

Web Security Gateway Product Description

Barracuda sells products and services through channel partners to end users that use the products and services in their own business. For customers that purchase the Web Security Gateway product (“**Product**”) from a Barracuda authorized channel partner, your use of the Product is subject to this Product Description and the [Barracuda Customer Terms and Conditions](#) (unless you have a negotiated agreement with Barracuda, in which case the negotiated agreement will apply).

Barracuda also sells the Product to managed service providers (“**MSP**”) for their use in connection with the managed services the MSP provides to its end customers. Such sale and use of the Product is subject to this Product Description and the MSP’s agreement with Barracuda under which the MSP purchases the Product. When an MSP provides its end customer with direct access to the Product, MSPs pass through to their end customers the Barracuda Customer Terms and Conditions (which incorporate this Product Description).

The applicable governing terms and conditions document and this Product Description together are referred to as the “**Agreement.**” This Product Description will govern if there is any conflict with other documents. Customers that purchase from an authorized channel partner and MSPs who purchase the Product are collectively referred to as the “**Customer.**” References to the “end customer” means the entity that benefits from use of the Product, regardless of purchasing methodology. Any capitalized terms used but not defined below have the meanings in the Agreement.

Overview

The Product lets organizations benefit from online applications and tools without exposure to web-borne malware and viruses, lost user productivity, and misused bandwidth. As a comprehensive solution for web security and management, it unites award-winning spyware, malware, and virus protection with a powerful policy and reporting engine. Advanced features ensure that organizations adapt to emerging requirements like social-network regulation, remote filtering, and visibility into SSL-encrypted traffic.

Unlimited remote user licenses are included to enforce content and access policies for mobile and desktop devices outside of the corporate network. Barracuda Web Security Gateway is also available as a virtual appliance.

Unit of Measure and Limitations

The physical appliances are sold per appliance. The software on the appliances supports the capabilities of the hardware, so if a customer reaches the capacity of the hardware, then the customer must upgrade to hardware with larger capacity and purchase a subscription to the applicable software. Software on the physical appliances is licensed under a subscription for an agreed period, either monthly or one or more years. At the end of the subscription, the license to software expires and Customer must stop using it. Without the software subscription, the Product will only function in “demo mode” with a limited set of functions.

For virtual machines, the software is licensed by CPU Cores. If a customer uses a virtual machine up to the capacity of the CPU Cores purchased, then the customer must purchase a higher-capacity virtual machine package.

Customers may layer on additional software subscriptions which provide incremental capabilities:

- Malware Protection (Avira engine)
- Advanced Threat Protection (see below for more information)

Data Protection

Global Data Processing Addendum (DPA)

Barracuda’s [DPA](#) provides both Barracuda’s and its customers’ rights and obligations regarding the processing of Customer Personal Data (as defined in the DPA) in connection with Barracuda’s products and services. Barracuda’s customers can electronically execute the DPA via our [Trust Center](#). For more information about how Barracuda processes personal data as a data controller, please review our [Privacy Notice](#).

Cross-Border Data Transfer

Barracuda operates worldwide. When Barracuda receives or transfers personal data from the European Union, the UK, or Switzerland it does so in accordance with GDPR and local data protection laws. Where required, Barracuda leverages European Commission approved cross-border data transfer mechanisms including the EU’s Standard Contractual Clauses incorporated into our DPA. For data transfers to the United States, Barracuda is self-certified under the US Department of Commerce Data Privacy Framework, and its certification can be found [here](#).

Data Retention

Customers may control the data retention policies and practices for specified data for both physical and virtual appliances.

Location of Customer Data

All data is held on the Products. Customers determines where they place the Products – on their premises or for virtual appliances, in Customer’s data center or Customer’s tenant in a cloud platform. Customers control placing data on and removing data from the Products.

Security

Barracuda.Physical.and.Virtual.Appliance.Security.

Barracuda physical and virtual appliances are closed systems: Barracuda provides all updates to the operating system and applications required to ensure the security and functionality of the product.

To ensure security of our products, Barracuda:

1. Implements strict change control processes during the development process.
2. Monitors security feeds to identify vulnerabilities that could affect product components.
3. Performs authenticated host and application level security scans prior to each firmware version release.
4. Exposes our products to continuous external security testing via our bug bounty program.

Product security issues are typically resolved via updates to currently supported firmware versions. Critical security issues are addressed, when possible, with targeted patches called Security Definitions. All customers with current support contacts are eligible to receive firmware updates and Security Definitions. However, to get security updates, customers must ensure their appliances are running a supported version. Customers in dark environments should contact support for guidance on applying firmware updates and security updates.

Access.Control.™.Security.Recommendations.

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Technical support of Barracuda appliances can, at times, employ the Barracuda support tunnel service to allow an authorized technician to directly access the unit. Access to the

device is only possible when the customer consents to that access by opening the support tunnel.

User access to the support tunnel service is limited to authorized support and engineering personnel. Regular access control audits are conducted to ensure that only authorized personnel are allowed to access the system. All activity performed on customer units is logged to a central logging system monitored by our Security Team. Logs of activity are maintained for 90 days.

Security.Recommendations

Security appliances sit in a privileged position in customer networks. Customers should take care to prevent unauthorized access to the administration interface. Administrative credentials should be stored securely and rotated when users with access to them leave the company or change roles.

Barracuda appliances ship with HTTP access to their management interfaces enabled. This should be considered a temporary solution while procuring and installing an official SSL certificate for the devices. Due to the requirements for generating such a certificate, Barracuda cannot perform this step for customers. Once a certificate is installed, the appliance should be configured to only allow access to the management interface over HTTPS. See product documentation for details.

Our products also have product specific controls that support limiting access to the administrative interface. Consult the product documentation and consider implementing the option to increase the security of your device – especially if the user interface is exposed to the public internet.

Incident.Response

For product security incidents which pose immediate threats to users, Barracuda provides documented incident response procedures its employees. Incidents are recorded and communicated to Barracuda operations, IT, legal, and security personnel as noted in the incident response procedures. As necessary, incidents are escalated for resolution.

Barracuda performs continuous monitoring of incidents and will take measures to reach a resolution.

Barracuda does not provide incident response services for physical or virtual appliances hosted in customers' premises or public clouds.

Operations.and.Organizational.Controls

Barracuda employees are expected to be competent, thorough, helpful, and courteous stewards of customer data that is stored on the Product. Barracuda has established a number of measures to ensure that customers and their data are treated properly.

New Hires and Orientation

All new employees are required to accept and acknowledge in writing Barracuda's policies for non-disclosure and protection of Barracuda and third-party confidential information, including acceptable use of confidential information. When assisting customers with their technology solutions, Barracuda support technicians understand that they may come into contact with customer communications and/or customer data, and they are not to view the contents of that email without explicit permission from the customer. Barracuda employees are not to disclose the contents of that customer email to a third party under any circumstances.

New technical support employees are provided a job description and expectations when hired regarding maintaining the confidentiality and security of customer email.

Training

Technicians who support the Product are prepared in a variety of ways. New tier 1 technicians receive class time training with tier 2 technicians and the support management team. New support technicians also spend time as understudies to an established technician for each product in which they intend to become certified. All Barracuda support technicians receive ongoing training in product-specific training sessions.

Oversight

Access to the Product is limited to approved Barracuda personnel on an 'as needed' basis. Each tier 1 technician is attended by and reports to or is mentored by a tier 2 or tier 3 technician. Each tier 2 or, when applicable, tier 3, is responsible for no more than four tier 1 technicians. Support for the Product is provided from all our support regions. Support calls from customers in the United States are generally handled by technicians in the United States. Support calls from customers outside the United States could be routed to any of these facilities. When an employee or contractor leaves Barracuda, a formal process is in place to immediately revoke physical and network access to Barracuda facilities and resources.

Support

Barracuda offers the following support pursuant to the [Barracuda Technical Support Policy](#):

- [Instant Replacement](#) subscription.
- Enhanced or Premium [Support subscription](#)

Barracuda Advanced Threat Protection

Customers may separately subscribe to use Barracuda [Advanced Threat Intelligence](#) (“ATP”) in connection with the Product. ATP comprises advanced artificial intelligence technologies, including machine learning, generative and agentic AI, and curated AI solutions. ATP is one element of Barracuda AI, a technology foundation that supports Barracuda’s intelligent business operations, AI-enhanced development, automated threat detection, and cybersecurity services. Engineered on a robust and secure infrastructure, Barracuda AI enables responsible AI innovation that safeguards our customers against advanced cyber threats and drives our business.

This Product may use ATP to detect threats and notify the customer of advanced malware, zero day exploits and targeted attacks. ATP processes Systems Data including Threat Data and Threat Intelligence. Refer to the [Barracuda Legal Terms and Conditions](#) for the full definition of Systems Data.

- *Threat Data* is unfiltered data used to differentiate between normal and malicious behavior and content.
- *Threat Intelligence* is information from multiple sources that Barracuda has curated and enhanced to train and inform our models. It includes Threat Data.

ATP learns from Threat Data elements including emails, files, and other information processed via Barracuda products and services. Regular and relevant Threat Data ingestion keeps ATP current to protect customers against threat actors and cyber criminals in real-time. Threat Data is parsed and enhanced within ATP to develop Barracuda Threat Intelligence. This data informs our algorithms and systems to accurately distinguish between abnormal and normal, expected patterns and data. This is essential for improving efficacy and identifying threat indicators that may signal a cyber risk.

No High-Risk AI Systems

The Product is not intended for use in situations that would cause the Product to be considered “High-risk AI” under the EU AI Act. Customers must not use the Product in a

manner that would subject Barracuda to obligations applicable to High-risk AI. Barracuda may terminate the customer's applicable subscriptions associated with the Product if it violates this obligation. Barracuda has no responsibility for customers' use of the Product in situations considered "High-risk AI."

Back Ups and Disaster Recovery

Customers can set their own back-up cadence and perform data restorations. Instructions are located at

<https://campus.barracuda.com/product/websecuritygateway/doc/6160420/how-to-back-up-and-restore-your-system-configuration/>.

Barracuda Trust Center

The Barracuda Trust Center is located at <https://trust.barracuda.com/>. Barracuda periodically updates the Trust Center. The then-current version of the Trust Center governs.

At the Trust Center customers can find the following, among other information:

- Product Certifications : <https://trust.barracuda.com/security/certifications>
- Security advisories: <https://trust.barracuda.com/security/information#security-advisories>
- Trade Compliance information and certain applicable forms: <https://trust.barracuda.com/legal/trade-compliance>
- Frequently requested documents, such as Certificate of Insurance, Business Associate Agreement, Non-disclosure Agreement, copy of the current SOC2 report, privacy documents, and more.

Discontinuation of the Product

Barracuda will provide distributors, resellers and other customers with reasonable advance notice before discontinuing the sale of the Product (or associated material functionality) unless Barracuda replaces such discontinued Product or functionality with a materially similar Product or functionality. Nothing in this section limits Barracuda's ability to make changes required to comply with applicable law, address a material security risk, or avoid a substantial economic or material technical burden. This section does not apply to pre-general availability Products, offerings, or functionality.