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Course Modules

1. Core Concepts

- Identify how Palo Alto Networks products work together
 - Security components
 - Firewall components
 - Panorama components
 - PAN-OS subscriptions and the features they enable
 - Plug-in components
 - Heatmap and BPA reports
 - Artificial intelligence operations (AIOps)/Telemetry
 - IPv6
 - Internet of things (IoT)
- Determine and assess appropriate interface or zone types
 - Layer 2 interfaces
 - Layer 3 interfaces
 - Virtual wire (vwire) interfaces
 - Tap interfaces
 - Sub-interfaces
 - Tunnel interfaces
 - Aggregate interfaces
 - Loopback interfaces
 - Decrypt mirror interfaces
 - VLAN interfaces



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- Identify decryption deployment strategies
 - Risks and implications of enabling decryption
 - Use cases
 - Decryption types
 - Decryption profiles and certificates
 - Create decryption policy in the firewall
 - Configure SSH Proxy
- Enforce User-ID
 - Methods of building user-to-IP mappings
 - Determine if User-ID agent or agentless should be used
 - Compare and contrast User-ID agents
 - Methods of User-ID redistribution
 - Methods of group mapping
 - Server profile & authentication profile
- Determine how and when to use the Authentication policy
 - Purpose of, and use case for, the Authentication policy
 - Dependencies
 - Captive portal versus GlobalProtect (GP) client
- Diff betwn the fundmntl that reside on the mngmnt & data plane
- Define multiple virtual systems (multi-vsyst) environment
 - User-ID hub
 - Inter-vsyst routing
 - Service routes
 - Administration



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2. Deploy and Configure Core Components

- Configure management profiles
 - Interface management profile
 - SSL/TLS service profile
- Deploy and configure Security profiles
 - Custom config of diff Security profiles and Security profile groups
 - Relationship between URL filtering and credential theft preventn
 - Usernme & domain name in HTTP header insertn DNS Security
 - How to tune or add exceptions to a Security profile
 - Compare & contrast threat preventn & advanced threat preventn
 - Compare and contrast URL Filtering and Advanced URL Filtering
- Config zone protection, packet buffer protection, & DoS protection
 - Customized values versus default settings
 - Classified versus aggregate profile types
 - Layer 3 and Layer 4 header inspection
- Design the deployment config of a Palo Alto Networks firewall
 - Advanced high availability (HA) deployments
 - HA pair
 - Zero Touch Provisioning (ZTP)
 - Bootstrapping



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- Configure authorization, authentication, and device access
 - Role-based access control for authorization
 - Different methods used to authenticate
 - The authentication sequence
 - The device access method
- Configure and manage certificates
 - Usage
 - Profiles
 - Chains
- Configure routing
 - Dynamic routing
 - Redistribution profiles
 - Static routes
 - Path monitoring
 - Policy-based forwarding
 - Virtual router versus logical router
- Configure NAT
 - NAT policy rules
 - Security rules
 - Source NAT
 - No NAT
 - Use session browser to find NAT rule name
 - U-Turn NAT
 - Check HIT counts



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- Configure site-to-site tunnels
 - IPSec components
 - Static peers and dynamic peers for IPSec
 - IPSec tunnel monitor profiles
 - IPSec tunnel testing
 - Generic Routing Encapsulation (GRE)
 - One-to-one and one-to-many tunnels
 - Determine when to use proxy IDs
- Configure service routes
 - Default
 - Custom
 - Destination
 - Custom routes for different vsys versus destination routes
 - How to verify service routes
- Configure application-based QoS
 - Enablement requirements
 - QoS policy rule
 - Add DSCP/TOS component
 - QoS profile
 - Determine how to control bandwidth use on a per-app basis
 - Use QoS to monitor bandwidth utilization



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3. Deploy and Configure Features and Subscriptions

- Configure App-ID
 - Create security rules with App-ID
 - Convert port and protocol rules to App-ID rules
 - Identify the impact of app override to the overall functionality
 - Create custom apps and threats
 - Review App-ID dependencies
- Configure Global Protect
 - Global Protect licensing
 - Configure gateway and portal
 - GlobalProtect agent
 - Differentiate between login methods
 - Configure Clientless VPN
 - Host information profile (HIP)
 - Configure multiple gateway agent profiles
 - Split tunnelling
- Configure decryption
 - Inbound decryption
 - SSL forward proxy
 - SSL decryption exclusions
 - SSH proxy



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- Configure User-ID
 - User-ID agent and agentless
 - User-ID group mapping
 - Shared User-ID mapping across virtual systems
 - Data redistribution
 - User-ID methods
 - Benefits of using dynamic user groups in policy rules
 - Requirements to support dynamic user groups
 - How Global Protect internal and external gateways can be used
- Configure Wild Fire
 - Submission profile
 - Action profile
 - Submissions and verdicts
 - Signature actions
 - File types and file sizes
 - Update schedule
 - Forwarding of decrypted traffic
- Configure Web Proxy
 - Transparent proxy
 - Explicit proxy



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4. Deploy and Configure Firewalls Using Panorama

- Configure templates and template stacks
 - Components configured in a template
 - How the order of templates in a stack affects the config push
 - Overriding a template value in a stack
 - Configure variables in templates
 - Relationship between Panorama and devices as pertaining
- Configure device groups
 - Device group hierarchies
 - Identify what device groups contain
 - Difference between different use cases for pre-rules, local rules, etc.,
 - Identify the impact of configuring a primary device
 - Assign firewalls to device groups
- Manage firewall configurations within Panorama
 - Licensing
 - Commit recovery feature
 - Automatic commit recovery
 - Commit types and schedules
 - Config backups
 - Commit type options
 - Dynamic updates for Panorama & Panorama-managed devices
 - Software and dynamic updates
 - Import firewall configuration into Panorama
 - Configure log collectors



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5. Manage and Operate

- Manage and configure Log Forwarding
 - Identify log types and criticalities
 - Manage external services
 - Create and manage tags
 - Identify system and traffic issues using the web interface & CLI tools
 - Configure Log Forwarding profile and device log settings
 - Log monitoring
 - Customize logging and reporting settings
- Plan & execute the process to upgrade a Palo Alto Networks system
 - Single firewall
 - HA pairs
 - Panorama push
 - Dynamic updates
- Manage HA functions
 - Link monitoring
 - Path monitoring
 - HA links
 - Failover
 - Active/active and active/passive
 - HA interfaces
 - Clustering
 - Election setting



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6. Troubleshooting

- Troubleshoot site-to-site tunnels
 - IPSec
 - GRE
 - One-to-one and one-to-many tunnels
 - Route-based versus policy-based remote hosts
 - Tunnel monitoring
- Troubleshoot interfaces
 - Transceivers
 - Settings
 - Aggregate interfaces, LACP
 - Counters
 - Tagging
- Troubleshoot decryption
 - Inbound decryption
 - SSL forward proxy
 - SSH proxy
 - Identify what can't be decrypted & config exclusions & bypasses
 - Certificates



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- Troubleshoot routing
 - Dynamic routing
 - Redistribution profiles
 - Static routes
 - Route monitoring
 - Policy-based forwarding
 - Multicast routing
 - Service routes
- General Troubleshooting
 - Logs
 - Packet capture (pcap)
 - Reports
- Troubleshoot resource protections
 - Zone protection profiles
 - DoS protections
 - Packet buffer protections
- Troubleshoot Global Protect
 - Portal and Gateway
 - Access to resources
 - Global Protect client



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- Troubleshoot policies
 - NAT
 - Security
 - Decryption
 - Authentication
- Troubleshoot HA functions
 - Monitor
 - Failover triggers



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