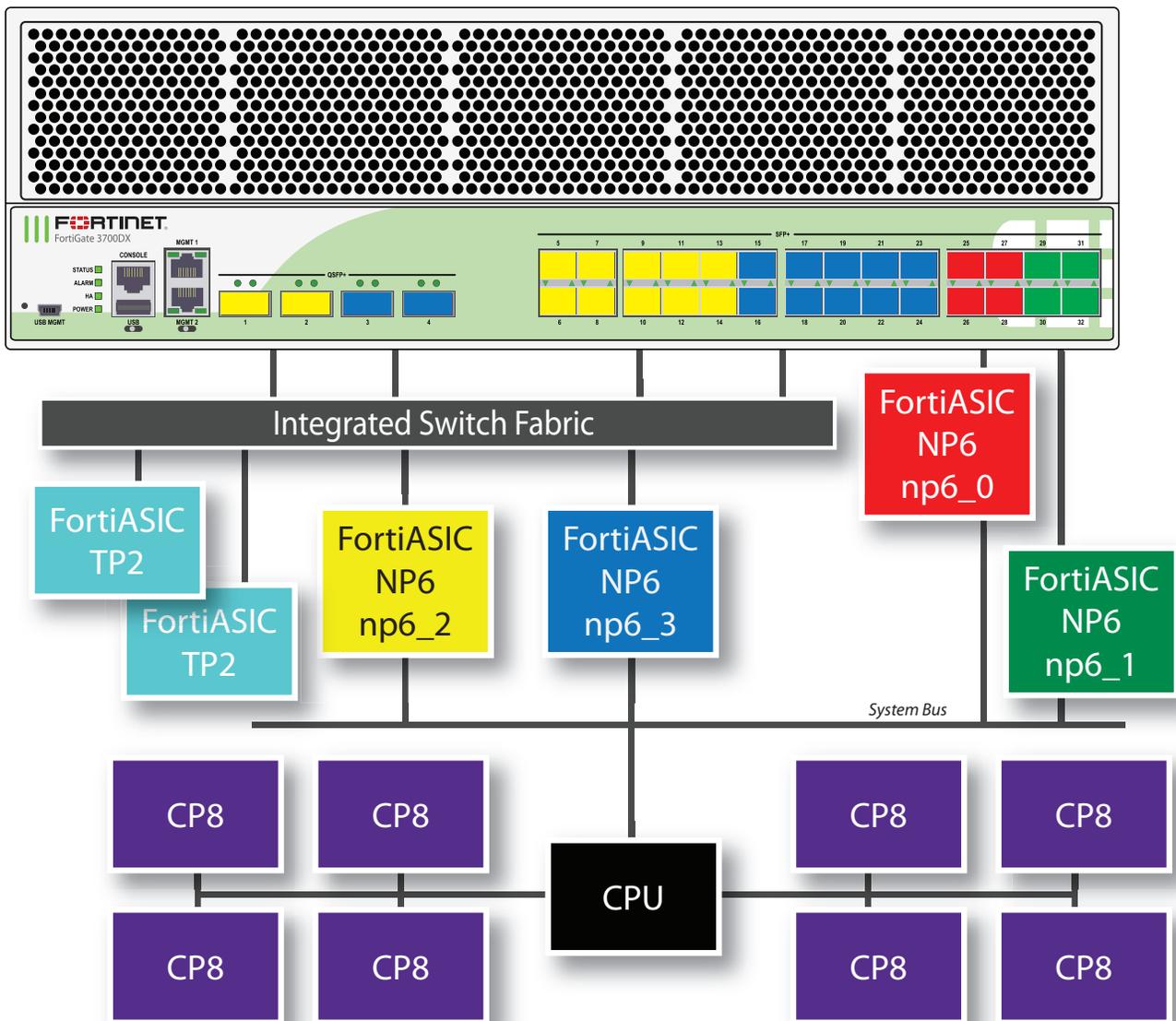


You do not have to turn on low latency to both np6\_0 and np6\_1. If you turn on low latency for just one NP6, the other NP6 will still be mapped according to the normal latency configuration.

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With low latency enabled for both np6\_0 and np6\_1 the FortiGate 3700D has the following fastpath architecture:

- Four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port25 to port28, share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0) so sessions entering one of these ports and exiting through another will experience low latency
- Four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port29 to port32, share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1) so sessions entering one of these ports and exiting through another will experience low latency
- Ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port5 to port14, and two 40Gb QSFP interfaces, port1 and port2, share connections to the third NP6 processor (np6\_2).
- Ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port15 to port24, and two 40Gb QSFP interfaces, port3 and port4, share connections to the fourth NP6 processor (np6\_3).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3700D NP6 configuration. In this output example, the first two NP6s (np6\_0 and np6\_1) are configured for low latency. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, NP6\_2, and NP6\_3 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6_2  0   port5   10G  Yes
      0   port9   10G  Yes
      0   port13  10G  Yes
      1   port6   10G  Yes
      1   port10  10G  Yes
      1   port14  10G  Yes
```

2	port7	10G	Yes	
2	port11	10G	Yes	
3	port8	10G	Yes	
3	port12	10G	Yes	
0-3	port1	40G	Yes	
0-3	port2	40G	Yes	
-----				
np6_3	0	port15	10G	Yes
	0	port19	10G	Yes
	0	port23	10G	Yes
	1	port16	10G	Yes
	1	port20	10G	Yes
	1	port24	10G	Yes
	2	port17	10G	Yes
	2	port21	10G	Yes
	3	port18	10G	Yes
	3	port22	10G	Yes
	0-3	port3	40G	Yes
	0-3	port4	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_0	0	port26	10G	No
	1	port25	10G	No
	2	port28	10G	No
	3	port27	10G	No
-----				
np6_1	0	port30	10G	No
	1	port29	10G	No
	2	port32	10G	No
	3	port31	10G	No
-----				

## FortiGate 3700D normal latency fast path architecture

You can use the following command to turn off low latency mode for np6\_0 and np6\_1:

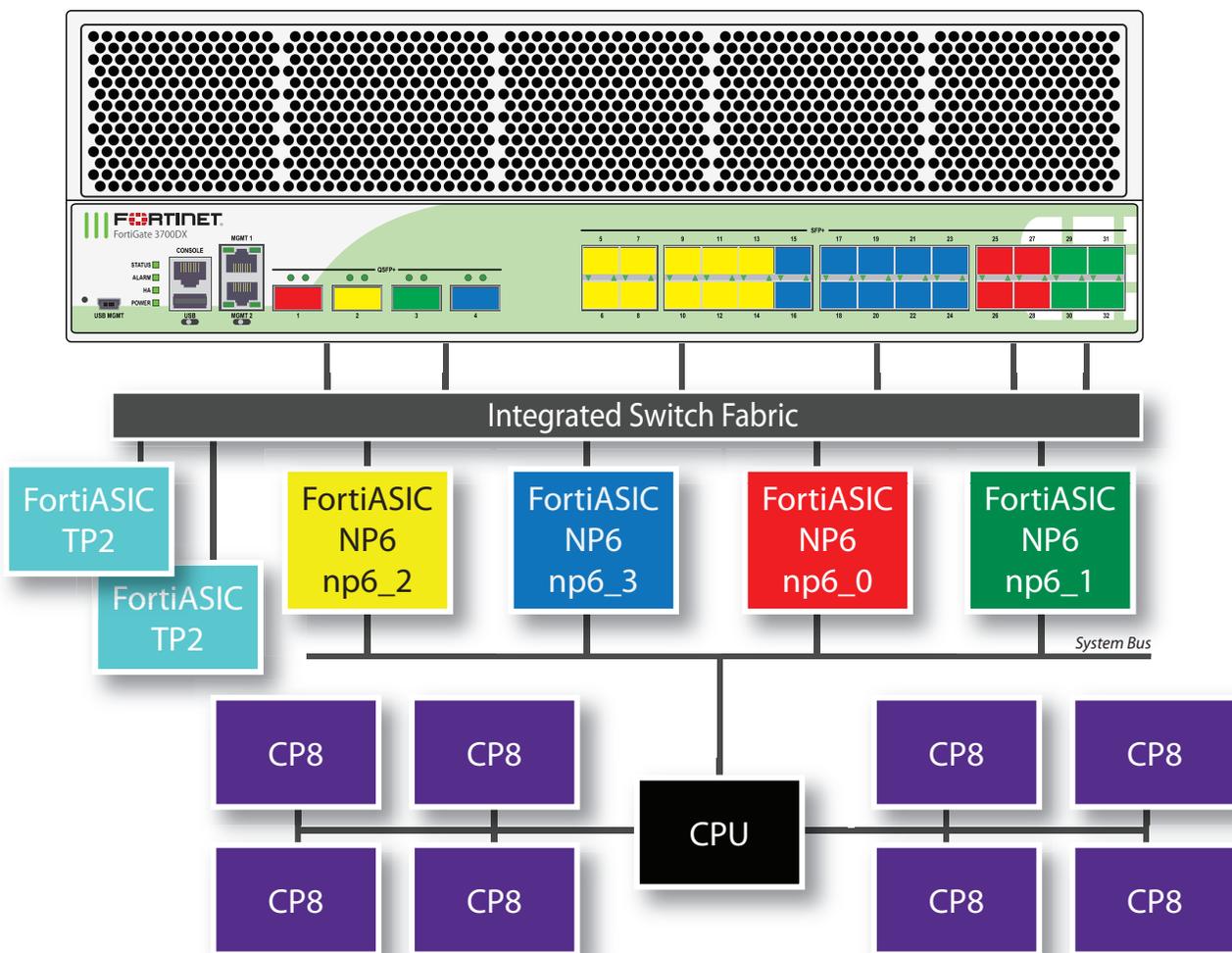
```
config system np6
  edit np6_0
    set low-latency-mode disable
  next
  edit np6_1
    set low-latency-mode disable
end
```



You do not have to turn off low latency to both np6\_0 and np6\_1. If you turn off low latency to just one NP6, the other NP6 will still be mapped according to the normal configuration.

In addition to turning off low latency, entering these commands also changes how ports are mapped to NP6s. Port1 is now mapped to np6\_0 and port 3 is not mapped to np6\_1. The FortiGate 3700D has the following fastpath architecture:

- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port1, and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port25 to port28 share connections to the first NP6 processor (np6\_0).
- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port3, and four SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port29 to port32 share connections to the second NP6 processor (np6\_1).
- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port2 and ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port5 to port14 share connections to the third NP6 processor (np6\_2).
- One 40Gb QSFP interface, port4, and ten SFP+ 10Gb interfaces, port15 to port24 share connections to the fourth NP6 processor (np6\_3).



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3700D NP6 configuration with low latency turned off for np6\_0 and np6\_1. The command output shows four NP6s named NP6\_0, NP6\_1, NP6\_2, and NP6\_3 and the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

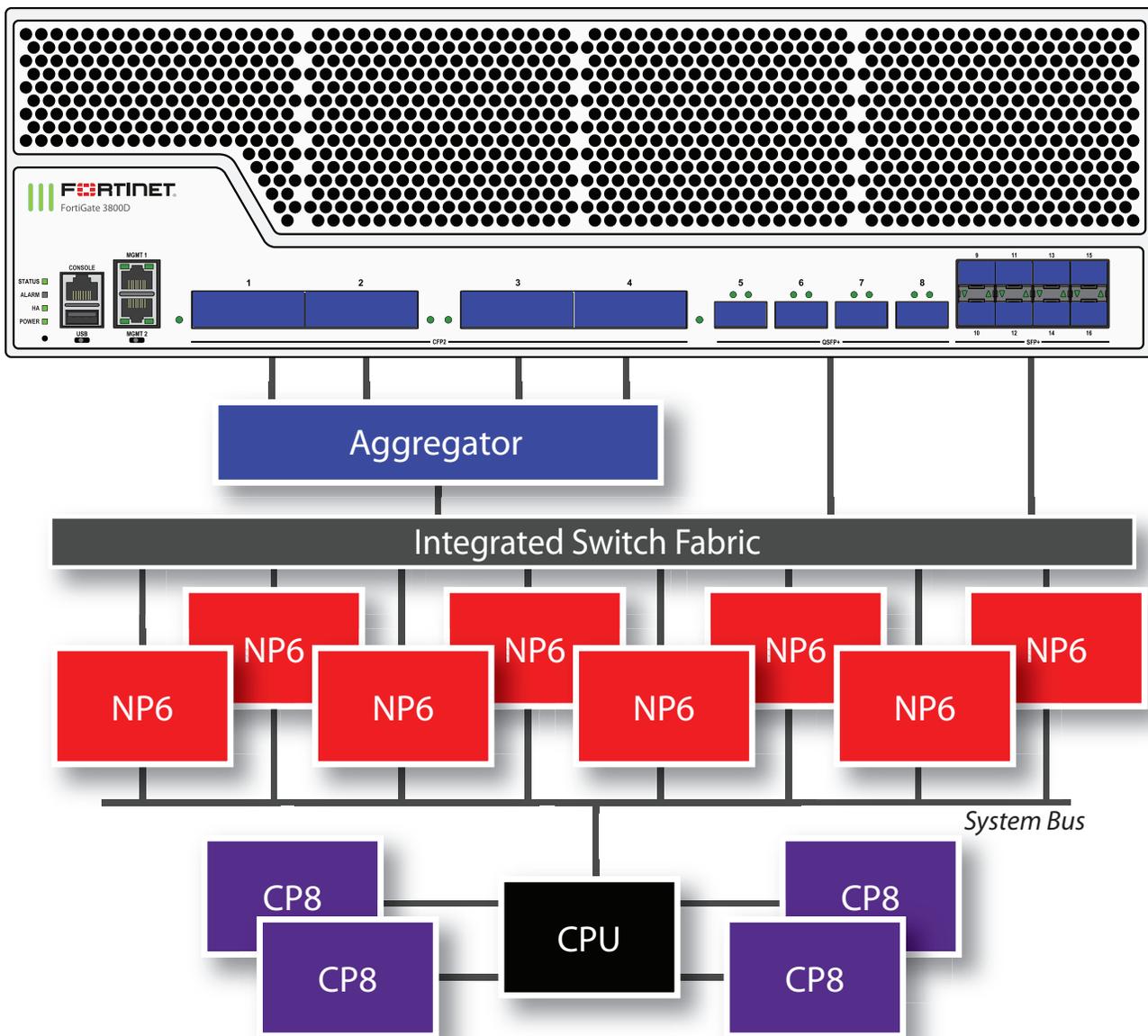
```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
-----
np6_0 0   port26           10G  Yes
    
```

1	port25	10G	Yes	
2	port28	10G	Yes	
3	port27	10G	Yes	
0-3	port1	40G	Yes	
-----				
np6_1	0	port30	10G	Yes
	1	port29	10G	Yes
	2	port32	10G	Yes
	3	port31	10G	Yes
	0-3	port3	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_2	0	port5	10G	Yes
	0	port9	10G	Yes
	0	port13	10G	Yes
	1	port6	10G	Yes
	1	port10	10G	Yes
	1	port14	10G	Yes
	2	port7	10G	Yes
	2	port11	10G	Yes
	3	port8	10G	Yes
	3	port12	10G	Yes
	0-3	port2	40G	Yes
-----				
np6_3	0	port15	10G	Yes
	0	port19	10G	Yes
	0	port23	10G	Yes
	1	port16	10G	Yes
	1	port20	10G	Yes
	1	port24	10G	Yes
	2	port17	10G	Yes
	2	port21	10G	Yes
	3	port18	10G	Yes
	3	port22	10G	Yes
	0-3	port4	40G	Yes
-----				

## FortiGate 3800D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3800D features four front panel 100GigE CFP2 interfaces, four 40GigE QSFP+ interfaces, and eight 10GigE SFP+ interfaces connected to eight NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). Individual interfaces are not mapped to NP6 processors because of the integrated switch fabric. No special mapping is required for fastpath offloading or aggregate interfaces.



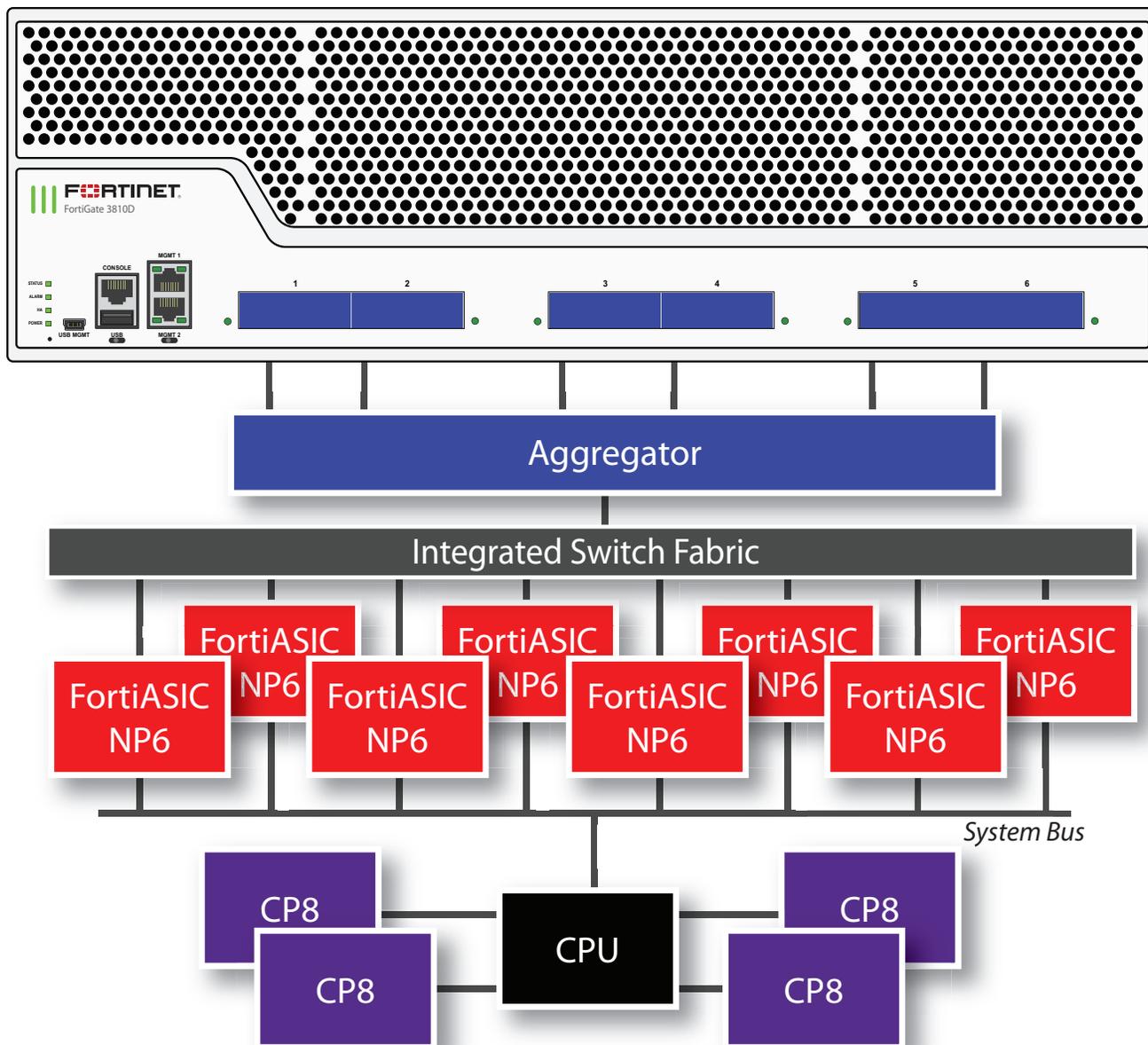
You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3800D NP6 configuration. The command output shows all NP6s connected to each interface (port) with cross-chip offloading supported for each port. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

Chip	XAUI Ports	Max Speed	Cross-chip offloading
NP#0-7	0-3 port1	100000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port2	100000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port3	100000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port4	100000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port5	40000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port6	40000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3 port7	40000M	Yes

NP#0-7	0-3	port8	40000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port9	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port10	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port11	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port12	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port13	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port14	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port15	10000M	Yes
NP#0-7	0-3	port16	10000M	Yes
-----	----	-----	-----	-----

## FortiGate 3810D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3810D features six front panel 100GigE CFP2 interfaces connected to eight NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). Individual interfaces are not mapped to NP6 processors because of the integrated switch fabric. No special mapping is required for fastpath offloading or aggregate interfaces.



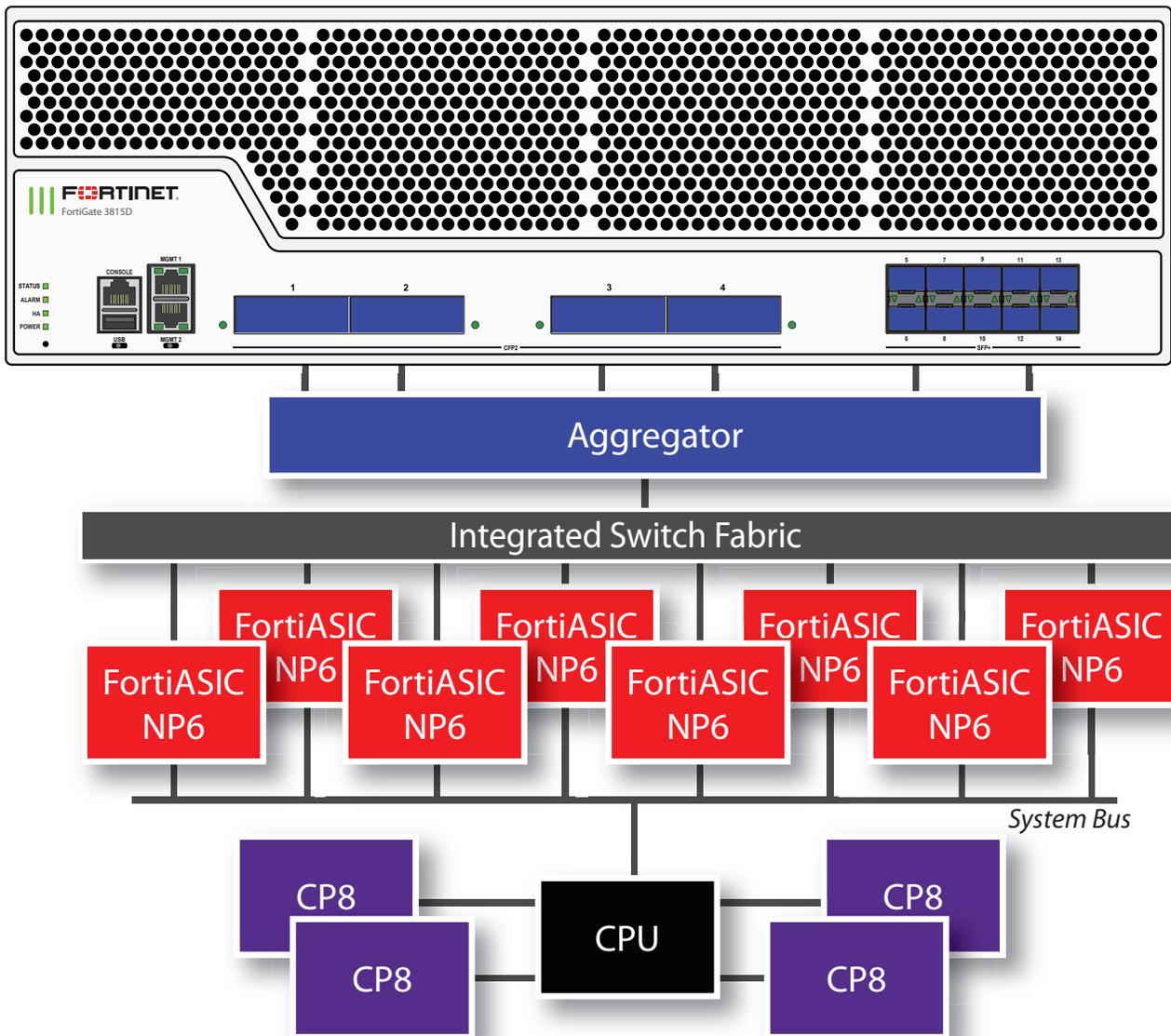
You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3810D NP6 configuration. The command output shows all NP6s connected to each interface (port) with cross-chip offloading supported for each port. You can also use the diagnose npu np6 port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max      Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed    offloading
-----
all   0-3  port1  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port2  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port3  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port4  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port5  100000M Yes
```

```
all 0-3 port6 100000M Yes
-----
```

## FortiGate 3815D fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3815D features four front panel 100GigE CFP2 interfaces and eight 10GigE SFP+ interfaces connected to eight NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF). Individual interfaces are not mapped to NP6 processors because of the integrated switch fabric. No special mapping is required for fastpath offloading or aggregate interfaces.

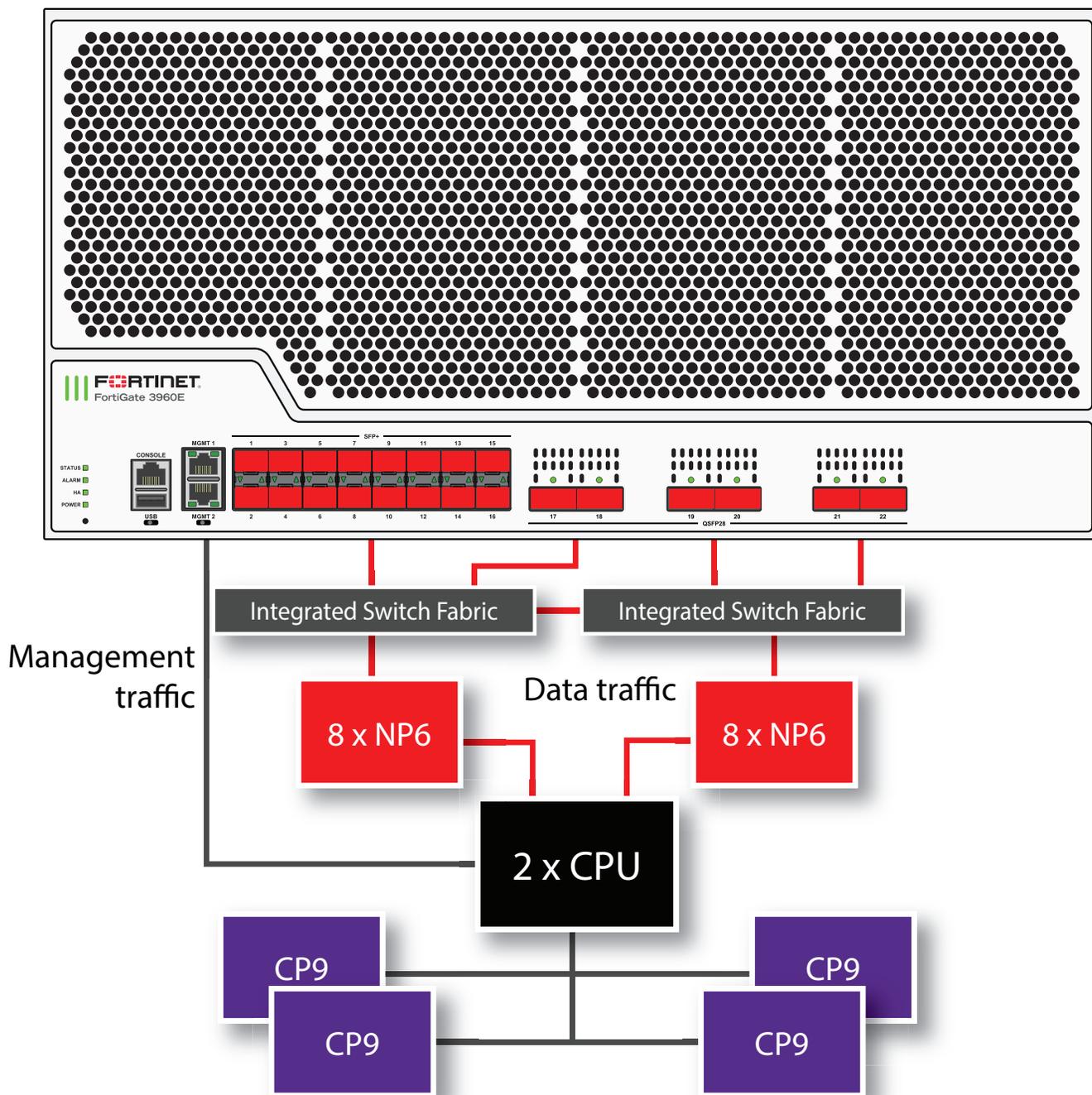


You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3815D NP6 configuration. The command output shows all NP6s connected to each interface (port) with cross-chip offloading supported for each port. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max      Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed    offloading
-----
all   0-3  port1  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port2  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port3  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port4  100000M Yes
all   0-3  port11 100000M Yes
all   0-3  port12 100000M Yes
all   0-3  port13 100000M Yes
all   0-3  port14 100000M Yes
all   0-3  port10 100000M Yes
all   0-3  port9   100000M Yes
all   0-3  port8   100000M Yes
all   0-3  port7   100000M Yes
all   0-3  port5   100000M Yes
all   0-3  port6   100000M Yes
```

## FortiGate 3960E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3960E features sixteen front panel 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (1 to 16) and six 100GigE QSFP+ interfaces (17 to 22) connected to sixteen NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF).



The FortiGate 3960E includes sixteen NP6 processors (NP6\_0 to NP6\_15). All front panel data interfaces and all of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors.

The FortiGate 3960E ISF consists of two ISF switches connected by four 100GigE inter-ISF links. Interfaces 1 to 18 are connected to one ISF switch and interfaces 19 to 22 are connected to the other ISF switch. Because of the inter-ISF links, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. No special mapping is required for fast path offloading. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.



When creating LAG interfaces, all of the interfaces in the LAG must be connected to the same ISF switch. Fast path offloading is not supported for LAGs that include interfaces connected to different ISF switches. To support offloading, a FortiGate 3960E LAG can only include interfaces 1 to 18 or interfaces 19 to 22.

The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)). The separation of management traffic from data traffic keeps management traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following command to display the FortiGate 3960E NP6 configuration. The command output shows all NP6s connected to each interface (port) with cross-chip offloading supported for each port. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

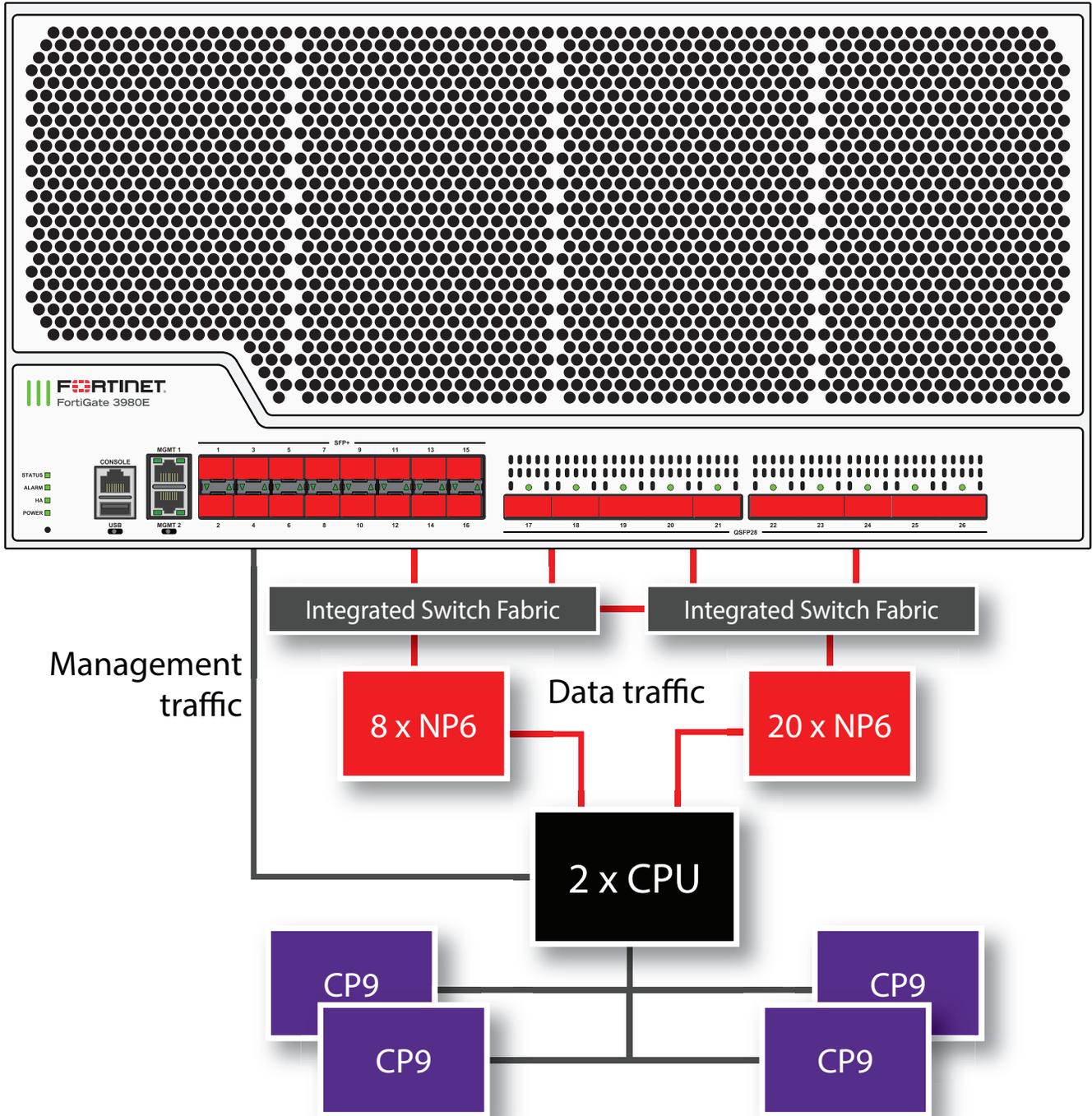
```
diagnose npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max      Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports  Speed    offloading
-----
NP#0-7  0-3  port1  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port2  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port3  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port4  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port5  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port6  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port7  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port8  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port9  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port10 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port11 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port12 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port13 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port14 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port15 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port16 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port17 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7  0-3  port18 10000M  Yes
NP#8-15 0-3  port19 10000M  Yes
NP#8-15 0-3  port20 10000M  Yes
NP#8-15 0-3  port21 10000M  Yes
NP#8-15 0-3  port22 10000M  Yes
-----
```

For information about optimizing FortiGate 3960E IPsec VPN performance, see [Optimizing FortiGate 3960E and 3980E IPsec VPN performance on page 173](#).

For information about supporting large traffic streams, see [FortiGate 3960E and 3980E support for high throughput traffic streams on page 174](#).

# FortiGate 3980E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 3980E features sixteen front panel 10GigE SFP+ interfaces (1 to 16) and ten 100GigE QSFP28 interfaces (17 to 26) connected to twenty-eight NP6 processors through an Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF).



The FortiGate 3980E includes twenty-eight NP6 processors (NP6\_0 to NP6\_27). All front panel data interfaces and all of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors.

The FortiGate 3980E ISF consists of two ISF switches connected by four 100GigE inter-ISF links. Interfaces 1 to 18 are connected to one ISF switch and interfaces 19 to 26 are connected to the other ISF switch. Because of the inter-ISF links, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. No special mapping is required for fast path offloading. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.



When creating LAG interfaces, all of the interfaces in the LAG must be connected to the same ISF switch. Fast path offloading is not supported for LAGs that include interfaces connected to different ISF switches. To support offloading, a FortiGate 3980E LAG can only include interfaces 1 to 18 or interfaces 19 to 26.

The MGMT interfaces are not connected to the NP6 processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. You can also dedicate separate CPU resources for management traffic to further isolate management processing from data processing (see [Dedicated management CPU on page 34](#)). The separation of management traffic from data traffic keeps management traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 3980E NP6 configuration. The command output shows all NP6s connected to each interface (port) with cross-chip offloading supported for each port. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
diagnose npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports  Max      Cross-chip
      Speed    offloading
-----
NP#0-7      0-3 port1  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port2  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port3  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port4  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port5  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port6  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port7  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port8  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port9  10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port10 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port11 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port12 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port13 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port14 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port15 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port16 10000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port17 100000M  Yes
NP#0-7      0-3 port18 100000M  Yes
NP#8-27     0-3 port19 100000M  Yes
NP#8-27     0-3 port20 100000M  Yes
NP#8-27     0-3 port21 100000M  Yes
NP#8-27     0-3 port22 100000M  Yes
NP#8-27     0-3 port23 100000M  Yes
```

NP#8-27	0-3	port24	100000M	Yes
NP#8-27	0-3	port25	100000M	Yes
NP#8-27	0-3	port26	100000M	Yes

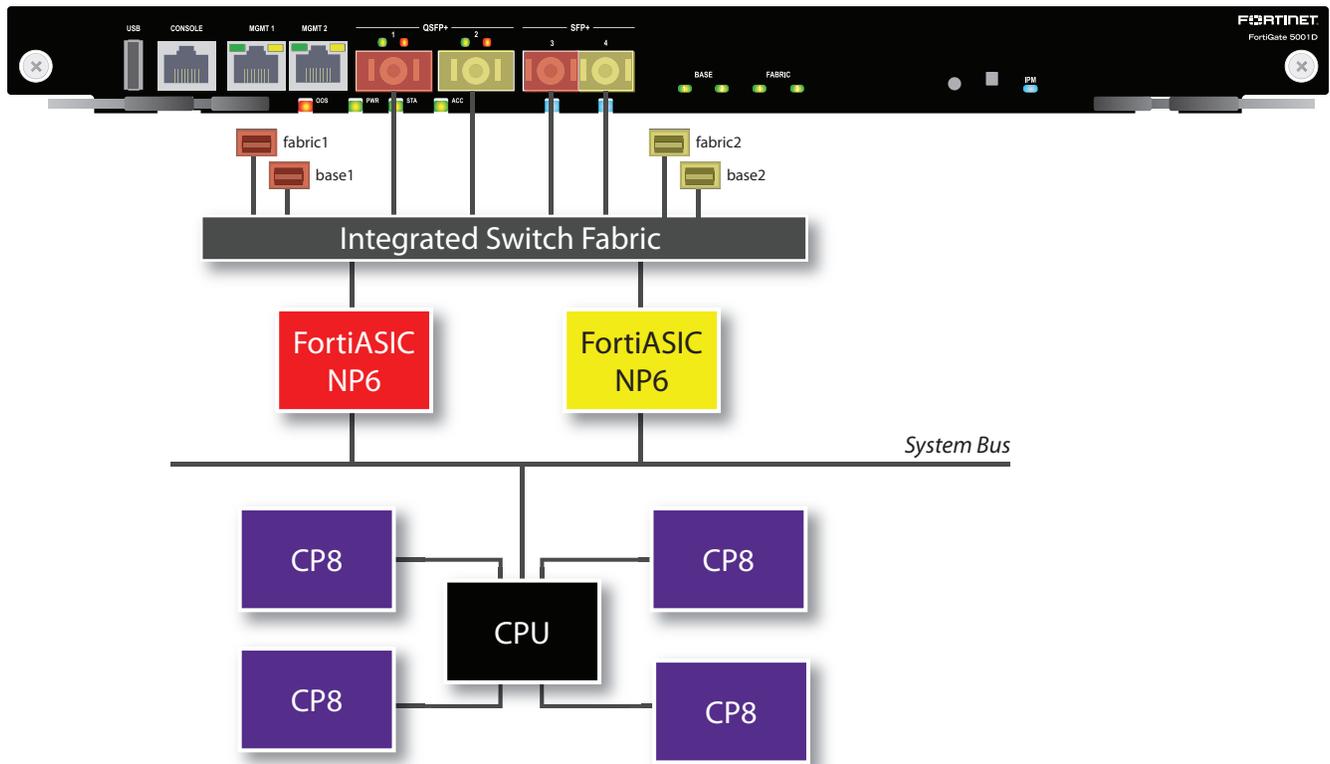
For information about optimizing FortiGate 3980E IPsec VPN performance, see [Optimizing FortiGate 3960E and 3980E IPsec VPN performance on page 173](#).

For information about supporting large traffic streams, see [FortiGate 3960E and 3980E support for high throughput traffic streams on page 174](#)

## FortiGate-5001D fast path architecture

The FortiGate5001D features two NP6 processors.

- port1, port3, fabric1 and base1 share connections to the first NP6 processor.
- port2, port4, fabric2 and base2 share connections to the second NP6 processor.



## NP6 default interface mapping

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate-5001D NP6 configuration. The command output shows two NP6s named NP6\_0 and NP6\_1. The output also shows the interfaces (ports) connected to each NP6. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port3          10G  Yes
      1
      2    base1          1G   Yes
      3
      0-3 port1          40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric1        40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric3        40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric5        40G  Yes
-----
np6_1  0
      1    port4          10G  Yes
      2
      3    base2          1G   Yes
      0-3 port2          40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric2        40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric4        40G  Yes
-----

```

## NP6 interface mapping with split ports

If you use the following CLI command to split port1:

```

config system global
  set split-port port1
end

```

The new split ports (port1/1 to port 1/4) are mapped to the same NP6 as the port1 interface:

```

diagnose npu np6 port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6_0  0    port3          10G  Yes
      0    port1/1        10G  Yes
      1    port1/2        10G  Yes
      2    base1          1G   Yes
      2    port1/3        10G  Yes
      3    port1/4        10G  Yes
      0-3 fabric1        40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric3        40G  Yes
      0-3 fabric5        40G  Yes
-----
np6_1  0
      1    port4          10G  Yes
      2
      3    base2          1G   Yes

```

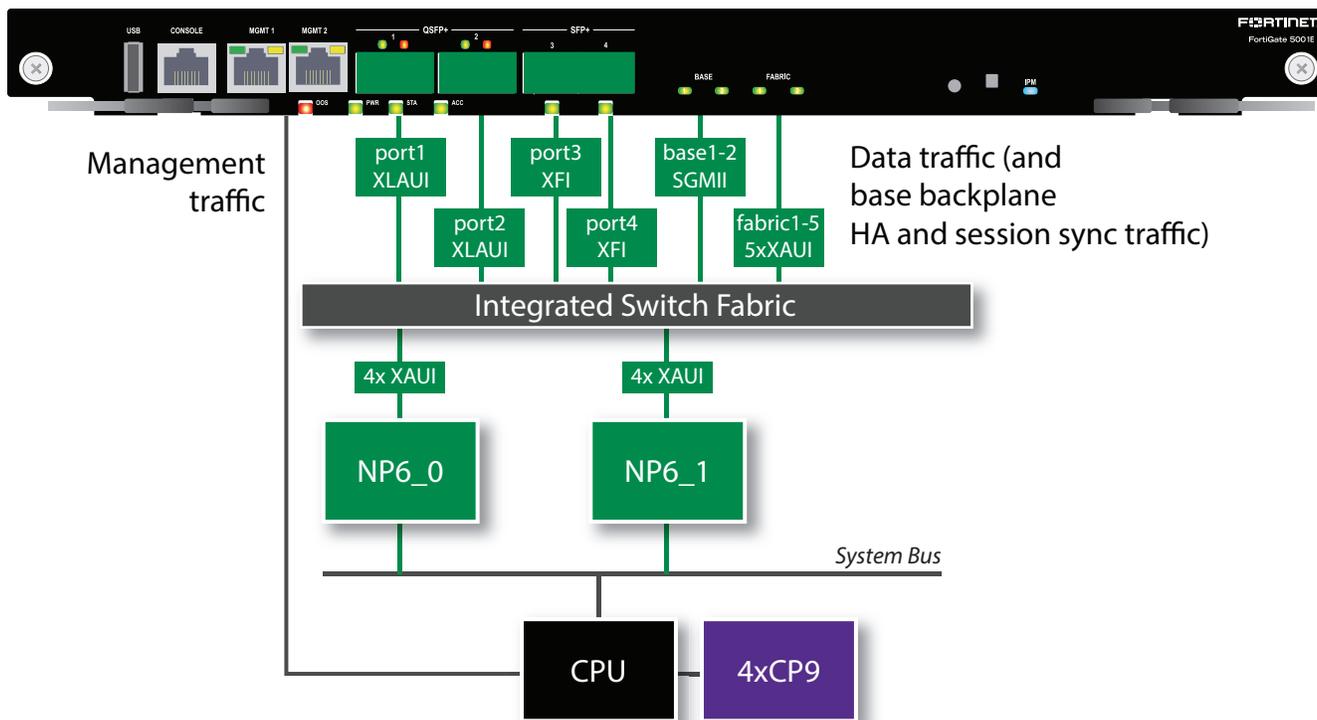
0-3	port2	40G	Yes
0-3	fabric2	40G	Yes
0-3	fabric4	40G	Yes
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## FortiGate-5001E and 5001E1 fast path architecture

The FortiGate 5001E and 5001E1 each include two NP6 processors. All front panel data interfaces and both of the NP6 processors connect to the integrated switch fabric (ISF). All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6 processors. Because of the ISF, all supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6 processors. No special mapping is required for fast path offloading or aggregate interfaces. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6 processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 5001E and 5001E1 models feature the following interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (MGMT1 and MGMT2) (not connected to the NP6 processors)
- Two 40 GigE QSFP+ Fabric Channel (1 and 2)
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ Fabric Channel (3 and 4)
- Two base backplane 1Gbps interfaces (base1 and base2) for HA heartbeat communications across the FortiGate-5000 chassis base backplane.
- Five fabric backplane 40Gbps interfaces (fabric1 to fabric5) for data communications across the FortiGate-5000 chassis fabric backplane



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate-5001E NP6 configuration. The command output shows both NP6s connected to each interface with cross-chip offloading supported for all interfaces connected to the NP6 processors. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip                XAUI Ports    Max      Cross-chip
                   |         |         Speed   offloading
-----|-----|-----|-----
NP#0-1             0-3 port1    40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port2    40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port3    10000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port4    10000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 base1    1000M   Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 base2    1000M   Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 fabric1  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 fabric2  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 fabric3  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 fabric4  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 fabric5  40000M  Yes
-----|-----|-----|-----
```

Distributing traffic evenly among the NP6 processors can optimize performance. For details, see [Optimizing NP6 performance by distributing traffic to XAUI links on page 143](#).

You can also add LAGs to improve performance. For details, see [Increasing NP6 offloading capacity using link aggregation groups \(LAGs\) on page 147](#).

If the FortiGate-5001E or 5001E1 is operating as part of an SLBC system, the output of the `get hardware npu np6 port-list` command shows links to FortiController front panel interfaces, FortiController trunk interfaces, and to the NP6 processors in other FortiGate-5001Es or 5001E1s in the chassis:

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
Chip                XAUI Ports    Max      Cross-chip
                   |         |         Speed   offloading
-----|-----|-----|-----
NP#0-1             0-3 port1    40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port2    40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port3    10000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 port4    10000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 base1    1000M   Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 base2    1000M   Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 elbc-ctrl/1 40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 elbc-ctrl/2 40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_8   40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_9   40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_10  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_17  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_18  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_19  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_20  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_21  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_22  40000M  Yes
NP#0-1             0-3 np6_0_23  40000M  Yes
-----|-----|-----|-----
```

```
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_24 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/trunk01 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/trunk01 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_27 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_28 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_29 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_30 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_31 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  np6_0_32 40000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-1 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-1 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-2 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-2 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-3 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-3 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-4 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-4 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-5 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-5 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-6 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-6 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-7 10000M Yes
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NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-9 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f1-10 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f1-10 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-1 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-1 10000M Yes
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NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-4 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-4 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-5 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-5 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-6 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-6 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-7 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-7 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-8 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-8 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-9 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-9 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl11/f2-10 10000M Yes
NP#0-1      0-3  fctrl12/f2-10 10000M Yes
```

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## Splitting front panel interfaces

You can use the following CLI command to split the port1 and port2 front panel interfaces into four interfaces.

```
config system global
  set split-port {port1 port2}
end
```

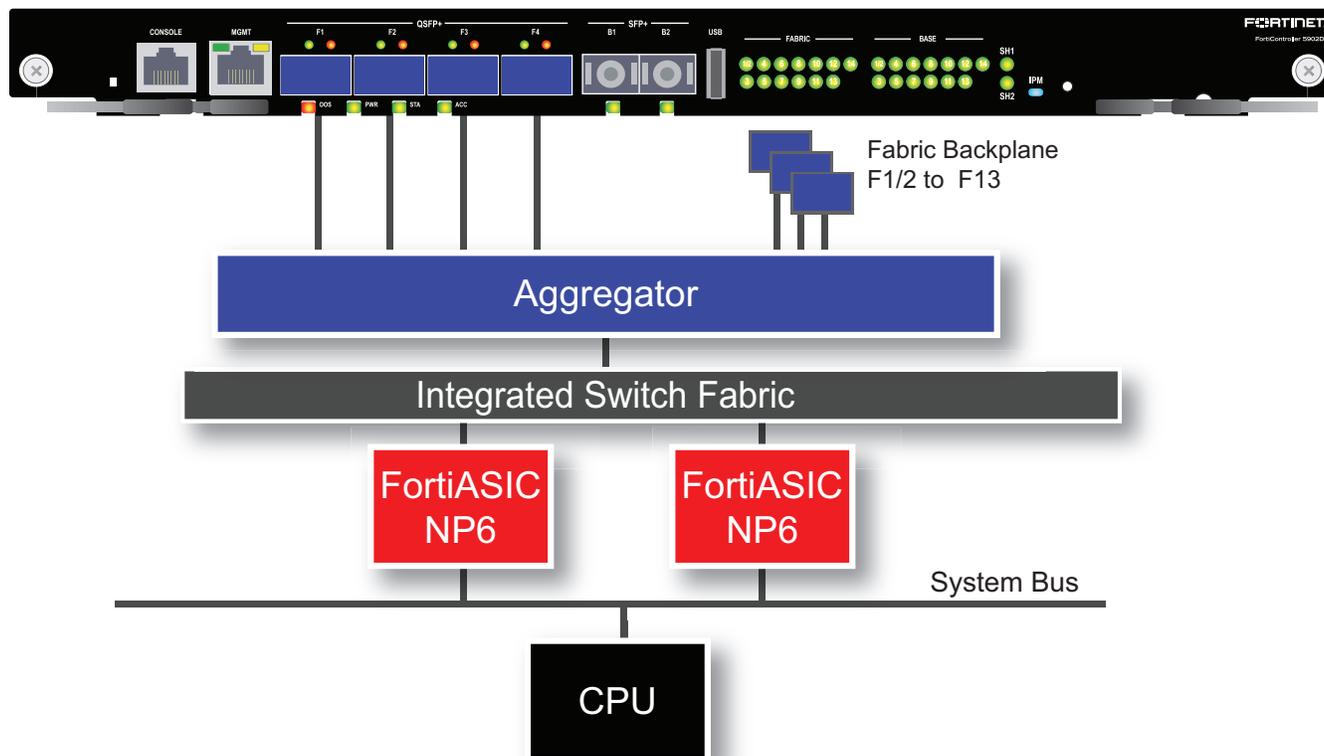
## FortiController-5902D fast path architecture

The FortiController-5902D NP6 network processors and integrated switch fabric (ISF) provide hardware acceleration by offloading load balancing from the primary FortiController-5902D CPU. Network processors are especially useful for accelerating load balancing of TCP and UDP sessions.

The first packet of every new session is received by the primary FortiController-5902D and the primary FortiController-5902D uses its load balancing schedule to select the worker that will process the new session. This information is passed back to an NP6 network processor and all subsequent packets of the same sessions are offloaded to an NP6 network processor which sends the packet directly to a subordinate unit. Load balancing is effectively offloaded from the primary unit to the NP6 network processors resulting in a faster and more stable active-active cluster.

Traffic accepted by the FortiController-5902D F1 to F4 interfaces is that is processed by the primary FortiController-5902D is also be offloaded to the NP6 processors.

Individual FortiController-5902D interfaces are not mapped to NP6 processors. Instead an Aggregator connects the all fabric interfaces to the ISF and no special mapping is required for fastpath offloading.



## NP6 content clustering mode interface mapping

FortiController-5902Ds run in content clustering mode and load balance sessions to FortiGate 5001D workers. Use the following command to enable content clustering:

```
config system elbc
    set mode content-cluster
    set inter-chassis-support enable
end
```

You can use the following get command to display the content clustering FortiController-5902D NP6 configuration. The output shows that all ports are mapped to all NP6 processors. You can also use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6 port-list
```

Chip	XAUI Ports	Max Speed	Cross-chip offloading
all	0-3 f1	40000M	Yes
all	0-3 f2	40000M	Yes
all	0-3 f3	40000M	Yes
all	0-3 f4	40000M	Yes
all	0-3 np6_0_4	10000M	Yes
all	0-3 np6_0_5	10000M	Yes

```

all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/1-2  40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/3    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/4    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/5    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/6    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/7    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/8    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/9    40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/10   40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/11   40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/12   40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/13   40000M  Yes
all    0-3  elbc-ctrl/14   40000M  Yes
-----

```

## NP6 default interface mapping

You can use the following command to display the default FortiController-5902D NP6 configuration.

```
diagnose npu np6 port-list
```

```

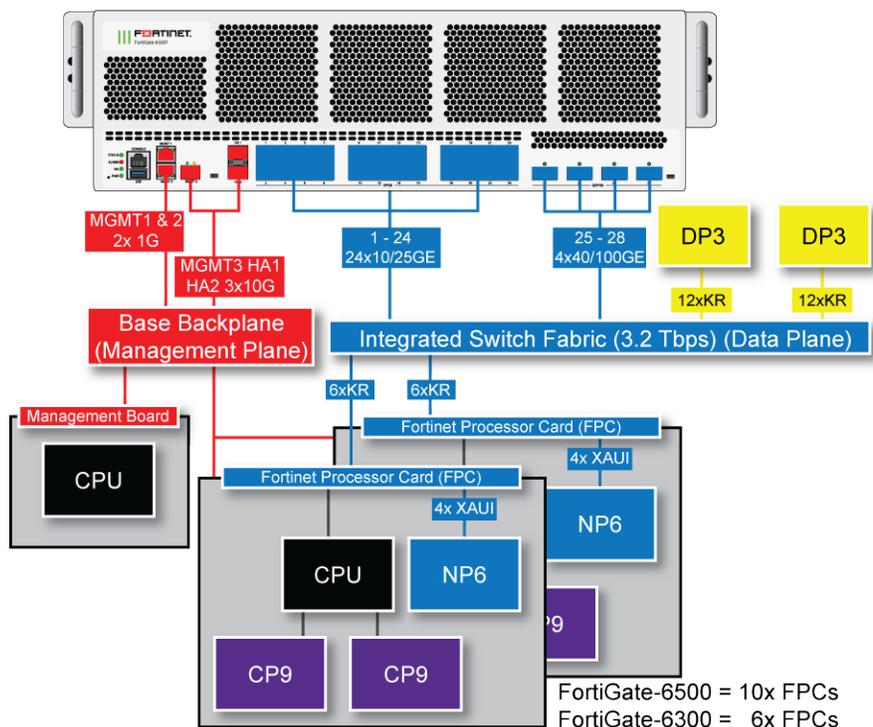
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max      Cross-chip
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all   0-3  f1             40000M  Yes
all   0-3  f2             40000M  Yes
all   0-3  f3             40000M  Yes
all   0-3  f4             40000M  Yes
all   0-3  np6_0_4       10000M  Yes
all   0-3  np6_0_5       10000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric1/2     40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric3       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric4       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric5       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric6       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric7       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric8       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric9       40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric10      40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric11      40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric12      40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric13      40000M  Yes
all   0-3  fabric14      40000M  Yes

```

## FortiGate-6000 series

The FortiGate-6000 series includes the FortiGate-6300F, 6301F, 6500F, and 6501F. All of these models have the same hardware architecture. FortiGate-6000 models have separate data and management planes. The data plane handles all traffic and security processing functionality. The management plane handles management functions such as administrator logins, configuration and session synchronization, SNMP and other monitoring, HA heartbeat communication, and remote and (if supported) local disk logging. Separating these two planes means that resources used for traffic and security processing are not compromised by management activities.

### FortiGate-6000 schematic



In the data plane, two DP3 load balancers use session-aware load balancing to distribute sessions from the front panel interfaces (port 1 to 28) to Fortinet Processor Cards (FPCs). The DP3 processors communicate with the FPCs across the 3.2Tbps integrated switch fabric. Each FPC processes sessions load balanced to it. The FPCs send outgoing sessions back to the integrated switch fabric and then out the network interfaces to their destinations.

The NP6 processor in each FPC enhances network performance with fastpath acceleration that offloads communication sessions from the FPC CPU. The NP6 processor can also handle some CPU intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption. The NP6 processor in each FPC connects to the integrated switch fabric over four XAUI ports.

The CP9 processors in each FPC accelerate many common resource intensive security related processes such as SSL VPN, Antivirus, Application Control, and IPS.

The management plane includes the management board, base backplane, management interfaces, and HA heartbeat interfaces. Configuration and session synchronization between FPCs in a FortiGate-6000F occurs over the base backplane. In an HA configuration, configuration and session synchronization between the FortiGate-6000s

in the cluster takes place over the HA1 and HA2 interfaces. Administrator logins, SNMP monitoring, remote logging to one or more FortiAnalyzers or syslog servers, and other management functions use the MGMT1, MGMT2, and MGMT3 interfaces. You can use the 10Gbps MGMT3 interface for additional bandwidth that might be useful for high bandwidth activities such as remote logging.

All FortiGate-6000 models have the following front panel interfaces:

- Twenty-four 1/10/25GigE SFP28 data network interfaces (1 to 24). The default speed of these interfaces is 10Gbps. These interfaces are divided into the following interface groups: 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, 17 - 20, and 21 - 24.
- Four 40/100GigE QSFP28 data network interfaces (25 to 28). The default speed of these interfaces is 40Gbps.
- Two 1/10GigE SFP+ HA interfaces (HA1 and HA2). The default speed of these interfaces is 10Gbps.
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T out of band management Ethernet interfaces (MGMT1 and MGMT2).
- One 1/10GigE SFP+ out of band management interface (MGMT3).

From the management board, you can use the `diagnose npu np6 port-list` command to display the FortiGate-6000 NP6 configuration. The command output shows the NP6 configuration for all of the FPCs. You can see the same information for individual FPCs by logging into each FPC (for example by using the `execute system console-server connect <slot-number>` command) and using the same `diagnose` command or the `get hardware npu np6 port-list` command.

As shown in the example below for the FPC in slot 1, all of the FortiGate-6000 front panel interfaces and the fabric backplane (`elbc-ctrl`) connect to the NP6 processor in each FPC.

```
FortiGate-6000F [FPC01] (global) $ diagnose npu np6 port-list
Chip                XAUI Ports      Max      Cross-chip
                   Speed         offloading
-----
all                 0-3  elbc-ctrl/110G   Yes
all                 0-3  port1           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port2           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port3           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port4           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port5           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port6           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port7           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port8           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port9           25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port10          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port11          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port12          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port13          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port14          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port15          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port16          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port17          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port18          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port19          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port20          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port21          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port22          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port23          25G   Yes
all                 0-3  port24          25G   Yes
```

all	0-3	port25	100G	Yes
all	0-3	port26	100G	Yes
all	0-3	port27	100G	Yes
all	0-3	port28	100G	Yes
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## Interface groups and changing data interface speeds

Depending on the networks that you want to connect your FortiGate-6000 to, you may have to manually change the data interface speeds. The port1 to port20 data interfaces are divided into the following groups:

- port1 - port4
- port5 - port8
- port9 - port12
- port13 - port16
- port17 - port20
- port21 - port24

All of the interfaces in a group operate at the same speed. Changing the speed of an interface changes the speeds of all of the interfaces in the same group. For example, if you change the speed of port18 from 10Gbps to 25Gbps the speeds of port17 to port20 are also changed to 25Gbps.

The port25 to port28 interfaces are not part of an interface group. You can set the speed of each of these interfaces independently of the other three.

Another example, the default speed of the port1 to port24 interfaces is 10Gbps. If you want to install 25GigE transceivers in port1 to port24 to convert these data interfaces to connect to 25Gbps networks, you must enter the following from the CLI:

```
config system interface
  edit port1
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port5
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port9
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port13
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port17
    set speed 25000full
  next
  edit port21
    set speed 25000full
end
```

Every time you change a data interface speed, when you enter the end command, the CLI confirms the range of interfaces affected by the change. For example, if you change the speed of port5 the following message appears:

```
config system interface
  edit port5
```

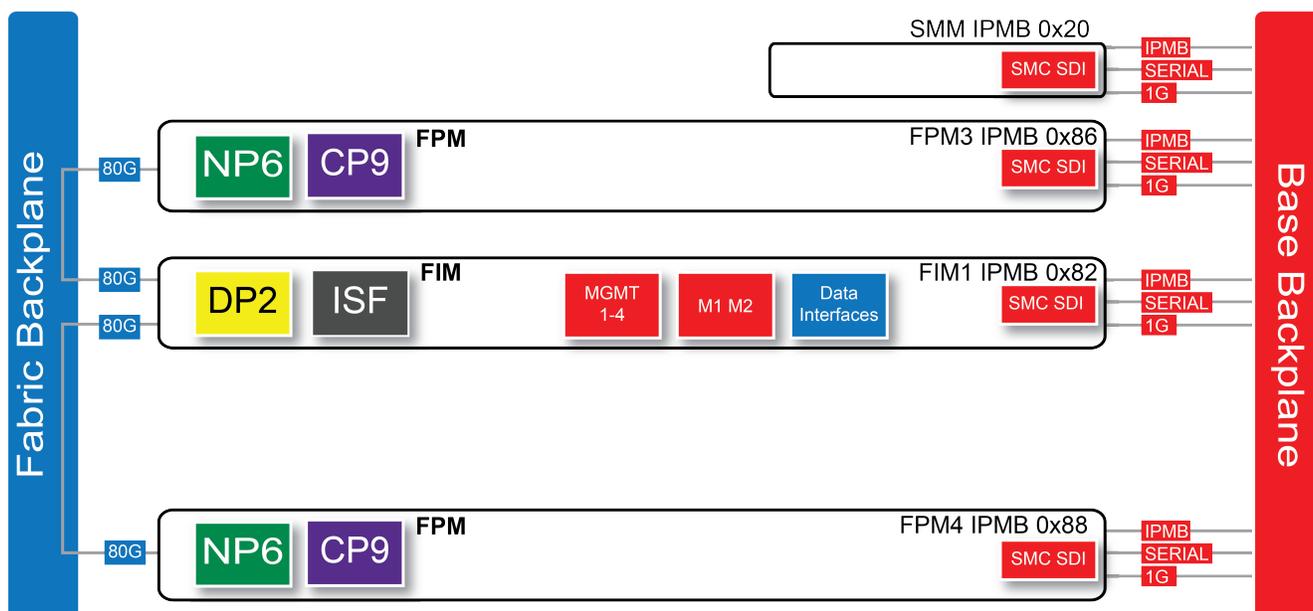
```

set speed 25000full
end
port5-port8 speed will be changed to 25000full due to hardware limit.
Do you want to continue? (y/n)

```

## FortiGate-7030E fast path architecture

The FortiGate-7030E chassis schematic below shows the communication channels between chassis components including the management module (SMM), the FIM module (FIM1) and the FPM modules (FPM3 and FPM4).



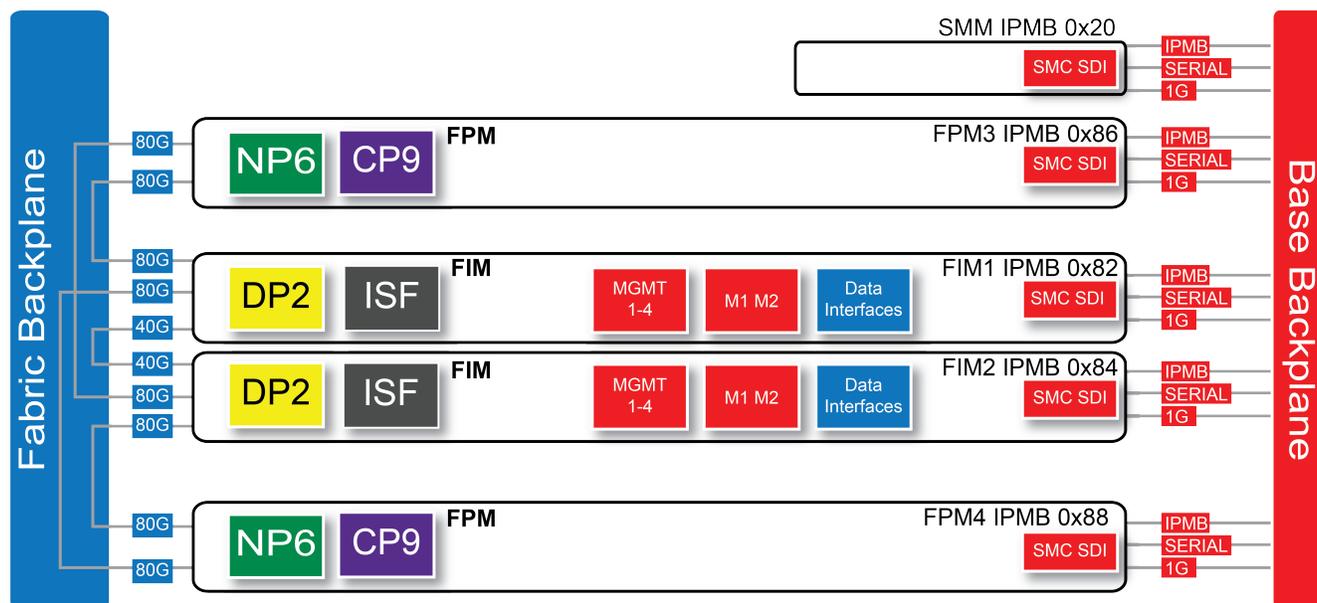
The SMM (with Intelligent Platform Management Bus (IPMB) address 0x20) communicates with all modules in the chassis over the base backplane. Each module, including the SMM, includes a Shelf Management Controller (SMC). These SMCs support IPMB communication between the management module and the FIM and FPM modules for storing and sharing sensor data that the management module uses to control chassis cooling and power distribution. The base backplane also supports serial communications to allow console access from the management module to all modules, and 1Gbps Ethernet communication for management and heartbeat communication between modules.

FIM1 (IPMB address 0x82) is the FIM module in slot 1. The interfaces of this module connect the chassis to data networks and can be used for Ethernet management access to chassis components. The FIM module includes DP2 processors that distribute sessions over the Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) to the NP6 processors in the FPM modules. Data sessions are communicated to the FPM modules over the 80Gbps chassis fabric backplane.

FPM3 and FPM4 (IPMB addresses 0x86 and 0x88) are the FPM processor modules in slots 3 and 4. These worker modules process sessions distributed to them by the FIM module. FPM modules include NP6 processors to offload sessions from the FPM CPU and CP9 processors that accelerate content processing.

## FortiGate-7040E fast path architecture

The FortiGate-7040E chassis schematic below shows the communication channels between chassis components including the management module (SMM), the FIM modules (FIM1 and FIM2) and the FPM modules (FPM3 and FPM4).



The SMM (with Intelligent Platform Management Bus (IPMB) address 0x20) communicates with all modules in the chassis over the base backplane. Each module, including the SMM, includes a Shelf Management Controller (SMC). These SMCs support IPMB communication between the management module and the FIM and FPM modules for storing and sharing sensor data that the management module uses to control chassis cooling and power distribution. The base backplane also supports serial communications to allow console access from the management module to all modules, and 1Gbps Ethernet communication for management and heartbeat communication between modules.

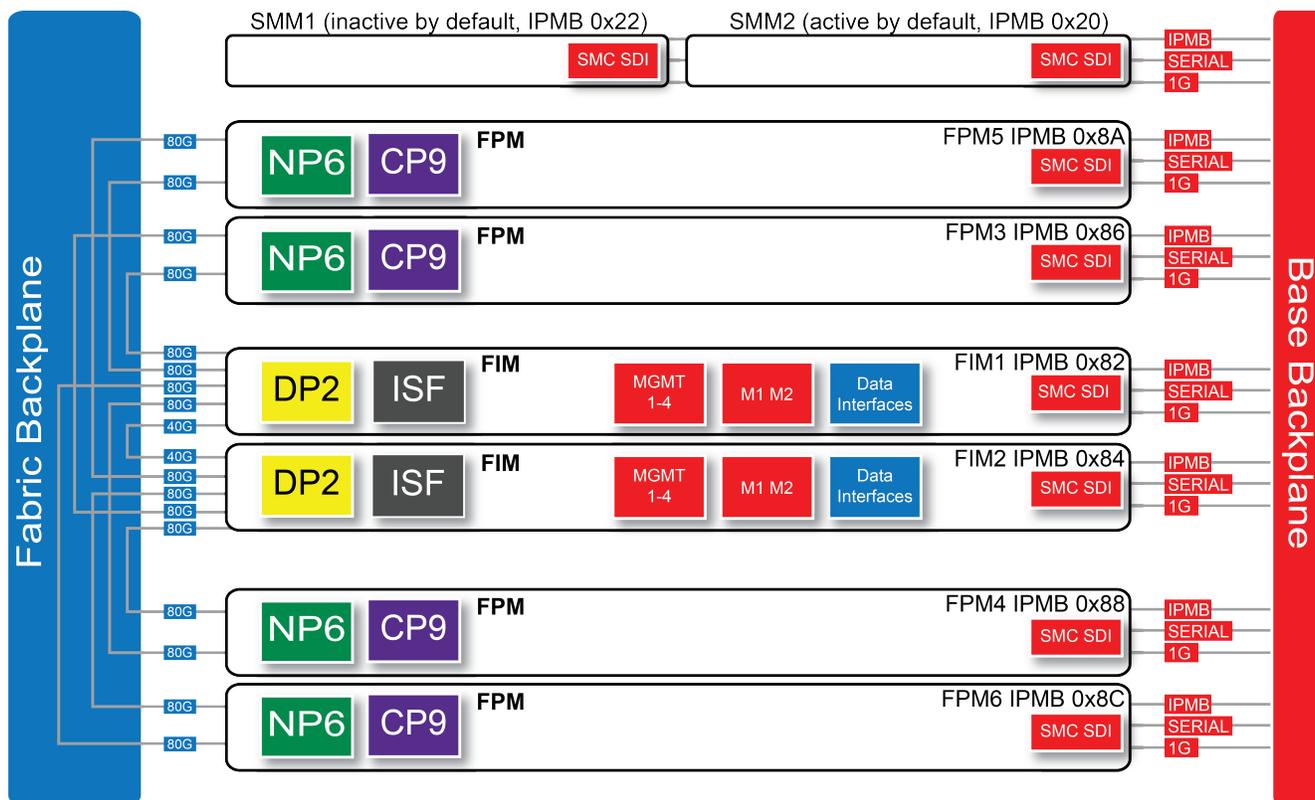
FIM1 and FIM2 (IPMB addresses 0x82 and 0x84) are the FIM modules in slots 1 and 2. The interfaces of these modules connect the chassis to data networks and can be used for Ethernet management access to chassis components. The FIM modules include DP2 processors that distribute sessions over the Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) to the NP6 processors in the FPM modules. Data sessions are communicated to the FPM modules over the 80Gbps chassis fabric backplane.

FPM3 and FPM4 (IPMB addresses 0x86 and 0x88) are the FPM processor modules in slots 3 and 4. These worker modules process sessions distributed to them by the FIM modules. FPM modules include NP6 processors to offload sessions from the FPM CPU and CP9 processors that accelerate content processing.

## FortiGate-7060E fast path architecture

The FortiGate-7060E chassis schematic below shows the communication channels between chassis components including the management modules (SMM1 and SMM2), the FIM modules (FIM1 and FIM2) and the FPM modules

(FPM3, FPM4, FPM5, and FPM6).



By default, SMM2 is the active SMM and SMM1 is inactive. The active SMM always has the Intelligent Platform Management Bus (IPMB) address 0x20 and the inactive management module always has the IPMB address 0x22.

The active SMM communicates with all modules in the chassis over the base backplane. Each module, including the SMM, has a Shelf Management Controller (SMC). These SMCs support IPMB communication between the active management module and the FIM and FPM modules for storing and sharing sensor data that the management module uses to control chassis cooling and power distribution. The base backplane also supports serial communications to allow console access from the management module to all modules, and 1Gbps Ethernet communication for management and heartbeat communication between modules.

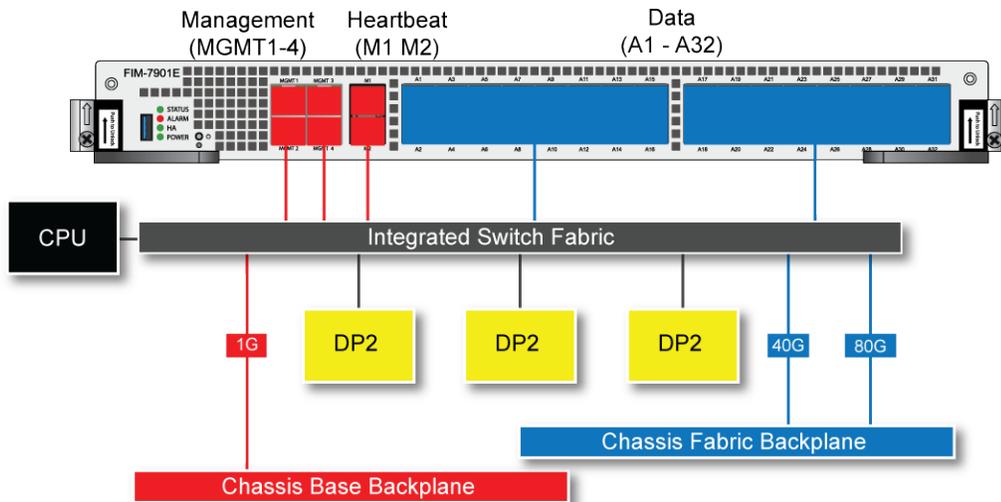
FIM1 and FIM2 (IPMB addresses 0x82 and 0x84) are the FIM modules in slots 1 and 2. The interfaces of these modules connect the chassis to data networks and can be used for Ethernet management access to chassis components. The FIM modules include DP2 processors that distribute sessions over the Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) to the NP6 processors in the FPM modules. Data sessions are communicated to the FPM modules over the 80Gbps chassis fabric backplane.

FPM03, FPM04, FPM05, and FPM06 (IPMB addresses 0x86, 0x88, 0x8A, and 0x8C) are the FPM processor modules in slots 3 to 6. These worker modules process sessions distributed to them by the FIM modules. FPM modules include NP6 processors to offload sessions from the FPM CPU and CP9 processors that accelerate content processing.

## FIM-7901E fast path architecture

The FIM-7901E includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the FIM module front panel interfaces to the DP2 session-aware load balancers and to the chassis fabric and base backplanes. The ISF also allows the DP2 processors to distribute sessions among all NP6 processors on the FortiGate Processor Modules (FPM) in the FortiGate-7000E chassis.

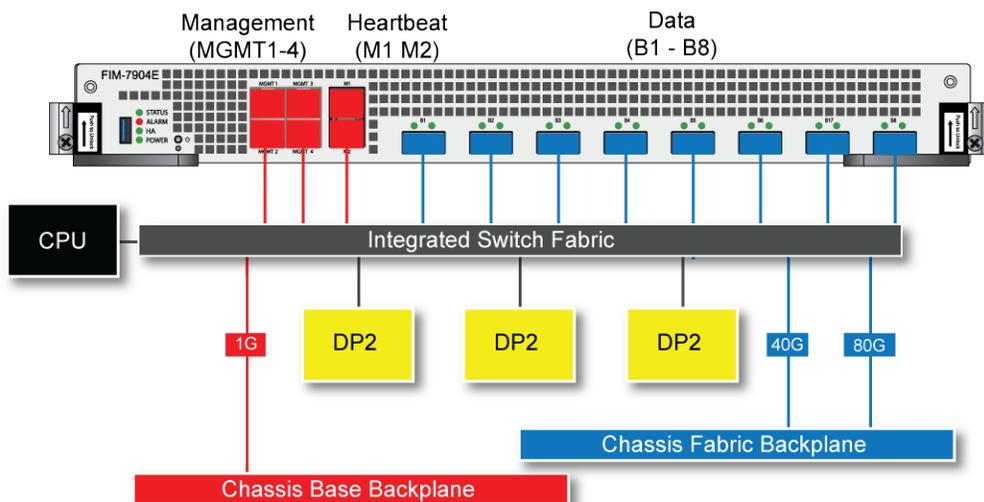
### FIM-7901E schematic



## FIM-7904E fast path architecture

The FIM-7904E includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the front panel interfaces to the DP2 session-aware load balancers and to the chassis backplanes. The ISF also allows the DP2 processors to distribute sessions among all NP6 processors on the FortiGate Processor Modules (FPM) in the FortiGate-7000E chassis.

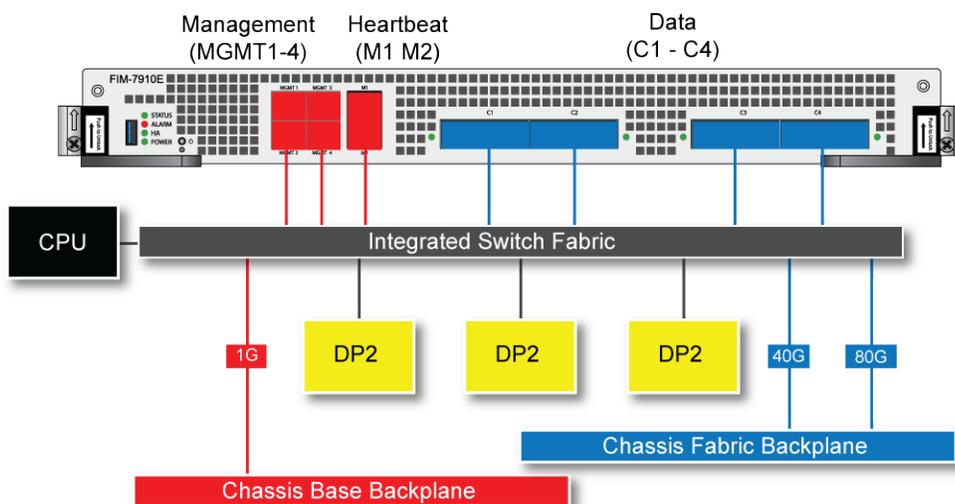
### FIM-7904E hardware architecture



## FIM-7910E fast path architecture

The FIM-7910E includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the front panel interfaces to the DP2 session-aware load balancers and to the chassis backplanes. The ISF also allows the DP2 processors to distribute sessions among all NP6 processors on the FortiGate Processor Modules (FPM) in the FortiGate-7000 chassis.

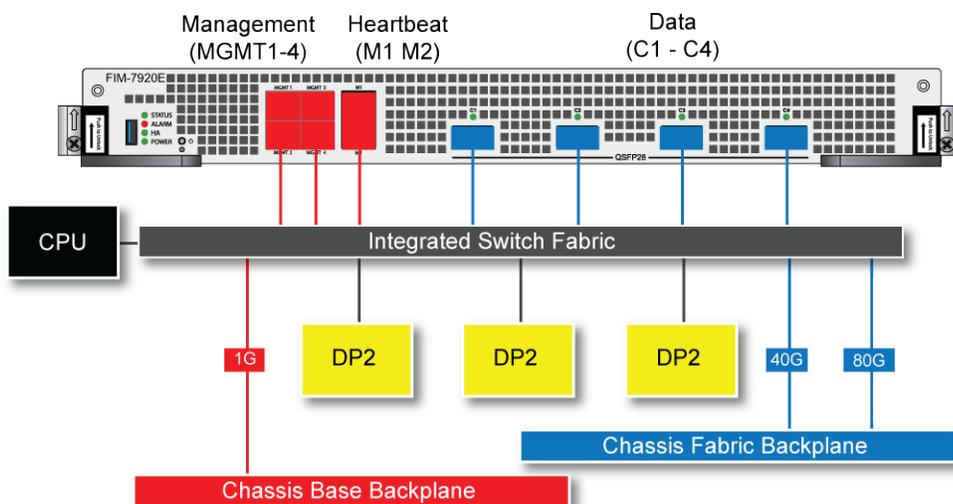
### FIM-7910E hardware schematic



## FIM-7920E fast path architecture

The FIM-7920E includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects the front panel interfaces to the DP2 session-aware load balancers and to the chassis backplanes. The ISF also allows the DP2 processors to distribute sessions among all NP6 processors on the FortiGate Processor Modules (FPM) in the FortiGate-7000E chassis.

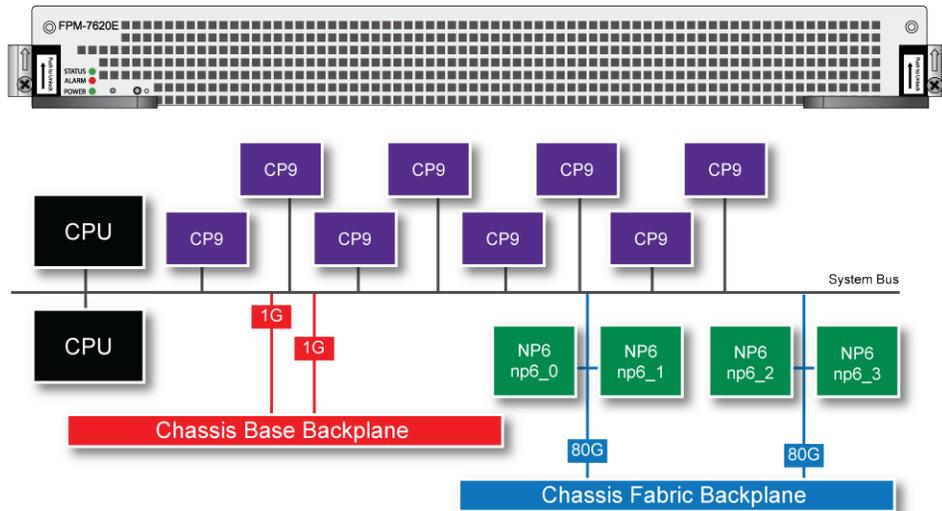
### FIM-7920E hardware schematic



## FPM-7620E fast path architecture

In a FortiGate-7000E chassis, FPM-7620E NP6 network processors combined with the FortiGate Interface Module (FIM) Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) provide hardware acceleration by offloading sessions from the FPM-7620E CPUs. The result is enhanced network performance provided by the NP6 processors plus the removal of network processing load from the FPM-7620 CPUs. The NP6 processors can also handle some CPU-intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption. Because of the ISF in each FIM module, all sessions are fast-pathed and accelerated.

## FPM-7620E hardware architecture

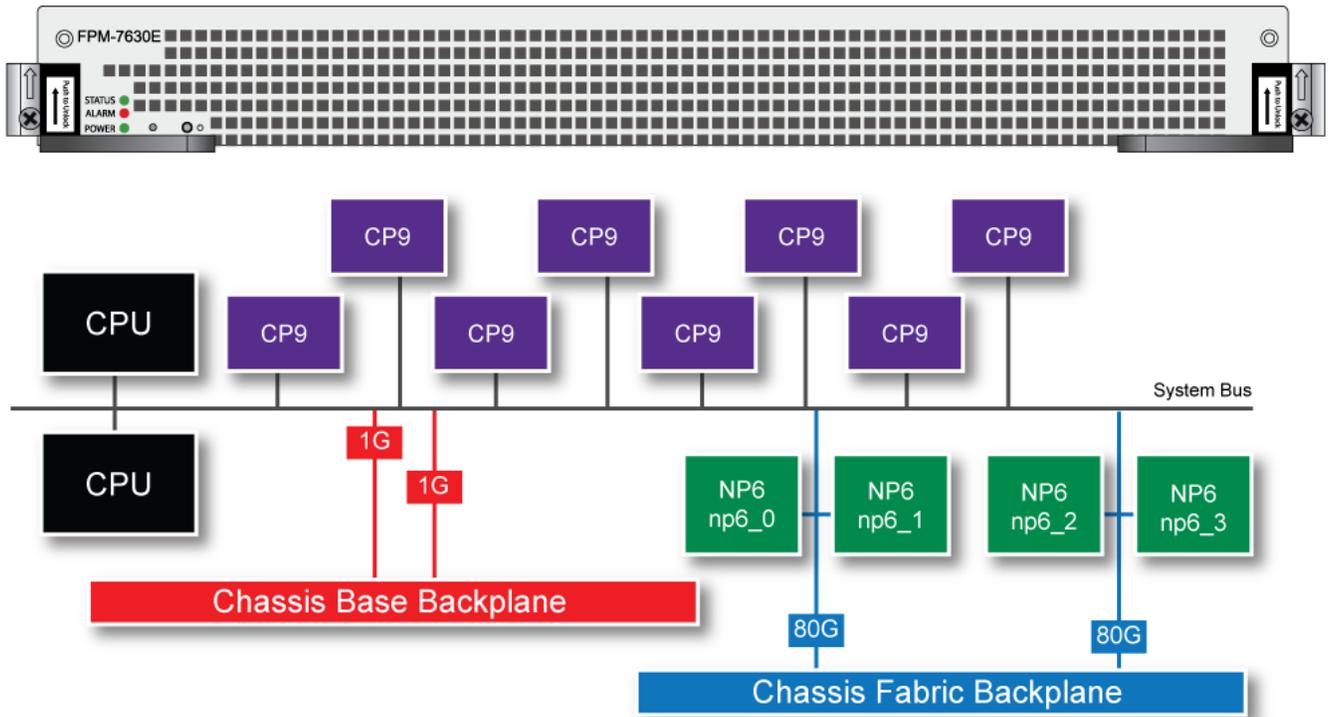


## FPM-7630E fast path architecture

In a FortiGate-7000E chassis, FPM-7630E NP6 network processors combined with the FortiGate Interface Module (FIM) Integrated Switch Fabric (ISF) provide hardware acceleration by offloading sessions from the FPM-7630E CPUs. The result is enhanced network performance provided by the NP6 processors plus the removal of network processing load from the FPM-7630 CPUs. The NP6 processors can also handle some CPU-intensive tasks, like IPsec VPN encryption/decryption. Because of the ISF in each FIM module, all sessions are fast-pathed and accelerated.

The FPM-7630E processor module is an update of the FPM-7620E processor module with the same architecture but a newer CPU configuration. You can mix FPM-7630Es and FPM-7620Es in the same FortiGate-7000E chassis. In an HA configuration, both chassis in the HA cluster must have the same FPM modules in the same slots.

### FPM-7630E hardware architecture



# FortiGate NP6XLite architectures

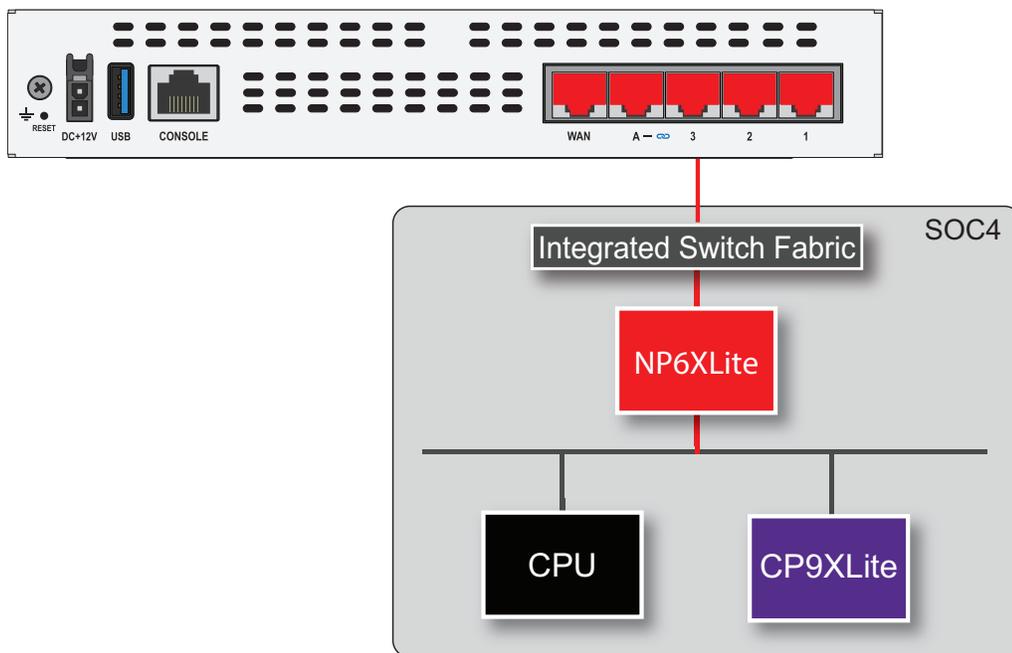
This chapter shows the NP6XLite architecture for FortiGate models that include NP6XLite processors.

## FortiGate 40F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 40F includes the SOC4 and uses the SOC4 CPU, NP6XLite processor, and CP9XLite processor. The SOC4 includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects all of the front panel network interfaces to the NP6XLite processor. All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6XLite processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 40F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Five 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (WAN, A, and 1-3) connected to the SOC4. A is a FortiLink interface.



The SOC4 ISF allows you to use the command `config system virtual-switch` to create a virtual hardware switch that can include any front panel interface connected to the SOC4.



To add an interface to a hardware switch, its mode must be set to `static` and the interface can't be used in any other configuration. For example, you can't have a firewall policy that references the interface.

You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate 40F NP6XLite configuration.

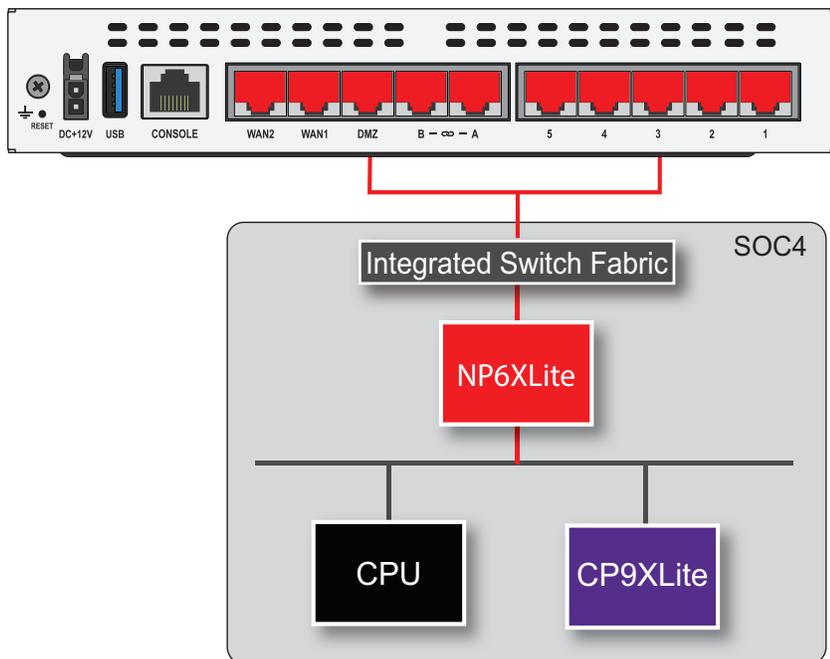
```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
  10  wan                1000M  NO
   5  lan1              1000M  NO
   4  lan2              1000M  NO
   3  lan3              1000M  NO
   2  a                 1000M  NO
```

## FortiGate 60F and 61F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 60F and 61F includes the SOC4 and uses the SOC4 CPU, NP6XLite processor, and CP9XLite processor. The SOC4 includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects all of the front panel network interfaces to the NP6XLite processor. All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6XLite processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 60F and 61F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Eight 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1-5, A, B, DMZ) connected to the SOC4. A and B are FortiLink interfaces.
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (WAN1 and WAN2) connected to the SOC4.



The SOC4 ISF allows you to use the command `config system virtual-switch` to create a virtual hardware switch that can include any front panel interface connected to the SOC4.



To add an interface to a hardware switch, its mode must be set to `static` and the interface can't be used in any other configuration. For example, you can't have a firewall policy that references the interface.

You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate 60F or 61F NP6XLite configuration.

```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
  11  wan1          1000M      NO
  15  wan2          1000M      NO
   7  dmz          1000M      NO
   6  internal1    1000M      NO
   5  internal2    1000M      NO
   4  internal3    1000M      NO
   3  internal4    1000M      NO
  10  internal5    1000M      NO
   9  a            1000M      NO
   8  b            1000M      NO
```

## FortiGate Rugged 60F fast path architecture

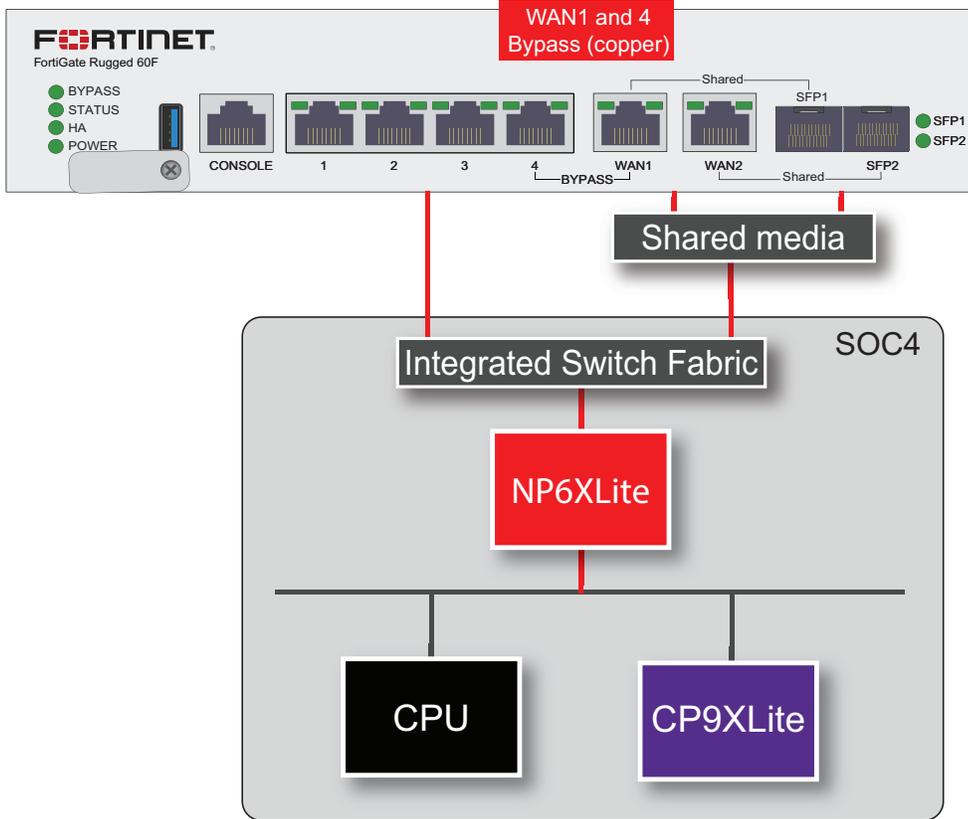
The FortiGate Rugged 60F includes the SOC4 and uses the SOC4 CPU, NP6XLite processor, and CP9XLite processor. The SOC4 includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects all of the front panel network interfaces to the NP6XLite processor. All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6XLite processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

Interfaces SFP1 and WAN1 and SFP2 and WAN2 are shared SFP or Ethernet interfaces. Only one of each of these interface pairs can be connected to a network. This allows you to, for example, connect SFP1 to an SFP switch and WAN2 to 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper switch.

The WAN1 and 4 interfaces form a copper bypass pair. The SFP1 interface is not part of the bypass pair. On the GUI and CLI the 4 interface is named `internal4`.

The FortiGate Rugged 60F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Four 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1-4) connected to the SOC4.
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (WAN1 and WAN2) connected to the SOC4.
- Two 1GigE SFP interfaces (SFP1 and SFP2) connected to the SOC4.



The SOC4 ISF allows you to use the command `config system virtual-switch` to create a virtual hardware switch that can include any front panel interface connected to the SOC4.



To add an interface to a hardware switch, its mode must be set to `static` and the interface can't be used in any other configuration. For example, you can't have a firewall policy that references the interface.

You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate Rugged 60F NP6XLite configuration.

```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
  6   wan1              1000M      NO
  2   wan2              1000M      NO
 14   internal1         1000M      NO
 15   internal2         1000M      NO
 16   internal3         1000M      NO
 17   internal4         1000M      NO
```

## Bypass interfaces (WAN1 and 4)

The FortiGate Rugged 60F includes a bypass interface pair, WAN1 and 4, that provides fail open support. When a FortiGate Rugged 60F experiences a hardware failure or loses power, or when bypass mode is enabled, the bypass interface pair operates in bypass mode. In bypass mode, WAN1 and 4 are directly connected. Traffic can pass between WAN1 and 4 bypassing the FortiOS firewall and the NP6XLite processor, but continuing to provide network connectivity.

In bypass mode, the bypass pair acts like a patch cable, failing open and allowing all traffic to pass through. Traffic on the bypass interface that is using VLANs or other network extensions can only continue flowing if the connected network equipment is configured for these features.

The FortiGate Rugged 60F will continue to operate in bypass mode until the failed FortiGate Rugged 60F is replaced, power is restored, or bypass mode is disabled. If power is restored or bypass mode is disabled, the FortiGate Rugged 60F resumes operating as a FortiGate device without interrupting traffic flow. Replacing a failed FortiGate Rugged 60F disrupts traffic as a technician physically replaces the failed FortiGate Rugged 60F with a new one.

## Manually enabling bypass mode

You can manually enable bypass mode if the FortiGate Rugged 60F is operating in transparent mode. You can also manually enable bypass mode for a VDOM if WAN1 and 4 are both connected to the same VDOM operating in transparent mode.

By default, interface 4 (internal4) is part of a hardware switch named internal. Before you enable bypass mode, you must enter the following commands to edit the hardware switch and remove internal4 from the switch:

```
config system virtual-switch
  edit internal
    delete internal4
  end
```

Then you can use the following command to enable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode enable
```

This command changes the configuration, so bypass mode will still be enabled if the FortiGate Rugged 60F restarts.

You can use the following command to disable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode disable
```

## Configuring bypass settings

You can use the following command to configure how bypass operates. To configure these settings, you must first remove the internal4f interface from the internal hardware switch.

```
config system bypass
  set bypass-watchdog {disable | enable}
  set poweroff-bypass {disable | enable}
end
```

bypass-watchdog enable to turn on bypass mode. When bypass mode is turned on, if the bypass watchdog detects a software or hardware failure, bypass mode will be activated.

poweroff-bypass if enabled, traffic will be able to pass between the wan1 and internal4 interfaces if the FortiGate Rugged 60F is powered off.

## FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass fast path architecture

The FortiGate 80F, 81F, and 80F Bypass includes the SOC4 and uses the SOC4 CPU, NP6XLite processor, and CP9XLite processor. The SOC4 includes an integrated switch fabric (ISF) that connects all of the front panel network interfaces to the NP6XLite processor. All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through the ISF to the NP6XLite processor. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. Data traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

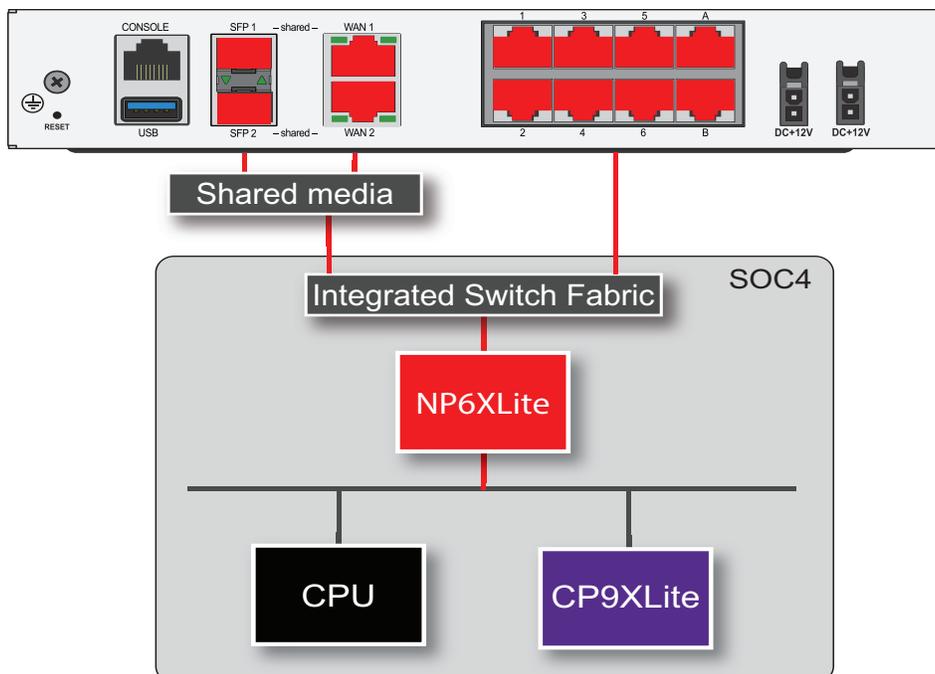
Interfaces SFP1 and WAN1 and SFP2 and WAN2 are shared SFP or Ethernet interfaces. Only one of each of these interface pairs can be connected to a network. This allows you to, for example, connect SFP1 to an SFP switch and WAN2 to 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper switch.

On the FortiGate 80F Bypass model, the WAN1 and 1 interfaces form a copper bypass pair. The SFP1 interface is not part of the bypass pair. On the GUI and CLI the 1 interface is named internal1.

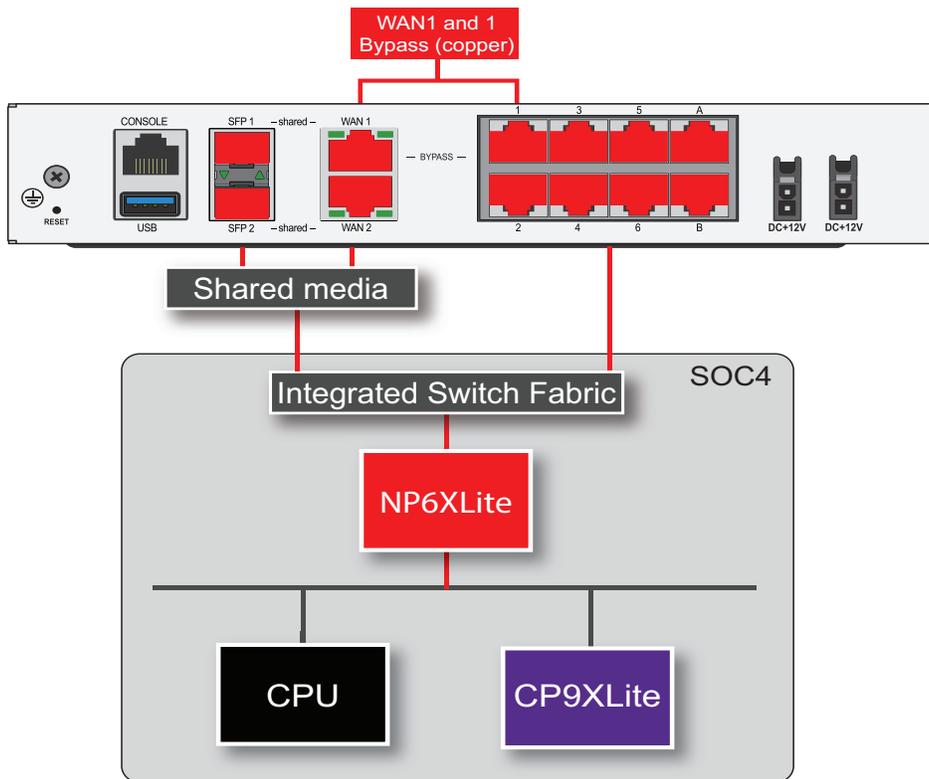
The FortiGate 80F and 81F features the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 1GigE SFP interfaces (SFP1 and SFP2) connected to the SOC4.
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper interfaces (WAN1, WAN2) connected to the SOC4.
- Eight 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1-6, A, and B) connected to the SOC4. A and B are FortiLink interfaces.

### FortiGate 80F and 81F back panel



### FortiGate 80F Bypass back panel



The SOC4 ISF allows you to use the command `config system virtual-switch` to create a virtual hardware switch that can include any front panel interface connected to the SOC4.



To add an interface to a hardware switch, its mode must be set to `static` and the interface can't be used in any other configuration. For example, you can't have a firewall policy that references the interface.

You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate 80F or 81F NP6XLite configuration.

```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
  14  wan1                1000M      NO
  13  wan2                1000M      NO
   7  internal1          1000M      NO
   8  internal2          1000M      NO
   9  internal3          1000M      NO
  10  internal4          1000M      NO
   3  internal5          1000M      NO
   4  internal6          1000M      NO
```

5	a	1000M	NO
6	b	1000M	NO

## Bypass interfaces (WAN1 and 1)

The FortiGate 80F Bypass model includes a bypass interface pair, WAN1 and 1, that provides fail open support. When a FortiGate 80F Bypass model experiences a hardware failure or loses power, or when bypass mode is enabled, the bypass interface pair operates in bypass mode. In bypass mode, WAN1 and 1 are directly connected. Traffic can pass between WAN1 and 1 bypassing the FortiOS firewall and the NP6XLite processor, but continuing to provide network connectivity.

In bypass mode, the bypass pair acts like a patch cable, failing open and allowing all traffic to pass through. Traffic on the bypass interface that is using VLANs or other network extensions can only continue flowing if the connected network equipment is configured for these features.

The FortiGate 80F Bypass model will continue to operate in bypass mode until the failed FortiGate 80F Bypass model is replaced, power is restored, or bypass mode is disabled. If power is restored or bypass mode is disabled, the FortiGate 80F Bypass model resumes operating as a FortiGate device without interrupting traffic flow. Replacing a failed FortiGate 80F Bypass model disrupts traffic as a technician physically replaces the failed FortiGate 80F Bypass model with a new one.

## Manually enabling bypass mode

You can manually enable bypass mode if the FortiGate 80F Bypass model is operating in transparent mode. You can also manually enable bypass mode for a VDOM if WAN1 and 1 are both connected to the same VDOM operating in transparent mode.

By default, interface 1 (internal1) is part of a hardware switch named internal. Before you enable bypass mode, you must enter the following commands to edit the hardware switch and remove internal1 from the switch:

```
config system virtual-switch
  edit internal
    delete internal1
  end
```

Then you can use the following command to enable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode enable
```

This command changes the configuration, so bypass mode will still be enabled if the FortiGate 80F Bypass model restarts.

You can use the following command to disable bypass mode:

```
execute bypass-mode disable
```

## Configuring bypass settings

You can use the following command to configure how bypass operates. To configure these settings, you must first remove the internal1 interface from the internal hardware switch.

```

config system bypass
  set bypass-watchdog {disable | enable}
  set poweroff-bypass {disable | enable}
end

```

bypass-watchdog enable to turn on bypass mode. When bypass mode is turned on, if the bypass watchdog detects a software or hardware failure, bypass mode will be activated.

poweroff-bypass if enabled, traffic will be able to pass between the wan1 and internal1 interfaces if the FortiGate 80F Bypass is powered off.

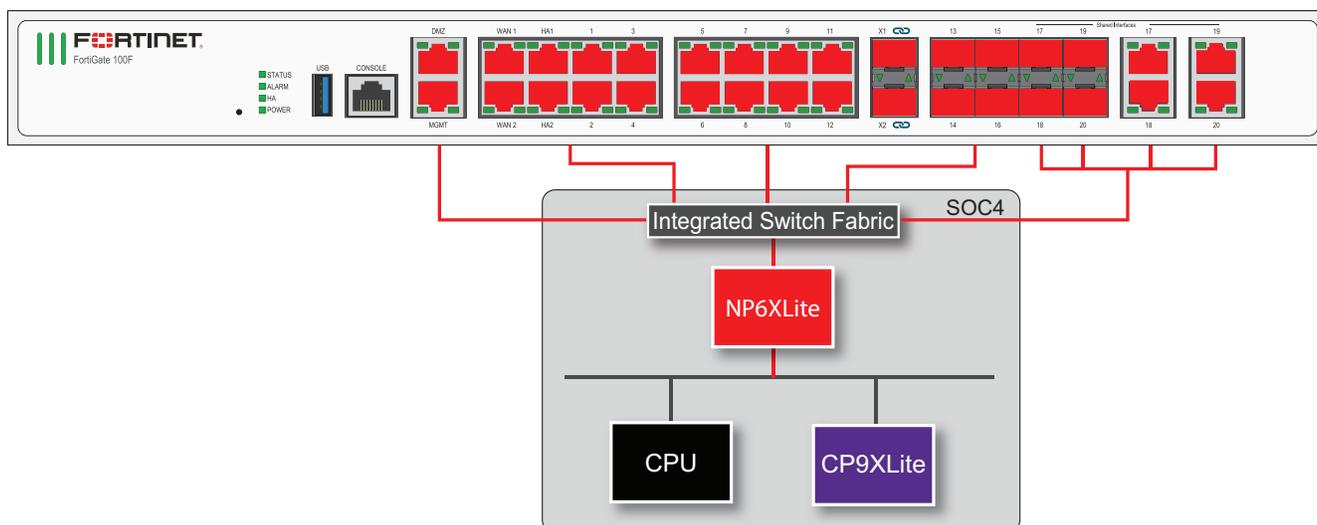
## FortiGate 100F and 101F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 100F and 101F includes the SOC4 and uses the SOC4 CPU, NP6XLite processor, and CP9XLite processor. All of the data interfaces and the HA and MGMT interfaces connect to the SOC4. The DMZ and MGMT interfaces connect directly to the SOC4. Other data interfaces and the HA interfaces connect to the SOC4 through the integrated switch fabric. All supported traffic passing between any two interfaces can be offloaded by the SOC4 NP6XLite processor. Traffic processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

Interfaces 17 to 20 are shared SFP or Ethernet interfaces. That means there are two sets of physical interfaces numbered 17 to 20 but only one of each can be connected to a network. This allows you to, for example, connect interfaces 17 and 18 to an SFP switch and interfaces 19 and 20 to a 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper switch.

The FortiGate 100F and 101F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (DMZ, MGMT).
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (WAN1, WAN2, HA1, HA2, 1 to 12).
- Two 10 GigE SFP+ (X1 and X2). X1 and X2 are FortiLink interfaces.
- Four 1GigE SFP (13 to 16).
- Four shared interfaces (17 to 20) that can be either:
  - 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper
  - 1GE SFP



You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate 100F or 101F NP6XLite configuration.

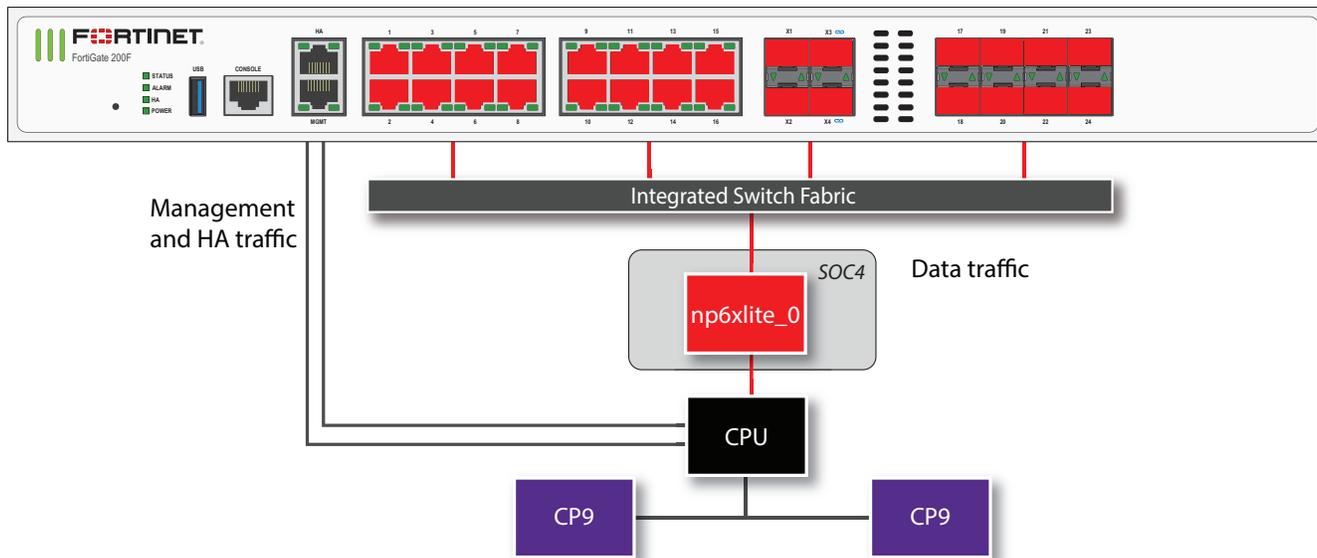
```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
    11  dmz             1000M      NO
    15  mgmt            1000M      NO
    19  wan1             1000M      NO
    19  wan2             1000M      NO
    19  ha1              1000M      NO
    19  ha2              1000M      NO
    19  port1            1000M      NO
    19  port2            1000M      NO
    19  port3            1000M      NO
    19  port4            1000M      NO
    19  port5            1000M      NO
    19  port6            1000M      NO
    19  port7            1000M      NO
    19  port8            1000M      NO
    19  port9            1000M      NO
    19  port10           1000M      NO
    19  port11           1000M      NO
    19  port12           1000M      NO
    19  x1              10000M     NO
    19  x2              10000M     NO
    19  port13           1000M      NO
    19  port14           1000M      NO
    19  port15           1000M      NO
    19  port16           1000M      NO
    19  port17           1000M      NO
    19  port18           1000M      NO
    19  port19           1000M      NO
    19  port20           1000M      NO
```

## FortiGate 200F and 201F fast path architecture

The FortiGate 200F and 201F both include a SOC4 NP6XLite processor. The SOC4 CPU and CP9XLite are not used. Instead, the FortiGate 200F and 201F architecture includes separate CPU resources and two standard CP9 processors. All of the data interfaces (1 to 24 and X1 to X4) connect to the NP6XLite processor through the integrated switch fabric. All supported traffic passing between any two data interfaces can be offloaded by the NP6XLite processor. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and the NP6XLite processor to the CPU.

The FortiGate 200F and 201F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (HA, MGMT) that are not connected to the NP6XLite.
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (1 to 16).
- Four 10 GigE SFP+ (X1 to X4). X3 and X4 are FortiLink interfaces.
- Eight 1GigE SFP (17 to 24).



The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6XLite processor. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6XLite processor. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the command `diagnose npu np6xlite port-list` to display the FortiGate 200F or 201F NP6XLite configuration.

```
diagnose npu np6xlite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports      Max  Cross-chip
      Speed offloading
-----
np6xlite_0
  19  port1          1000M      NO
  19  port2          1000M      NO
  19  port3          1000M      NO
  19  port4          1000M      NO
  19  port5          1000M      NO
  19  port6          1000M      NO
  19  port7          1000M      NO
  19  port8          1000M      NO
  19  port9          1000M      NO
  19  port10         1000M      NO
  19  port11         1000M      NO
  19  port12         1000M      NO
```

19	port13	1000M	NO
19	port14	1000M	NO
19	port15	1000M	NO
19	port16	1000M	NO
19	port17	1000M	NO
19	port18	1000M	NO
19	port19	1000M	NO
19	port20	1000M	NO
19	port21	1000M	NO
19	port22	1000M	NO
19	port23	1000M	NO
19	port24	1000M	NO
19	x1	10000M	NO
19	x2	10000M	NO
19	x3	10000M	NO
19	x4	10000M	NO

# FortiGate NP6Lite architectures

This chapter shows the NP6Lite architecture for FortiGate models that include NP6Lite processors.

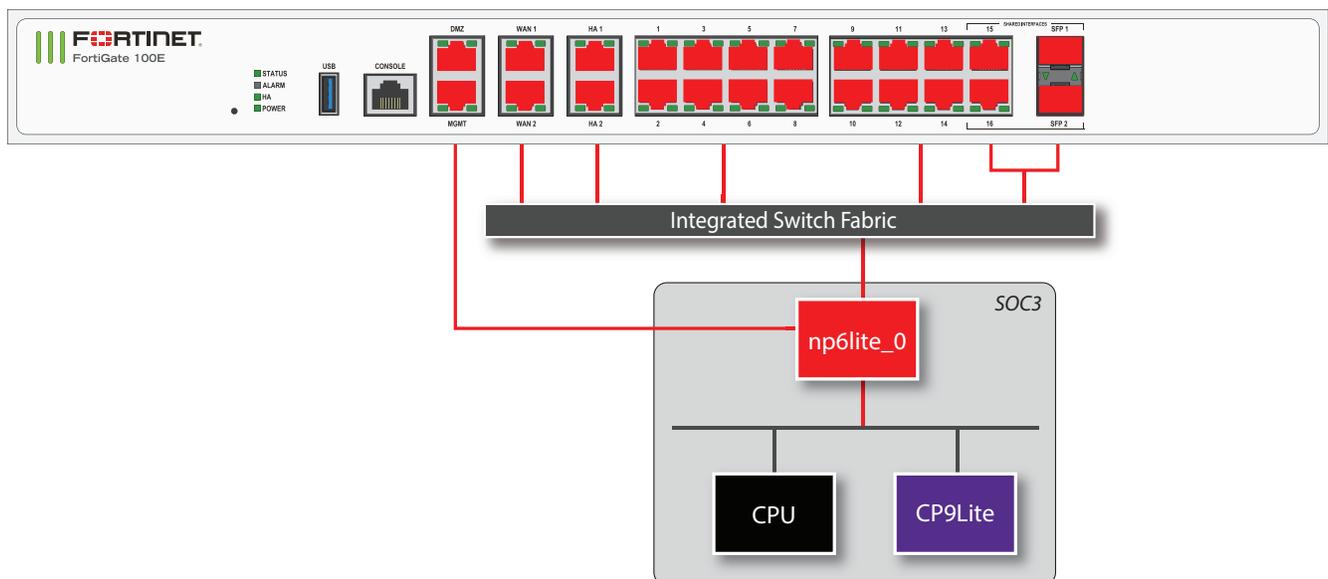
## FortiGate 100E and 101E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 100E and 101E includes the SOC3 and uses the SOC3 CPU, NP6Lite processor, and CP9Lite processor. The WAN1, WAN2, HA1, HA2, 1 - 16, SFP1, and SFP2 interfaces connect to the NP6Lite processor through the integrated switch fabric. The DMZ and MGMT interfaces connect directly to the NP6Lite processor.

Interfaces 15 and SFP1 are paired and interfaces 16 and SFP2 are paired. Only one of each interface pair can be connected to a network at a time. This allows you to, for example, connect interface SFP1 to an SFP switch and interface 16 to a 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper switch.

The FortiGate 100F and 101F models feature the following front panel interfaces:

- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (DMZ, MGMT) that connect directly to the NP6Lite
- Eighteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (WAN1, WAN2, HA1, HA2, 1 to 14) that connect to the NP6Lite processor through the internal switch fabric
- Two shared interfaces that connect to the NP6Lite processor through the internal switch fabric and can be either:
  - 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper (15 and 16), or
  - 1GE SFP (SFP1 and SFP2)



You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 100E or 101E NP6Lite configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6lite port-list command to display this information.

```

get hardware npu np6lite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6lite_0
  2   dmz             1000M      NO
  1   mgmt            1000M      NO
  3   wan1             1000M      NO
  4   wan2             1000M      NO
 11   ha1              1000M      NO
 11   ha2              1000M      NO
 11   port1            1000M      NO
 11   port2            1000M      NO
 11   port3            1000M      NO
 11   port4            1000M      NO
 11   port5            1000M      NO
 11   port6            1000M      NO
 11   port7            1000M      NO
 11   port8            1000M      NO
 11   port9            1000M      NO
 11   port10           1000M      NO
 11   port11           1000M      NO
 11   port12           1000M      NO
 11   port13           1000M      NO
 11   port14           1000M      NO
 11   port15           1000M      NO
 11   port16           1000M      NO

```

## FortiGate 200E and 201E fast path architecture

The FortiGate 200E and 201E features the following front panel interfaces:

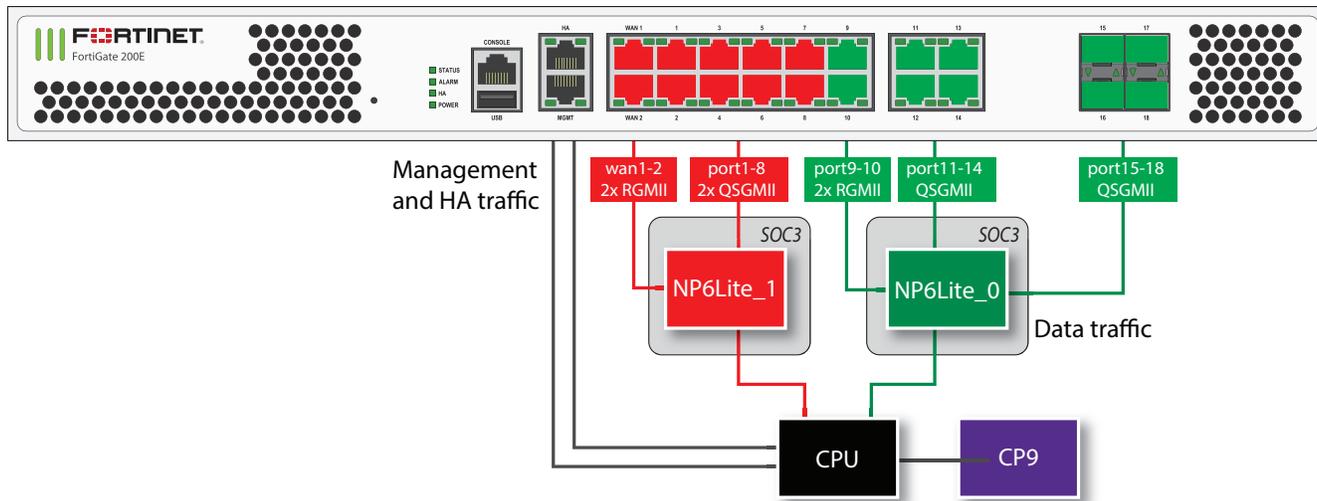
- Two 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper interfaces (MGMT and HA , not connected to the NP6Lite processors)
- Sixteen 10/100/1000BASE-T Copper interfaces (wan1, wan2, 1 to 14)
- Four 1GE SFP interfaces (15 to 18)

The FortiGate 200E and 201E include two SOC3 NP6Lite processors. The SOC3 CPUs and CP9Lite processors are not used. Instead, the FortiGate 200E and 201E architecture includes separate CPU resources and a standard CP9 processor. Because this model does not include a switch fabric, you cannot create Link Aggregation Groups (LAGs) or redundant interfaces between interfaces connected to different NP6Lites. As well, traffic will only be offloaded if it enters and exits the FortiGate on interfaces connected to the same NP6Lite.

The NP6Lites are connected to network interfaces as follows:

- NP6Lite\_0 is connected to six 1GE RJ-45 interfaces (9 to 14) and four 1GE SFP interfaces (15 to 18).
- NP6Lite\_1 is connected to ten 1GE RJ45 interfaces (wan1, wan2, 1 to 8).

The following diagram also shows the RGMII and QSGMII port connections between the NP6Lite processors and the front panel interfaces. Both RGMII and QSGMII interfaces operate at 1000Mbps. However, QSGMII interfaces can also negotiate to operate at lower speeds: 10, 100, and 1000Mbps. To connect the FortiGate 200E to networks with speeds lower than 1000Mbps use the QSGMII interfaces (port1-8 and port11-18).



All data traffic passes from the data interfaces through to the NP6Lite processors. Data traffic to be processed by the CPU takes a dedicated data path through the ISF and an NP6Lite processor to the CPU.

The MGMT interface is not connected to the NP6Lite processors. Management traffic passes to the CPU over a dedicated management path that is separate from the data path. The HA interface is also not connected to the NP6Lite processors. To help provide better HA stability and resiliency, HA traffic uses a dedicated physical control path that provides HA control traffic separation from data traffic processing. The separation of management and HA traffic from data traffic keeps management and HA traffic from affecting the stability and performance of data traffic processing.

You can use the following get command to display the FortiGate 200E or 201E NP6Lite configuration. You can also use the diagnose npu np6lite port-list command to display this information.

```
get hardware npu np6lite port-list
Chip  XAUI Ports          Max  Cross-chip
      XAUI Ports          Speed offloading
-----
np6lite_0
    2  port9             1000M    NO
    1  port10            1000M    NO
    4  port11            1000M    NO
    3  port12            1000M    NO
    6  port13            1000M    NO
    5  port14            1000M    NO
    9  port15            1000M    NO
   10  port16            1000M    NO
    8  port17            1000M    NO
    7  port18            1000M    NO
np6lite_1
    2  wan1              1000M    NO
    1  wan2              1000M    NO
```

4	port1	1000M	NO
3	port2	1000M	NO
6	port3	1000M	NO
5	port4	1000M	NO
8	port5	1000M	NO
7	port6	1000M	NO
10	port7	1000M	NO
9	port8	1000M	NO



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