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This Quick Start Guide covers the first time connection procedures for the Netgate® SG-3100 Firewall Appliance and will provide the information needed to keep the appliance up and running.

**Tip:** Before getting started, we recommend downloading the PDF version of the Product Manual and the PDF version of the pfSense Documentation in case you lose Internet access.
1.1 Getting Started

The basic firewall configuration begins with connecting the Netgate® appliance to the Internet. The Netgate appliance should be unplugged at this time.

Connect one end of an Ethernet cable to the WAN port (shown in the Input and Output Ports section) of the Netgate appliance. The other end of the same cable should be inserted into a port of the Cable or DSL modem. The modem provided by the ISP should have multiple LAN ports. Any port should work.

Next, connect one end of a second Ethernet cable to the LAN port (shown in the Input and Output Ports section) of the Netgate appliance. Connect the other end to the computer.
Warning: The default IP Address on the LAN subnet on the Netgate firewall is 192.168.1.1/24. The same subnet cannot be used on both WAN and LAN, so if the default IP address on the ISP-supplied modem is also 192.168.1.1/24, disconnect the WAN interface until the LAN interface on the firewall has been renumbered to a different subnet (like 192.168.2.1/24).

1.2 Initial Configuration

Plug the power cable into the power port (shown in the Input and Output Ports section) to turn on the Netgate® Firewall. Allow 4 or 5 minutes to boot up completely.

Warning: If your DSL or Cable Modem has a default IP Address of 192.168.1.1, please disconnect the Ethernet cable from the WAN port on your SG-3100 Netgate Security Gateway before proceeding. You will need to change the default IP Address of the device during a later step in the configuration.

1. From the computer, log into the Web Interface
   Open a web browser (Google Chrome in this example) and type in 192.168.1.1 on the address bar. Press Enter.

   Fig. 1: Enter the Default LAN IP Address

2. A warning message may appear. If this message or similar message is encountered, it is safe to proceed. Click the Advanced Button and the click Proceed to 192.168.1.1 (unsafe) to continue.

3. At the Sign In page, enter the default pfSense® Plus username and password and click Next.
   • Default Username: admin
   • Default Password: pfsense

1.2.1 The Setup Wizard

The following steps will step through the Setup Wizard for the initial configuration of the firewall.

Note: Ignore the warning to reset the ‘admin’ account password. One of the steps in the Setup Wizard is to change the default password.

1. Click Next to start the Setup Wizard.
2. Click Next after you have read the information on Netgate Global Support.
3. On the General Information page, use the following as a guide to configure the firewall.
   Hostname: Any desired name can be entered. For the purposes of this guide, the default hostname pfsense is used.
Your connection is not private
Attckers might be trying to steal your information from 192.168.1.1 (for example, passwords, messages, or credit cards). Learn more.

NETSECURITY_CERT_AUTHORITY_INVALID

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Privacy policy

Fig. 2: Click Advanced and then Proceed to 192.168.1.1 (unsafe)

Fig. 3: Click Next
Domain: The default localdomain is used for the purposes of this tutorial.

DNS Servers: For purposes of this setup guide, use the Google public DNS servers (8.8.8.8 and 8.8.4.4).

Fig. 4: Type in the DNS Server information and Click Next

4. Use the following information for the Time Server Information page.

Time Server Hostname: Use the default time server address.

Timezone: Select the time zone for the location of the firewall. For this guide, the Timezone will be set to America/Chicago for US Central time.

5. The WAN interface is the Public IP address the network will use to communicate with the Internet. Use the following information for the WAN configuration page.

DHCP is the default and is the most common type of interface for home cable modems.

Default settings for the other items on this page should be acceptable for normal home users.

6. Configuring LAN IP Address & Subnet Mask. The default LAN IP address of 192.168.1.1 and subnet mask of 24 is usually sufficient.

Tip: If your DSL or Cable Modem has a default IP Address of 192.168.1.1, change the IP Address of your SG-3100 Netgate Security Gateway to a different subnet, such as 192.168.2.1 with a subnet mask of 24 to avoid an IP Address conflict.

7. Change the Admin Password. Enter the same password in both fields.

8. Click Reload to save the configuration.
Fig. 5: Change the Timezone and Click Next

Fig. 6: Default Settings Should be Acceptable. Click Next
9. After a few seconds, a message will indicate the Setup Wizard has completed. To proceed to the pfSense® Plus dashboard, click Finish.

10. A final notification screen will appear with the Copyright and Trademark Notices. Read and click Accept to continue to the dashboard.

If you unplugged the Ethernet cable at the beginning of this configuration, reconnect it to the WAN port now.
This completes the basic configuration for the Netgate appliance.
1.3 pfSense Plus Overview

This page provides an overview of the pfSense® Plus dashboard and navigation. It also provides information on how to perform frequent tasks such as backing up the pfSense® Plus software and connecting to the Netgate firewall console.

1.3.1 The Dashboard

pfSense® Plus software is highly configurable, all of which can be done through the dashboard. This orientation will help to navigate and further configure the firewall.

Section 1 shows important system information such as the model, Serial Number, and Netgate Device ID for this Netgate firewall.

Section 2 identifies what version of pfSense® Plus software is installed, and if an update is available.

Section 3 describes Netgate Service and Support.

Section 4 shows the various menu headings. Each menu heading has drop-down options for a wide range of configuration choices.
1.3.2 Re-running the Setup Wizard

To re-run the Setup Wizard, navigate to **System -> Setup Wizard**.

![System menu with Setup Wizard highlighted](image)

Fig. 9: Re-run the Setup Wizard

1.3.3 Backup and Restore

It is important to backup the firewall configuration prior to updating or making any configuration changes. From the menu at the top of the page, browse to **Diagnostics > Backup/Restore**.

Click **Download configuration as XML** and save a copy of the firewall configuration to the computer connected to the Netgate firewall.

This backup (or any backup) can be restored from the same screen by choosing the backed up file under **Restore Configuration**.

**Note**: Auto Config Backup is a built-in service located at **Services -> Auto Config Backup**. This service will save up to 100 encrypted backup files automatically, any time a change to the configuration has been made. Visit the **Auto Config Backup** page for more information.
Fig. 10: Backup & Restore

Fig. 11: Click Download configuration as XML
Connecting to the Console

There are times when accessing the console is required. Perhaps GUI console access has been locked out, or the password has been lost or forgotten.

See also:

*Connecting to the Console Port*  Connect to the console. Cable is required.

**Tip:** To learn more about getting the most out of your Netgate appliance, sign up for a pfSense Plus Training course or browse our extensive Resource Library.

1.4 Input and Output Ports

1.4.1 Rear Side

Routed Ethernet

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Table 1: RJ-45 LEDs Configuration

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<th>LED Pattern</th>
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<td>Left LED only green</td>
<td>Flashes with 1Gb traffic, solid with link.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Both LEDs green</td>
<td>Both flash with 100Mb traffic, solid with link.</td>
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Switched Ethernet

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**Note:** Prior to pfSense® software version 2.4.3, the switched Ethernet ports on the SG-3100 did not support auto MDI-X and required crossover cable unless the client-side connection supported auto MDI-X. This was resolved with 2.4.3 and later versions and a crossover cable is no longer required.

**Warning:** The LAN ports do not support the Spanning Tree Protocol (STP). Two or more ports connected to another Layer 2 switch, or connected to 2 or more different interconnected switches, could create a flooding loop between the switches. This can cause the router to stop functioning until the loop is resolved.

Other Ports

1. Power
   - 12VDC 3.33A with threaded locking connector
   - Power Consumption 5W (idle)
2. Recessed Reset Button (performs a hard reset, immediately turning the system off)
3. USB 3.0
4. Micro SIM
5. Console (Mini-USB)

**Warning:** A hard reset of the system could cause data corruption and should be avoided. Halt or reboot the system through the console menu or the webConfigurator to avoid data corruption.
1.4.2 Front Side

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<td>Boot Completed</td>
<td>The diamond slowly flashes blue.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Update is Available</td>
<td>The square slowly flashes orange.</td>
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1.5 Safety and Legal

1.5.1 Safety Notices

1. Read, follow, and keep these instructions.
2. Heed all warnings.
3. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.

**Warning:** Do not use this product in location that can be submerged by water.

**Warning:** Do not use this product during an electrical storm to avoid electrical shock.

1.5.2 Electrical Safety Information

1. Compliance is required with respect to voltage, frequency, and current requirements indicated on the manufacturer’s label. Connection to a different power source than those specified may result in improper operation, damage to the equipment or pose a fire hazard if the limitations are not followed.

2. There are no operator serviceable parts inside this equipment. Service should be provided only by a qualified service technician.

3. This equipment is provided with a detachable power cord which has an integral safety ground wire intended for connection to a grounded safety outlet.
a) Do not substitute the power cord with one that is not the provided approved type. If a 3 prong plug is provided, never use an adapter plug to connect to a 2-wire outlet as this will defeat the continuity of the grounding wire.

b) The equipment requires the use of the ground wire as a part of the safety certification, modification or misuse can provide a shock hazard that can result in serious injury or death.

c) Contact a qualified electrician or the manufacturer if there are questions about the installation prior to connecting the equipment.

d) Protective grounding/earthing is provided by Listed AC adapter. Building installation shall provide appropriate short-circuit backup protection.

e) Protective bonding must be installed in accordance with local national wiring rules and regulations.

1.5.3 FCC Compliance

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a residential environment.

1.5.4 Industry Canada

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-3(B). Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-3(B) Canada.

1.5.5 Australia and New Zealand

This is a AMC Compliance level 2 product. This product is suitable for domestic environments.

1.5.6 CE Marking

CE marking on this product represents the product is in compliance with all directives that are applicable to it.
1.5.7 RoHS/WEEE Compliance Statement

**English**

European Directive 2002/96/EC requires that the equipment bearing this symbol on the product and/or its packaging must not be disposed of with unsorted municipal waste. The symbol indicates that this product should be disposed of separately from regular household waste streams. It is your responsibility to dispose of this and other electric and electronic equipment via designated collection facilities appointed by the government or local authorities. Correct disposal and recycling will help prevent potential negative consequences to the environment and human health. For more detailed information about the disposal of your old equipment, please contact your local authorities, waste disposal service, or the shop where you purchased the product.

**Deutsch**


**Español**

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**Français**

La directive européenne 2002/96/CE exige que l’équipement sur lequel est apposé ce symbole sur le produit et/ou son emballage ne soit pas jeté avec les autres ordures ménagères. Ce symbole indique que le produit doit être éliminé dans un circuit distinct de celui pour les déchets des ménages. Il est de votre responsabilité de jeter ce matériel ainsi que tout autre matériel électrique ou électronique par les moyens de collecte indiqués par le gouvernement et les pouvoirs publics des collectivités territoriales. L’élimination et le recyclage en bonne et due forme ont pour but de lutter contre l’impact néfaste potentiel de ce type de produits sur l’environnement et la santé publique. Pour plus d’informations sur le mode d’élimination de votre ancien équipement, veuillez prendre contact avec les pouvoirs publics locaux, le service de traitement des déchets, ou l’endroit où vous avez acheté le produit.
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English

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2.1 Connecting to the Console Port

There are times when directly accessing the console is required. Perhaps webGUI or SSH access has been locked out, or the password has been lost or forgotten. This guide shows how to regain access directly through the console.

2.1.1 Install the Driver

A Silicon Labs CP210x USB-to-UART Bridge driver is used to provide access to the console, which is exposed via the Mini-USB port on the appliance.

If needed, install an appropriate Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge driver on the workstation used to connect with the system.

Windows

There are drivers available for Windows available for download.

Mac OSX

There are drivers available for Mac OS X available for download.

For Mac, choose the Macintosh OS X download.

Linux

There are drivers available for Linux available for download.

FreeBSD

Recent versions of FreeBSD include this driver and will not require manual installation.

2.1.2 Connect a USB Cable

Next, locate an appropriate USB cable that has a Mini-USB connector on one end and a regular USB Type A plug on the other end. These cables are commonly used with smaller USB peripherals such as GPS units, cameras, and so on.

Gently push the Mini-USB plug end into the console port on the appliance and connect the USB Type A plug into an available USB port on the workstation.

Tip: Be certain to gently push in the Mini-USB connector on the system side completely. With most cables there will be a tangible “click”, “snap”, or similar indication when the cable is fully engaged.
2.1.3 Locate the Console Port Device

The appropriate console port device that the workstation assigned as the serial port must be located before attempting to connect to the console.

**Note:** Even if the serial port was assigned in the BIOS, the workstation’s OS may remap it to a different COM Port.

**Windows**

To locate the device name on Windows, open **Device Manager** and expand the section for **Ports (COM & LPT)**. Look for an entry with a title such as **Silicon Labs CP210x USB to UART Bridge**. If there is a label in the name that contains “COMX” where X is a decimal digit (e.g. **COM3**), that value is what would be used as the port in the terminal program.

![Device Manager](image)

**Mac OSX**

The device associated with the system console is likely to show up as **/dev/cu.SLAB_USBtoUART**.

**Linux**

The device associated with the system console is likely to show up as **/dev/ttyUSB0**. Look for messages about the device attaching in the system log files or by running **dmesg**.

**Note:** If the device does not appear in **/dev/**, see the note above in the driver section about manually loading the Linux
driver and then try again.

FreeBSD
The device associated with the system console is likely to show up as /dev/cuaU0. Look for messages about the device attaching in the system log files or by running dmesg.

2.1.4 Launch a Terminal Program

Use a terminal program to connect to the system console port. Some choices of terminal programs:

Windows
For Windows it is recommended to run PuTTY in Windows or SecureCRT. An example of how to configure Putty is below.

**Warning:** Do not use Hyperterminal.

Mac OSX
For Mac OSX it is recommended to run screen, or cu. An example of how to configure screen is below.

Linux
For Linux it is recommended to run screen, PuTTY in Linux, minicom, or dterm. An example of how to configure Putty and screen is below.

FreeBSD
For FreeBSD it is recommended to run screen or cu. An example of how to configure screen is below.

Client-Specific Examples

PuTTY in Windows
Open PuTTY and select Session under Category on the left hand side. Next, set the Connection type to Serial. Then, set Serial line to the console port that was located above, in Locate the Console Port Device, and the Speed to 115200 bits per second.

Click the Open button and the console screen will be displayed.

PuTTY in Linux
Open PuTTY from a terminal by typing sudo putty. Next, set the Connection type to Serial. Then, set Serial line to /dev/ttyUSB0 and the Speed to 115200 bits per second.

Click the Open button and the console screen will be displayed.
Fig. 1: An example of using PuTTY in Windows.
GNU screen

In many cases `screen` may be invoked simply by using the proper command line, where `<console-port>` is the console port that was located above.

```
sudo screen <console-port> 115200
```

If portions of the text are unreadable but appear to be properly formatted, the most likely culprit is a character encoding mismatch in the terminal. Adding the `-U` parameter to the `screen` command line arguments forces it to use UTF-8 for character encoding:

```
sudo screen -U <console-port> 115200
```

Terminal Settings

The settings to use within the terminal program are:

- **Speed** 115200 baud, the speed of the BIOS
- **Data bits** 8
- **Parity** none
- **Stop bits** 1
- **Flow Control** Off or XON/OFF. Hardware flow control (RTS/CTS) must be **disabled**.
2.1.5 Troubleshooting

No Serial Output

If there is no output at all, check the following items:

- Ensure the cable is correctly attached and fully inserted
- Ensure the terminal program is using the correct port
- Ensure the terminal program is configured for the correct speed. The default BIOS speed is **115200**, and many other modern operating systems use that speed as well. Some older operating systems or custom configurations may use slower speeds such as **9600** or **38400**.
- Ensure the operating system is configured for the proper console (e.g. `ttyS1` in Linux). Consult the various operating install guides on this site for further information.

PuTTY has issues with line drawing

PuTTY generally handles most cases OK but can have issues with line drawing characters on certain platforms. These settings seem to work best (tested on Windows):

- **Window Columns x Rows = 80x24**
- **Window > Appearance Font = Courier New 10pt or Consolas 10pt**
- **Window > Translation Remote Character Set = Use font encoding or UTF-8**
- **Window > Translation Handling of line drawing characters = Use font in both ANSI and OEM modes or Use Unicode line drawing code points**
- **Window > Colours Indicate bolded text by changing = The colour**

Garbled Serial Output

If the serial output appears to be garbled, binary, or random characters check the following items:

- Ensure the terminal program is configured for the correct speed. (See **No Serial Output**)
- Ensure the terminal program is configured for the proper character encoding, such as UTF-8 or Latin-1, depending on the operating system. (See **GNU Screen**)

Serial Output Stops After the BIOS

If serial output is shown for the BIOS but stops afterward, check the following items:

- Ensure the terminal program is configured for the correct speed for the installed operating system. (See **No Serial Output**)
- Ensure the installed operating system is configured to activate the serial console.
- Ensure the installed operating system is configured for the proper console (e.g. `ttyS1` in Linux). Consult the various operating install guides on this site for further information.
- If booting from a USB flash drive, ensure that the drive was written correctly and contains a bootable operating system image.
2.2 Reinstalling pfSense Plus Software

1. Please open a support ticket to request access to the factory firmware by selecting Firmware Access as the General Problem and then select Netgate SG-3100 for the platform. Make sure to include the serial number in the ticket to expedite access.

   Once the ticket is processed, the latest stable version of the firmware will be attached to the ticket, with a name such as:

   `pfSense-plus-SG-3100-recover-21.02-RELEASE-armv6.img.gz`

   **Note:** pfSense® Plus is preinstalled on Netgate appliances, which is optimally tuned for our hardware and contains some features that cannot be found elsewhere, such as the AWS VPC Wizard.

2. Write the image to a USB memstick. Locating the image and writing it to a USB memstick is covered in detail under Writing Flash Drives.

3. *Connect to the console port* of the Netgate device.

4. Insert the memstick into the USB port and boot the system.

   **Tip:** Best practice is to turn off the system, insert the USB memstick, ensure you have console access, and reboot the system. You will need to interrupt the boot process very soon after initial boot.

5. When prompted, press any key to stop the autoboot process.

6. Type `run recovery` at the Marvell>> prompt and press Enter.

7. Select the destination device and confirm by typing `y` and Enter.
DBG: Calling spi_flash_probe from env_relocate_spec()
SF: Probing bus 0 cs 0 @ 20000000Hz mode 3
SF: Detected N25Q128 with page size 64 KiB, total 16 MiB
PCI-e 0: Detected No Link.
PCI-e 1: Detected No Link.
USB2.0 0: Host Mode
USB3.0 1: Host Mode

Map:    Code: 0x7fedc000:0x7ff975a5
        BSS: 0x7f1ef600
        Stack: 0x7f4cbf20
        Heap: 0x7f4cc000:0x7fedc000
        U-Boot Environment: 0x00100000:0x00110000 (SPI)

Board configuration detected:
Net:
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>egiga2</td>
<td>SGMII</td>
<td>In-Band</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

egiga0 [PRIME], egiga1, egiga2
Hit any key to stop autoboot: 0
Marvell>> run recovery

Welcome to pfSense 2.4.4-RELEASE (Patch 3)...

Netgate SG-3100 firmware recovery
Serial:

This will install the standard firmware and will erase all the existing contents of the destination device permanently.

eMMC device: mmcsd0
M.2 device: ada0

Type the name of the destination device (mmcsd0,ada0) or type enter to install on mmcsd0: ada0
Note: The onboard eMMC flash memory is always mmcsd0. If a M.2 SATA drive is installed in either slot, it will be ada0.

Warning: Only one M.2 SATA slot can be populated with a storage device. Two M.2 SATA drives installed simultaneously are not supported.

8. Once the install has completed, remove the memstick and press any key to reboot.

Note: For information on restoring from a previously saved configuration, go to Backup and Restore.

2.3 M.2 SATA Installation

The SG-3100 has built-in onboard eMMC storage. Optionally, a M.2 SATA drive could be installed as an upgrade or to bypass the onboard eMMC flash memory.

Note: The SG-3100 does not support NVMe drives.

Warning: Before proceeding:

1. Backup your configuration file, if possible.
2. Unplug the system for at least 60 seconds to ensure all phantom power has dissipated.
3. Anti-static protection must be used throughout this procedure.
4. Any hardware damage incurred during this procedure is **not covered** by the hardware warranty.

The SG-3100 has two slots capable of installing M.2 SATA drives, J10 and J11.

The J10 connector is for a 2280 (22mm x 80mm) M.2 SATA only. The 80mm standoff cannot be moved.

The J11 connector is for a 2242 (22mm x 42mm) M.2 SATA drive, or it can be used for a cellular card in conjunction with a microSIM card. The 42mm standoff is also permanent and cannot be moved.

**Note:** For more information on Cellular Configuration in pfSense® Plus software, please visit the pfSense Documentation page.

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Fig. 3: SG-3100 M.2 SATA Locations

**Warning:** Before proceeding:

1. Backup your configuration file, if possible.
2. Unplug the system for at least 60 seconds to ensure all phantom power has dissipated.
3. Anti-static protection must be used throughout this procedure.
4. Any hardware damage incurred during this procedure is **not covered** by the hardware warranty.

**Note:** pfSense® Plus must be reinstalled on the M.2 SATA drive. By default, the M.2 SATA drive will then be the first drive recognized by pfSense® Plus software.

For purposes of this installation, the **J11** M.2 SATA slot will be used with a 2242 M.2 SATA Drive. Procedures for installing the 2280 M.2 SATA Drive in the J10 slot are similar.

1. Turn the system over carefully to avoid scratching the top of the system. Remove the four **T10 Torx** screws as indicated below.

![Fig. 4: Removing the SG-3100 Case Screws](image)

2. Turn system upright and carefully remove the cover. Set the cover off to the side and keep it upright so the top is not scratched. Identify where the M.2 SATA drive slot is located and remove the screw from the standoff.
3. After the screw has been removed, insert the M.2 SATA drive into the slot at about a 30° angle.

**Warning:** The M.2 SATA card is keyed. Do not force it into the slot.

4. Gently push down the M.2 SATA card and replace the screw into the standoff.
5. Place the cover back on and turn the SG-3100 over. Replace the four **T10 Torx** case screws. Be careful not to crossthread the screws.
Fig. 5: M.2 SATA Location and Screw

Fig. 6: M.2 SATA Location and Screw Close-up
Fig. 7: Insert the M.2 SATA Drive at about a 30° Angle

Fig. 8: The M.2 SATA Drive Installed
6. Reinstall the pfSense® Plus software on the new M.2 SATA drive.
7. Restore your configuration backup if you have one.

2.4 Configuring the Switch Ports

This optional guide shows the steps required to configure the 4 switched Ethernet ports as discrete ports.

The following attributes are used in this configuration guide but can be changed to suit your particular requirements:

- SG-3100 Ethernet Port: LAN4
- IP Address Assignment: 192.168.100.1/24
- VLAN Tag: 4084 (VLAN tags should be 4081-4084 for LAN Ports 1-4)

**Note:** When connecting to the webConfigurator, be sure you are NOT connected to the port you are going to configure or you will lose connectivity during this procedure.

1. Open the pfSense® Plus WebGUI and log in.
2. From the menu, navigate to **Interfaces > Assignments**.
3. Go to the **VLANs** sub-menu.
4. In the lower right-hand corner of the screen, click **+ Add**.
5. Choose mvneta1 (MAC Address) - lan from the Parent Interface drop-down menu.

6. Set the VLAN Tag to 4084. Type Lan port 4 as the Description. Click Save.

Note: 4084 in is used as an example in this guide. The value for the tags must be unique for each VLAN and must be between 1 and 4094. Avoid using values that are already in use. Best practice is not to use 1.

7. Go to the Interface Assignments sub-menu.

8. Ensure Available network ports: is correct. It is VLAN 4084 on mvneta1 - lan (Lan port 4) in this example. Click on + Add.

9. Click on OPT2. This is the Interface that matches the new VLAN being created.
10. Check the **Enable Interface** check-box.

11. Change the **IPv4 Configuration Type** from None to **Static IPv4**.

12. Scroll down and make the IPv4 Address **192.168.100.1/24** (in this example).

13. Click **Save**.

14. Click **Apply Changes**.

15. Go to **Interfaces -> Switches**.
16. Go to the **VLANs** sub-menu. Click in the **Enable 802.1q VLAN mode** check-box and click **Save**.

17. You will notice that the table changes. Click **+ Add Tag**.
18. Type 4084 for the VLAN Tag and 4 for Member(s). This represents LAN4 (port 4) and tagged should be unchecked.

19. Click + Add Member to add the LAN Uplink, 5. This member should be tagged as shown.

20. Click Save.

21. Click on beside VLAN group 0.
22. Click Delete beside Member(s) 4. This will remove LAN4 from this VLAN group.

23. Click Save.

24. Go to the Ports sub-menu.

25. Click on Port VID 1 beside LAN4. Backspace through 1 and insert 4084, the new VLAN ID.

26. Click Save.

This completes the configuration of a discrete port on the SG-3100.

You will need to create the appropriate firewall rules because by default, all traffic is blocked. Go to Firewall > Rules and then the OPT2 sub-menu (in this example) to configure the firewall rules.

You should also enable DHCP if necessary, by going to Services > DHCP Server > OPT2 (for the example above).
3.1 Additional Resources

3.1.1 Netgate Training

Netgate training offers training courses for increasing your knowledge of pfSense® Plus products and services. Whether you need to maintain or improve the security skills of your staff or offer highly specialized support and improve your customer satisfaction; Netgate training has got you covered.

https://www.netgate.com/training

3.1.2 Resource Library

To learn more about how to use your Netgate appliance and for other helpful resources, make sure to browse our Resource Library.

https://www.netgate.com/resources

3.1.3 Professional Services

Support does not cover more complex tasks such as CARP configuration for redundancy on multiple firewalls or circuits, network design, and conversion from other firewalls to pfSense® Plus software. These items are offered as professional services and can be purchased and scheduled accordingly.

https://www.netgate.com/our-services/professional-services.html

3.1.4 Community Options

If you elected not to get a paid support plan, you can find help from the active and knowledgeable pfSense community on our forums.

https://forum.netgate.com/
3.2 Warranty and Support

- One year manufacturer’s warranty.
- Please contact Netgate for warranty information or view our Product Lifecycle page.
- All Specifications subject to change without notice

For support information, view our support plans.

See also:

For more information on how to use pfSense® Plus software, see the pfSense Documentation and Resource Library.