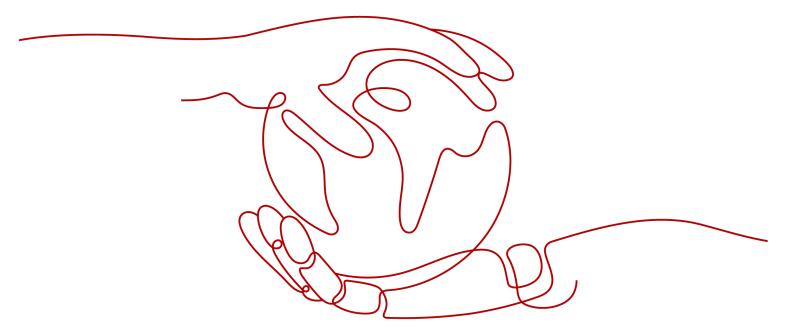
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General FAQs

1.1 What Are Regions and AZs?

Concepts

A region and availability zone (AZ) identify the location of a data center. You can create resources in a specific region and AZ.

- Regions are divided from the dimensions of geographical location and network latency. Public services, such as Elastic Cloud Server (ECS), Elastic Volume Service (EVS), Object Storage Service (OBS), Virtual Private Cloud (VPC), Elastic IP (EIP), and Image Management Service (IMS), are shared within the same region. Regions are classified as universal regions and dedicated regions. A universal region provides universal cloud services for common tenants. A dedicated region provides services of the same type only or for specific tenants.
- An AZ contains one or more physical data centers. Each AZ has independent cooling, fire extinguishing, moisture-proof, and electricity facilities. Within an AZ, computing, network, storage, and other resources are logically divided into multiple clusters. AZs within a region are interconnected using highspeed optical fibers to allow you to build cross-AZ high-availability systems.

Figure 1-1 shows the relationship between the regions and AZs.

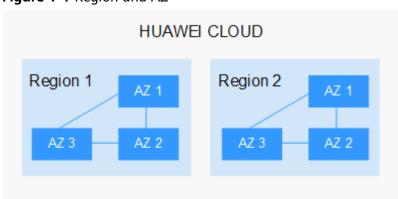


Figure 1-1 Region and AZ

Huawei Cloud provides services in many regions around the world. You can select a region and AZ as needed.

Selecting a Region

When selecting a region, consider the following factors:

Location

You are advised to select a region close to you or your target users. This reduces network latency and improves access rate.

- If you or your users are in the Asia Pacific region and outside the Chinese mainland, select the CN-Hong Kong, AP-Bangkok, or AP-Singapore region.
- If you or your users are in Africa, select the **AF-Johannesburg** region.
- If you or your users are in Latin America, select the **LA-Santiago** region.
- Resource price

Resource prices may vary in different regions. For details, see **Product Pricing Details**.

Selecting an AZ

When determining whether to deploy resources in the same AZ, consider your applications' requirements on disaster recovery (DR) and network latency.

- For high DR capability, deploy resources in different AZs in the same region.
- For low network latency, deploy resources in the same AZ.

Regions and Endpoints

Before using an API to call resources, specify its region and endpoint. For more details, see **Regions and Endpoints**.

1.2 What Is the Black Hole Policy of HUAWEI CLOUD?

To protect the usability of Huawei Cloud services in general, if a cloud server is subject to a large enough attack, a black hole will be triggered to block all accesses from the Internet for a certain period of time.

Huawei Cloud CNAD Basic (Anti-DDoS) provides 2 Gbit/s of defense against DDoS attacks for common users for free. Anti-DDoS can provide up to 5 Gbit/s of defense capability (depending on the available bandwidth of Huawei Cloud).

What Is a Black Hole?

A black hole refers to a situation where access to a cloud server is blocked by Huawei Cloud because attack traffic targeting a cloud server exceeds a certain threshold.

Why Is the Blackhole Policy Required?

DDoS attacks will interrupt user services and cause adverse impacts on the AAD data center. Defense against DDoS attacks is costly on bandwidth consumption.

Bandwidth is purchased by Huawei Cloud from carriers, and those carriers bill for bandwidth even if it was part of DDoS attack. Huawei Cloud provides Cloud Native Anti-DDoS Basic (Anti-DDoS) for free to protect your resources against DDoS attacks below a certain threshold, but if an attack exceeds a certain size, we will route the traffic to a black hole.

How Do I Deactivate a Black Hole?

When the access to a cloud server is blocked by Huawei Cloud because attack traffic targeting a cloud server exceeds a certain threshold, follow the instructions described in **Table 1-1** to handle that.

Table 1-1 Black hole deactivation methods

Edition	Deactivation Policy	Deactivation Method
CNAD Basic (Anti-DDoS) NOTE Cloud Native Anti-DDoS Basic (CNAD Basic) is enabled by default.	 The system automatically deactivates the black hole 24 hours after the access to a cloud server is blocked. If the system detects that the attack has not stopped, and attack traffic is still exceeding the configured threshold, the access will be blocked again. 	You need to wait until the system deactivates it automatically.
CNAD Advanced	The system automatically deactivates the black hole 24 hours after the access to a cloud server is blocked.	
AAD	Contact Huawei Cloud technical support to deactivate the blackhole quickly.	You can upgrade the elastic protection bandwidth to deactivate the blackhole.
	You are advised to increase the elastic bandwidth to avoid being black-holed again.	

Self-Service Unblocking Rules

If you have purchased Anti-DDoS (Native Advanced Anti-DDoS Protection or Advanced Anti-DDoS), you will be rewarded with three self-service blackhole-deactivation quotas for free every month. If the quotas are not used up in the current month, they will be cleared at the end of the month.

Currently, only public IP addresses in North China, East China, and South China can be unblocked by you.

- There is a minimum block duration after which you can unblock a blocked IP address. The minimum block duration for the first time you unblock an IP address in a day is 30 minutes. Minimum block duration = 2 (n-1) x 30 minutes (n indicates the number of times you want to unblock the same IP address)

 For example, a 30-minute block duration is required for the first time you unblock an IP address, a 60-minute block duration for the second time, and a 120-minute block duration for the third time.
- For the same protected IP address, if it is blocked again less than 30 minutes after it is unblocked, you can unblock it 2ⁿ x 30 minutes later (*n* indicates the number of times you are unblocking it).

For example, if the IP address has been unblocked once at 10:20, and is blocked again at 10:40, the interval between the two time points is less than 30 minutes. This is the second time you unblock the IP address on the day. The IP address cannot be unblocked until the 120-minute block duration expires at 12: 40 (2x2x30 minutes after 10:40).

NOTICE

If you have unblocked any other IP address within 30 minutes, you cannot unblock the IP address even if the preceding conditions are met.

 ADS automatically adjusts the allowed IP unblocking attempts and the interval based on the risk control.

How Can I Increase the Black Hole Threshold?

You can increase the black hole threshold using the following methods:

- Enable Cloud Native Anti-DDoS Pro (CNAD Pro) to obtain the unlimited protection capability without changing the service IP address.
- Connect your services to AAD to obtain the Tbit/s protection capability. The
 malicious attacks targeting the origin servers can be diverted to the highdefense IP address for scrubbing to ensure the stable running of missioncritical workloads.

1.3 What Are the Differences Between Anti-DDoS and Advanced Anti-DDoS?

Anti-DDoS defends against most common DDoS attacks at no additional charge, whereas Advanced Anti-DDoS (AAD) provides expanded protection and expert support with subscription fees. For details, see **Table 1-2**.

Table 1-2 Differences between Anti-DDoS and Advanced Anti-DDoS

Item	Anti-DDoS	Advanced Anti-DDoS
Cost	Free	Charged
Protection capability	A maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection	A maximum of 1 Tbit/s protection
Protected objects	HUAWEI CLOUD resources only	HUAWEI CLOUD, non- HUAWEI CLOUD, and on-premises resources
Protection policy	Fixed protection policies	Diverse protection policies
	Globally applied policies	Basic CC attack defense
		Customized policies
Key event assurance	None	Expert support (for VIP customers)
Detailed reports	Provides an overview report.	Provides a detailed report.
Technical support	24/7 online customer service	24/7 expert support service

1.4 What Are a SYN Flood Attack and an ACK Flood Attack?

A SYN flood attack is a typical denial of service (DoS) attack. Utilizing the loop hole in the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), the attacker sends a huge number of forged TCP connection requests to the target to exhaust its resources (fully loaded CPU or insufficient memory). Consequently, the target fails to respond to normal connection requests.

An ACK flood attack works in a similar mechanism as a SYN flood attack.

An ACK flood attack is when an attacker attempts to overload a server with TCP ACK packets. Like other DDoS attacks, the goal of an ACK flood is to deny service to other users by slowing down or crashing the target using junk data. The

targeted server has to process each ACK packet received, which uses so much computing power that it is unable to serve legitimate users.

1.5 What Is a CC Attack?

In a challenge collapsar (CC) attack, the attacker uses a proxy server to generate and send disguised requests to the target host. In addition, the attacker controls other hosts in the Internet and makes them send large numbers of data packets to the target server to exhaust its resources. In the end, the target server stops responding to requests. As you know, when many users access a web page, the page opens slowly. So in a CC attack, the attacker simulates a scenario where a large number of users (a thread represents a user) are accessing pages all the time. Because the accessed pages all require a lot of data operations (consuming many CPU resources), the CPU usage is kept at the 100% level for a long time until normal access requests are blocked.

1.6 What Is a Slow HTTP Attack?

Slow HTTP attacks are a variation of CC attacks. Here is how slow HTTP attacks work:

The attacker establishes a connection to the target server which allows HTTP access. Then the attacker specifies a large content length and sends packets in an extremely low rate, such as one byte per one to ten seconds. The connection is maintained this way. If the attacker keeps establishing such connections, available connections on the target server are slowly consumed and the server will stop responding to valid requests.

1.7 What Are a UDP Attack and a TCP Attack?

Exploiting the interaction characteristics of UDP and TCP, attackers use botnets to send large numbers of various TCP connection packets or UDP packets to exhaust the bandwidth resources of target servers. As a result, the servers become slow in processing capability and fail to work properly.

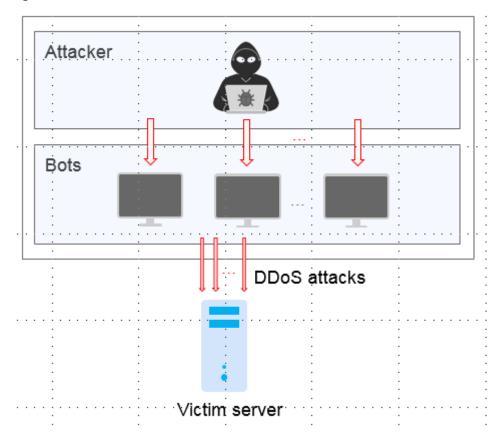
1.8 What Are the Differences Between DDoS Attacks and Challenge Collapsar Attacks?

Challenge Collapsar (CC) attack is a type of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attack.

DDoS Attack

DDoS attacks are distributed and coordinated large-scale DoS attacks. Multiple attackers in different locations launch attacks to one or more targets at the same time, or an attacker controls multiple compromised computers in different locations and uses these computers to attack the victim at the same time. The DDoS attack process consists of target confirmation, botnet establishment, attack launching.

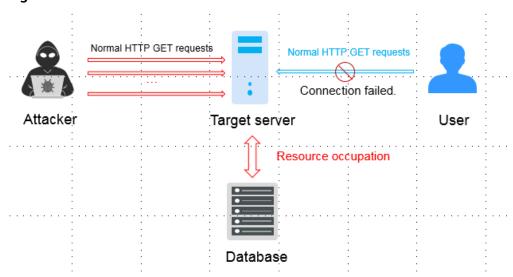
Figure 1-2 DDoS attack



CC Attack

A Challenge Collapsar (CC) attack is an attack that standard HTTP requests are sent to a targeted web server frequently. The attacker controls some servers to keep sending a large number of data packets to the target server, causing resource exhaustion and breakdown of the server.

Figure 1-3 CC attack



1.9 What Is the Maximum Protection Capacity Provided by Huawei Cloud Anti-DDoS for Free?

Huawei Cloud Anti-DDoS provides a maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection capacity for free.

1.10 What Can I Do If an IP Address Is Blocked?

Possible Causes

Anti-DDoS provides a maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection capacity free of charge (depending on the available bandwidth of Huawei Cloud). Anti-DDoS will trigger a black hole to block access from the Internet within a time period when detecting a cloud server is under volumetric flood attacks.

How Do I Deactivate a Black Hole?

When the access to a cloud server is blocked by Huawei Cloud because attack traffic targeting a cloud server exceeds a certain threshold, follow the instructions described in **Table 1-3** to handle that.

Table 1-3 Black hole deactivation methods

Edition	Deactivation Policy	Deactivation Method
Anti-DDoS NOTE Anti-DDoS is enabled by default.	 The system automatically deactivates the black hole 24 hours after the access to a cloud server is blocked. If the system detects that the attack has not stopped, and attack traffic is still exceeding the configured threshold, the access will be blocked again. 	You need to wait until the system deactivates it automatically.
CNAD	The system automatically deactivates the black hole 24 hours after the access to a cloud server is blocked.	

Edition	Deactivation Policy	Deactivation Method
Advanced Anti-DDoS	You are advised to increase the elastic bandwidth to avoid being black-holed again.	You can upgrade the elastic protection bandwidth to unblock IP addresses from the blackhole.

1.11 Does Anti-DDoS Support the Transparent Access Mode?

The CNAD Basic and CNAD Advanced support the transparent access mode. They can be used to defend your Huawei Cloud public IP addresses against DDoS attacks, with no need to modify domain name resolution or set origin server protection.

AAD works in proxy mode and needs to be accessed through domain names or IP addresses. After AAD is connected, the malicious attacks targeting the origin servers can be diverted to the high-defense IP address for scrubbing to ensure that mission-critical workloads run stably.

2 CNAD Basic (Anti-DDoS) FAQs

2.1 About Anti-DDoS

2.1.1 What Is the Million-level IP Address Blacklist Database?

The million-level IP address blacklist database refers to the database of millions of malicious IP addresses collected by experts in the past years. When users' services are attacked by these IP addresses, Anti-DDoS responds to those attacks first to defend your servers in a timely manner.

2.1.2 How Will Anti-DDoS Be Triggered to Scrub Traffic?

Anti-DDoS traffic detection includes the following detection items. Different traffic scrubbing thresholds correspond to different detection thresholds.

When traffic surpasses a detection threshold, Anti-DDoS triggers traffic scrubbing.

- Abnormal TCP packet
- Syn Flood
- Ack Flood
- FIN\RST Flood
- UDP Flood
- Other Flood
- DNS Query Flood
- DNS Reply Flood

2.1.3 What Are the Restrictions of Using Anti-DDoS?

Anti-DDoS provides a 500 Mbit/s mitigation capacity against DDoS attacks.

Traffic that exceeds 500 Mbit/s from the attacked public IP address will be routed to the black hole and the legitimate traffic will be discarded. Therefore if you may suffer from volumetric attacks exceeding 500 Mbit/s, it is a better choice to purchase HUAWEI CLOUD Advanced Anti-DDoS (AAD) for enhanced protection.

2.1.4 What Is the Protection Capacity of Anti-DDoS?

Anti-DDoS defends against all DDoS attacks, such as CC, SYN flood, and UDP flood, and provides a maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection capacity free of charge (depending on the available bandwidth of Huawei Cloud). For applications threatened by attack traffic larger than 500 Mbit/s, it is a better choice to purchase the Advanced Anti-DDoS service on Huawei Cloud to expand protection capacity.

2.1.5 What Data Can Be Provided by Anti-DDoS?

- You can view the monitoring report of a public IP address, including the current protection status, protection settings, and the traffic and anomalies within the last 24 hours.
- You can view an interception report on protection statistics, including the traffic scrubbing frequency, cleaned traffic amount, weekly top 10 attacked ECSs, load balancers, or BMSs, and total number of intercepted attacks of all public IP addresses of a user.
- You can enable alarm notification for Anti-DDoS so that you can receive notifications in a timely manner if a public IP address is attacked. If you do not enable this function, you have to log in to the management console to view alarms.

2.1.6 Which Regions Does Anti-DDoS Support?

Currently, Anti-DDoS only provides protection for services deployed on Huawei Cloud.

Anti-DDoS is available in the following regions: CN-Hong Kong, AP-Bangkok, AF-Johannesburg, AP-Singapore, LA-Santiago, LA-Mexico City1, and LA-Sao Paulo1.

2.1.7 What Can Be Protected by Anti-DDoS?

Anti-DDoS provides the traffic scrubbing function for public IP addresses purchased by users.

2.1.8 Can Anti-DDoS Be Used Across Clouds or By Multiple Accounts?

Anti-DDoS cannot be used by multiple accounts. Currently, Anti-DDoS only protects services deployed on Huawei Cloud.

2.1.9 How Do I Determine My Workloads Are Under an Attack?

To check whether a public IP address is attacked, perform the following operations:

- For details about how to query attack traffic information and anomaly events within 24 hours, see **Method 1: Viewing Monitoring Reports**.
- For details about how to query information about public IP addresses attacked within one month, see **Method 2: Viewing the Security Report**.

Method 1: Viewing Monitoring Reports

- **Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- Step 2 Select a region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Security & Compliance > Anti-DDoS Service. The Anti-DDoS page is displayed.
- **Step 3** Click the **Public IP Addresses** tab, locate the row that contains the IP address of which you want to view its monitoring report, and click **View Monitoring Report**.

Figure 2-1 Viewing a monitoring report



- **Step 4** Check whether there are attack traffic and anomaly events.
 - On the **Traffic** tab page, check whether there is attack traffic displayed in the corresponding time range. If there is, the public IP address is attacked.
 - Check whether there are abnormal events in the event list at the bottom. If there are abnormal events, the public IP address is attacked.

Figure 2-2 Monitoring reports



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Method 2: Viewing the Security Report

- **Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- Step 2 Select a region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Security & Compliance > Anti-DDoS Service. The Anti-DDoS page is displayed.
- **Step 3** Click the **Security Report** tab, select a time range, and check whether the queried public IP address is in **Top 10 Attacked Public IP Addresses**.
 - If the public IP address is in **Top 10 Attacked Public IP Addresses**, the public IP address is attacked.

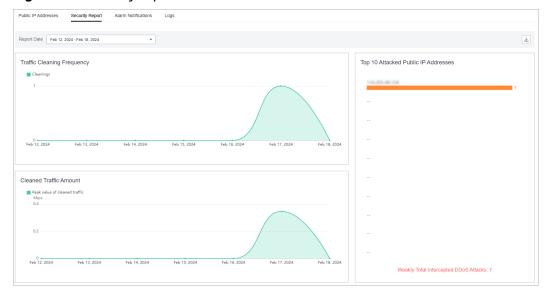


Figure 2-3 Security report

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2.2 About Basic Functions

2.2.1 What Would Happen When I Am Under a DDoS Attack Exceeding 500 Mbit/s?

For details about Anti-DDoS, Anti-DDoS, and CNAD, see Anti-DDoS service.

Anti-DDoS provides a maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection capacity free of charge (depending on the available bandwidth of Huawei Cloud). The attacked public IP address will be routed to a black hole when the attack traffic exceeds 500 Mbit/s, and the normal access traffic will be discarded. It is a better choice to purchase Huawei Cloud Advanced Anti-DDoS for enhanced protection.

2.2.2 Which Types of Attacks Does Anti-DDoS Mitigate?

Anti-DDoS helps users mitigate the following attacks:

- Web server attacks
 Include SYN flood, HTTP flood, Challenge Collapsar (CC), and low-rate attacks
- Game attacks
 Include UDP flood, SYN flood, TCP-based, and fragmentation attacks
- HTTPS server attacks
 Include SSL DoS and DDoS attacks
- DNS server attacks
 Include attacks exploiting DNS protocol stack vulnerabilities, DNS reflection attacks, DNS flood attacks, and DNS cache miss attacks

2.2.3 What Should I Do If My Service Is Frequently Attacked?

When your services are frequently under DDoS attacks, the public IP address is prone to be routed to a black hole, damaging service continuity. Therefore, it is recommended that you purchase Advanced Anti-DDoS to expand protection capability.

2.2.4 What Is the Difference Between ELB Protection and ECS Protection?

An EIP can be bound to a load balancer or ECS. Anti-DDoS protects EIP against DDoS attacks. There is no difference between ELB and ECS protection.

2.2.5 Why Is the Number of Times of Cleaning Different from the Number of Attacks for the Same Public IP Address?

Cleaning is triggered automatically when an attack is detected on a public IP address. The cleaning lasts for a while. (Only attack traffic is cleaned, and users' services will not be affected.) If, during the cleaning, another attack is detected on the same public IP address, the attack will be cleaned together with the previous attack. Consequently, the number of attacks increases by one while the number of times of cleaning does not.

2.2.6 Is Anti-DDoS Enabled by Default?

Yes. Yes. It is enabled by default and uses the default protection policy. To modify this setting, see **Configuring an Anti-DDoS Protection Policy**.

□ NOTE

Once enabled, Anti-DDoS cannot be disabled.

2.2.7 Does Anti-DDoS Protect a Region or a Single IP Address?

Single IP address.

2.2.8 Do I Need to Release Anti-DDoS Resources When I Delete an Account?

No. Anti-DDoS is free of charge.

- Anti-DDoS does not consume your resources.
- Anti-DDoS is enabled by default at no additional charge. You do not need to release the resources when deleting the account.
- Anti-DDoS is automatically enabled when you purchase a public IP address without incurring any fee.

2.2.9 How Do I View the Traffic Scrubbing Frequency?

You can **view an interception report** on protection statistics, including the traffic scrubbing frequency, clean traffic amount, weekly top 10 attacked public IP addresses, and total number of intercepted attacks of all public IP addresses of a user

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2.2.11 How Can I View the Monitoring Data of a Public IP Address in Anti-DDoS?

You can **view the monitoring report** of a public IP address, including the current protection status, protection settings, and the traffic and anomalies within the last 24 hours.

2.2.12 How Can I View an Interception Report?

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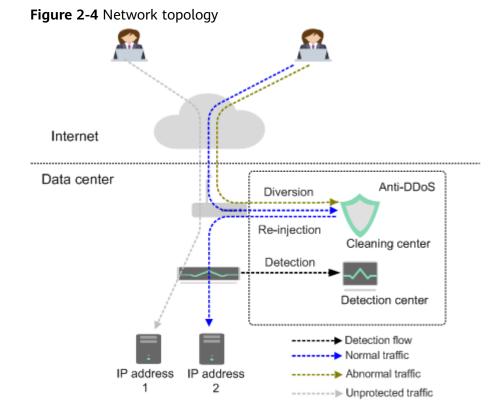
2.2.13 Can I Disable Anti-DDoS Completely?

No.

To ensure the security of the Huawei Cloud platform, protection policies must be enabled for all traffic entering Huawei Cloud.

2.2.14 How Do I Check Whether the Inbound Traffics Are Routed Through Anti-DDoS Devices?

Anti-DDoS provides anti-DDoS only for HUAWEI CLOUD EIPs. Anti-DDoS devices are deployed at the egresses of data centers.



Anti-DDoS only enables protection for inbound traffics from external network.

- If you access the EIP from an external network, the inbound traffics are routed through the public network routes. You can check whether the traffics are forwarded from the public network routes on the VM bound to the EIP. If yes, the access traffics are routed through Anti-DDoS devices.
 - If inbound traffics are routed through Anti-DDoS devices, the following information is displayed when the EIP is threatened by DDoS attacks:
 - Traffic cleaning records exist on the Anti-DDoS console.
 - An alarm notification is sent by SMS or Email.
- If you access the EIP from the intranet, the inbound traffics are not routed through public network routes. As a result, the traffics are not routed through Anti-DDoS devices.

For example, if you apply for two EIPs in two different regions of HUAWEI CLOUD, the access traffics between the two EIPs will not be routed through Anti-DDoS.

2.3 About Threshold and Black Hole

2.3.1 How Does the Traffic Scrubbing Threshold Take Effect in Anti-DDoS?

Anti-DDoS scrubs traffic when detecting that the incoming traffic of an IP address exceeds the traffic cleaning threshold. It will discard attack traffic and permit normal service traffic.

The default scrubbing threshold of Anti-DDoS is 120 Mbit/s. You can adjust the threshold based on the actual service bandwidth. For details, see **Configuring an Anti-DDoS Protection Policy**.

2.3.2 How Do I Set the Anti-DDoS Traffic Scrubbing Threshold?

After you purchase a public IP address, Anti-DDoS automatically enables protection. The default scrubbing threshold of Anti-DDoS is 120 Mbit/s.

You can adjust the threshold based on the actual service bandwidth. For details, see **Configuring an Anti-DDoS Protection Policy**.

- The scrubbing threshold for each attack type is automatically generated based on your settings and the service traffic.
- When the service traffic hits the traffic scrubbing threshold, Anti-DDoS automatically scrubs attack traffic instead of blocking the service.

2.3.3 How Can I Adjust the Block Threshold?

Anti-DDoS provides a maximum of 500 Mbit/s protection capacity free of charge (depending on the available bandwidth of HUAWEI CLOUD). Traffic that exceeds 500 Mbit/s will be routed to a black hole. For applications threatened by attack traffic larger than 500 Mbit/s, it is a better choice to purchase the Advanced Anti-DDoS service on HUAWEI CLOUD to expand protection capacity.

2.4 About Alarm Notification

2.4.1 Will I Be Promptly Notified When an Attack Is Detected?

Yes, if you enable alarm notification.

On the console, click the **Alarm Notifications** tab to enable the alarm notification function, which enables you to receive alarms (by SMS or email) if a DDoS attack is detected. For details, see **Enabling Alarm Notifications**.

2.4.2 What Should I Do If I Receive an Alarm Notification?

An alarm notification does not necessarily means that there is an attack. After the alarm notification function is enabled for your Anti-DDoS service, you will receive notifications through the endpoint you have configured (such as SMS or Email) when the public IP address is under DDoS attacks.

You can log in to the management console to view the protection status of an EIP. If you do not want the traffic to be scrubbed, increase the traffic scrubbing threshold. For details, see section **Configuring an Anti-DDoS Protection Policy**.

2.4.3 How Do I Enable Anti-DDoS Blocking Notifications?

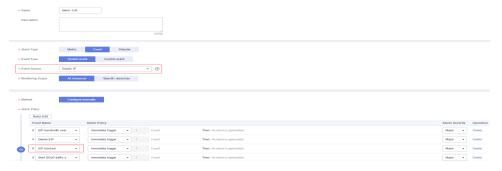
Description

On the Anti-DDoS console, only the traffic scrubbing notifications can be enabled. To receive notifications about EIP blocking, perform the following steps.

Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the Anti-DDoS console.
- Step 2 Select your region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Management and Governance > Cloud Eye. The Overview page is displayed.
- **Step 3** In the navigation tree on the left, choose **Event Monitoring**. The **Event Monitoring** page is displayed.
- **Step 4** Click **Create Alarm Rule** in the upper left corner. The **Create Alarm Rule** page is displayed.
- **Step 5** Parameters for configuring the EIP blocking alarms
 - Alarm Type: Event
 - Event Type: System event
 - Event Source: Elastic IP
 - Alarm Policy: Select EIP Blocked and select the Alarm Severity.

Figure 2-5 Parameters of the EIP blocking alarms



Step 6 Click Create.

----End

2.5 About Service Faults

2.5.1 Why Is the Access from the Internet Abnormal?

HUAWEI CLOUD Anti-DDoS will trigger a black hole to block access from the Internet within a time period when detecting an ECS is under volumetric flood attacks.

Anti-DDoS provides a 2 Gbit/s DDoS mitigation capacity for free, and its maximum mitigation capacity can reach 5 Gbit/s (depending on the available bandwidth of HUAWEI CLOUD). Traffic that exceeds 5 Gbit/s will be routed to a black hole. For applications threatened by attack traffic larger than 5 Gbit/s, it is a better choice to purchase the Advanced Anti-DDoS service on HUAWEI CLOUD to expand protection capacity.

2.5.2 What Should I Do If Access to a Client Is Denied Due to DDoS Attacks?

You can use the view the anomalies of a single public IP address within the last 24 hours in the monitoring report, or view the protection statistics of all public IP addresses, such as the Top 10 attacked public IP addresses in the interception report, to determine whether the access to a client is blocked due to the black hole triggered when your services are under DDoS attacks.

The system automatically deactivates the black hole 24 hours after the access to a cloud server was blocked due to the triggered black hole.

2.5.3 How Do I Query the Protection Information About a Public IP Address That Is Under DDoS Attacks?

You can view the monitoring report of a public IP address, including the current protection status, protection settings, and the traffic and anomalies within the last 24 hours.

2.5.4 Is Traffic Cleaning Triggered Even If No Attack Occurs?

Anti-DDoS scrubs traffic when detecting that the incoming traffic of an IP address exceeds the traffic cleaning threshold. If you do not want the traffic to be scrubbed, increase the traffic cleaning threshold. For details, see section "Configuring an Anti-DDoS Protection Policy".

3 CNAD Advanced FAQs

3.1 Function Consulting

3.1.1 What Is Unlimited Protection?

CNAD Unlimited Protection provides as high DDoS mitigation bandwidth as possible based on the network and resources in the current region. The protection capability provided grows with the improvement of Huawei Cloud's network capabilities.

Currently, two editions are available: CNAD Unlimited Protection Basic Edition and CNAD Unlimited Protection Advanced Edition.

3.1.2 Can CNAD Advanced Protect Non-Huawei Cloud and On-Premises IP Addresses?

CNAD Advanced protects Huawei Cloud resources that use public IP addresses, such as ECSs, ELBs, WAFs, and EIPs, while cannot protect non-Huawei Cloud and on-premises resources.

3.1.3 Does CNAD Advanced Protect IPv6 Addresses?

Yes, CNAD Advanced protects Huawei Cloud public IP addresses (IPv6 and IPv4).

3.1.4 What Do I Do If an IP Address Protected by CNAD Advanced Is Blocked?

You can use the self-service unblocking function to unblock the blocked IP addresses.

3.1.5 What Are the Protection Objects of CNAD Advanced?

CNAD Advanced protects Huawei Cloud resources, such as ECS, ELB, WAF, and EIP, by public IP addresses.

3.1.6 How Many Layers of Attacks Can CNAD Advanced Defend Against?

CNAD Advanced can defend against Layer 3 and Layer 4 traffic attacks. To defend against Layer 7 traffic attacks, you need to configure the joint protection with the dedicated WAF.

3.1.7 How Long Does It Take to Switch Traffic from CNAD Advanced Back to AAD?

It takes about 5 to 10 minutes to switch traffic from CNAD Advanced Back to AAD.

The required time depends on how long that the DNS domain name and the local recursive DNS can take effect. During the switch, the traffic may exist in both the CNAD Advanced IP address and AAD IP address.

4 AAD FAQS

4.1 Function Specifications

4.1.1 What Service Ports Does AAD Support?

Context

If your domain name needs to be connected to AAD and **Origin Server Type** is set to **IP Address**, you need to configure **Forwarding Protocol** and **Origin Server Port**.

- **Forwarding Protocol**: The protocol used by AAD to forward requests from clients (such as browsers).
- **Server Port**: The service port over which AAD forwards client requests to the service port of the origin server.

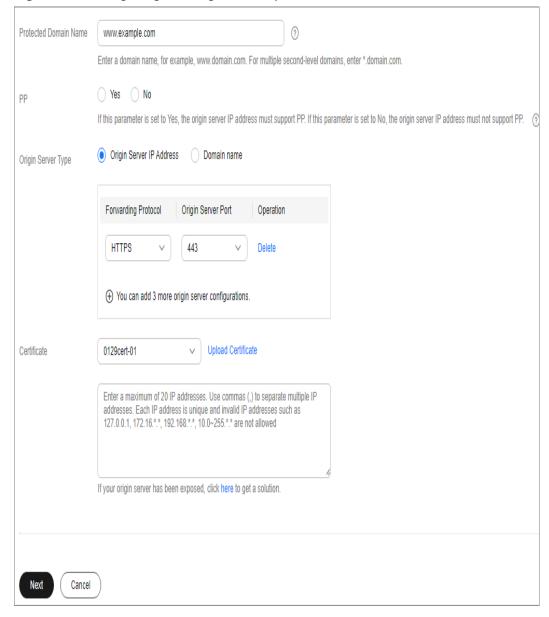


Figure 4-1 Configuring the origin server port

Service Ports Supported by AAD

- Four-layer protection
 The port range supported by AAD four-layer protection is 80-65535.
- Seven-layer protection

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Forwarding Protocol	Origin Server Port
НТТР	80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 88, 133, 134, 140, 141, 144, 151, 881, 1135, 1139, 7000, 7001, 8006, 8078, 8080, 8087, 8088, 8089, 8090, 8093, 8097, 8100, 8182, 8200, 8813, 8814, 8888, 9000, 9001, 9002, 9003, 18080, 19101, 19501, 21028, 40010
HTTPS	443, 882, 1818, 4006, 4430, 4443, 5443, 6443, 7443, 8033, 8081, 8082, 8083, 8443, 8445, 8553, 8663, 8750, 8804, 8805, 9443, 9999, 13080, 14443, 18443, 18980, 20000, 28443, 30001, 30003, 30004, 30005

Table 4-1 Ports supported by AAD seven-layer protection

4.1.2 What Forwarding Protocols Does AAD Support?

Huawei Cloud supports the following forwarding protocols:

- Four-layer protocol: TCP and UDP
- Seven-layer protocol: HTTP/WebSocket and HTTPS/WebSockets

How to Configure HTTP/WebSocket and HTTPS/WebSockets Forwarding Protocols

On the **Anti-DDoS Service Center** page, choose **Advanced Anti-DDoS > Domain Name Access**. On the **Domain Name Access** page, click **Add Domain Name** to configure an HTTP/WebSocket or HTTPS/WebSockets forwarding protocol.

4.1.3 Can I Change My Protection Bandwidths?

- AAD allows you to upgrade the basic protection bandwidth.
- AAD allows you to modify the elastic protection bandwidth for a maximum of three times a day. The modification takes effect immediately.

4.1.4 Can an AAD Origin Server Use a CDN CNAME?

No. Currently, AAD supports only HUAWEI CLOUD WAF CNAME records.

4.1.5 What Is the Maximum Protection Capability When I Purchase 10 Gbit/s as the Basic Protection Bandwidth and 20 Gbit/s as the Elastic Protection Bandwidth?

Your maximum protection capability is 20 Gbit/s. The maximum protection capability is the elastic protection bandwidth. Do not mistake the elastic protection bandwidth as an increment over the basic protection bandwidth. If you purchase the same value for your basic and elastic protection bandwidths, the elastic protection capability will not take effect.

For example, if you purchase 50 Gbit/s for both the basic and elastic protection bandwidths, the maximum protection capability is 50 Gbit/s and the elastic protection will not take effect.

4.1.6 Does AAD Use a Public IP Address to Switch Traffic Back to Origin Servers?

Yes. AAD uses public IP addresses as the back-to-origin IP addresses to switch scrubbed traffic back to the origin servers over the public network.

4.1.7 What Is the Maximum Number of Domain Names AAD Can Protect?

By default, one AAD instance can protect 50 domain names for free. You can pay to increase this quota and a maximum of 200 domain names are available. If you want to purchase more than 200 domain names, purchase another AAD instance.

NOTICE

The number of domain names includes the total number of top-level domain names (for example, example.com), single domain names/subdomain names (for example, www.example.com), and wildcard domain names (for example, *.example.com). Each AAD instance can protect 50 single domain names or wildcard domain names, or protect one top-level domain name and 49 subdomain names or wildcard domain names related to the top-level domain name.

4.1.8 How Much Additional Latency Will Be Incurred When AAD Is Deployed?

After AAD is deployed, the average latency is increased by 30 ms. The actual service latency varies according to service conditions.

4.1.9 Is There a Limit to the Number of Concurrent Requests?

The number of concurrent requests that can be processed by a system indicates the load capacity of the system. A website needs to process concurrent requests sent from users.

AAD does not limit the number of concurrent requests. AAD supports multiple forwarding protocols such as TCP, UDP, HTTP, HTTPS, Websocket, and Websockets. AAD does not limit the number of TCP and HTTP connections.

4.1.10 How Do I Disable Advanced Anti-DDoS?

Advanced Anti-DDoS cannot be directly disabled on the console. If you do not want to use AAD anymore, remove the protected domain names configured in AAD, and then unsubscribe from AAD.

4.2 Access Configuration

4.2.1 Can I Connect My Service System to AAD If It Is Not Running on HUAWEI CLOUD?

Yes, as long as its IP address is accessible on the Internet.

4.2.2 How Do I Check Whether a Protected Domain Name Is Correctly Configured After I Connect It to AAD?

- **Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- **Step 2** How Do I Connect My Service System to AAD? describes how to add domain names to be protected to AAD.
- **Step 3** Copy the **CNAME** value of the domain name to be tested.
- **Step 4** Ping the **CNAME** value and record the corresponding IP address (for example, 192.168.0.1).
- Step 5 Modify the local hosts file. This section uses Windows as an example. Go to the C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc directory and open the hosts file. Add a record to the file, as shown in the following figure:

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# Copyright (c) 1993-2009 Microsoft Corp.
# This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows.
# This file contains the mappings of IP addresses to host names. Each
# entry should be kept on an individual line. The IP address should
# be placed in the first column followed by the corresponding host name
# The IP address and the host name should be separated by at least one
# space.
# Additionally, comments (such as these) may be inserted on individual
# lines or following the machine name denoted by a '#' symbol.
# For example:
                      180-70-70-77 170-00-700-700
                                                                                                                                                                      # source server
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                          # x client host
# localhost name resolution is handled within DNS itself.
             localhost
             ::1
                                                                      localhost
192.168.0.1 www.test.com
```

Step 6 Clear the browser cache and enter the domain name in the address box to check whether you can access the domain name properly.

----End

4.2.3 What Can I Do When Message "Invalid request" Is Displayed When I Upload an HTTPS/WebSockets Certificate?

The causes and solutions for that message are as follows:

- The certificate name is too long.

 Solution: Change the certificate file name to one shorter than 10 characters.
- The certificate file name contains special characters.
 Solution: Use only letters and digits to name the certificate.
- The certificate content does not meet requirements.
 Solution: Delete information that does not meet the requirements of the certificate and private key input formats as described in FAQ How Do I Convert a Non-PEM Certificate into a PEM One, for example, delete information in front of ---BEGIN CERTIFICATE---.

4.2.4 How Do I Convert a Non-PEM Certificate into a PEM One?

Converting a .cer or .crt certificate into a .pem one
 Change the name extension of the certificate file.
 For example, change certificate.cer to certificate.pem.

• Converting a .pfx certificate into a .pem one

Use OpenSSL to convert the certificate.

Certificate extraction command
openssl pkcs12 -in certificate.pfx -nokeys -out cert.pem
Private key extraction command
openssl pkcs12 -in certificate.pfx -nocerts -out key.pem -nodes

• Converting a .p7b certificate into a .pem one

Use OpenSSL to convert the certificate.

- a. Run the following command to convert the certificate: openssl pkcs7 -print_certs -in incertificat.p7b -out outcertificate.cer
- b. Obtain the certificate content in **outcertificat.cer**.
- c. Save the content in .pem format.
- Converting a .der certificate into a .pem one

Use OpenSSL to convert the certificate. # Certificate extraction command

openssl x509 -inform der -in certificate.cer -out certificate.pem
Private key extraction command
openssl rsa -inform DER -outform PEM -in privatekey.der -out privatekey.pem

4.2.5 How Do I Enable Both AAD and WAF?

Perform the following operations to enable both AAD and WAF:

- 1. Obtain the CNAME value of the domain name on the WAF management console.
- 2. Configure the WAF CNAME in AAD.
- 3. Modify DNS configuration.

After the configuration is complete, traffic is processed by AAD first and then forwarded to WAF, thereby achieving collaborative protection.



4.2.6 How Do I Connect My Service System to AAD?

- If your system provides services through a domain name, you need to modify the DNS configuration to resolve the domain name to the CNAME record provided by HUAWEI CLOUD.
- If your system provides services through an IP address, change the IP address to a high-defense IP address.

4.2.7 How Is CNAME-based Access Implemented?

What is a CNAME record?

A Canonical Name (CNAME) record is a type of DNS record that maps an alias name to a true or canonical domain name. A DNS A record maps a domain name to an IP address, whereas a CNAME record maps a domain name to another domain name (alias of that domain name). For example, CNAME ccd01c25c8535fa4.huaweisafedns.com is configured for domain name www.abc.com. When a user accesses www.abc.com, the DNS protocol automatically obtains its CNAME alias ccd01c25c8535fa4.huaweisafedns.com and uses the alias to obtain the real IP address.

What are the advantages of CNAME-based access?

Easy to Use

You only need to modify the resolution configuration with the DNS service provider (for example, DNS on HUAWEI CLOUD).

The CNAME records generated in multiple lines for the same domain name are the same. You only need to configure one CNAME resolution record. Then AAD automatically configures the CNAME record for multiple high-defense IP addresses used by the domain name. When the high-defense IP address is changed, AAD updates CNAME mapping automatically, without requiring any manual DNS configuration modification.

Excellent access performance

If multiple lines are configured for a domain name, AAD can schedule access traffic based on the traffic source and select the optimal line to ensure the best access performance.

High reliability

You can select multiple lines for one domain name. If the high-defense IP address of a line encounters an exception, AAD automatically switches CNAME resolution to other available lines, ensuring service continuity.

What will I configure for CNAME-based access further if I have configured line-based resolution?

Generally, the CNAME resolution for one default line is required to replace line-based resolution. HUAWEI CLOUD will complete the resolution automatically.

The CNAME records provided by HUAWEI CLOUD are capable of line-based resolution. Based on the lines you purchased, HUAWEI CLOUD will perform line-based resolution automatically.

4.2.8 How Does AAD Distribute Traffic When There Are Multiple Origin Servers?

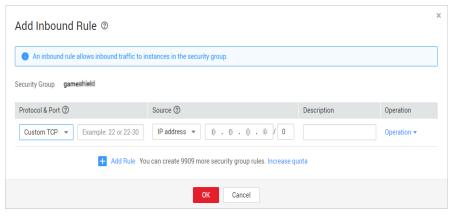
AAD distributes traffic evenly to origin servers in polling mode.

4.2.9 How Do I Check Whether a Back-to-Origin IP Address Has Been Whitelisted on My Origin Server?

Check servers and security devices to ensure that they have whitelisted the back-to-origin IP addresses and will not limit or block access traffic. For example:

- If your origin servers are HUAWEI CLOUD servers, configure ACLs and security groups to permit the back-to-origin IP addresses.
 - a. Log in to the management console.
 - b. Click in the upper left corner of the management console and select a region or project.
 - c. Click in the upper left corner of the page and choose **Networking** > **Virtual Private Cloud**.
 - d. Add a security group rule to allow access from the back-to-origin IP address.
 - In the navigation pane on the left, choose Access Control > Security Groups.
 - ii. On the **Security Group** page, locate the target security group and click **Manage Rule** in the **Operation** column to switch to the page for managing inbound and outbound rules.
 - iii. On the **Inbound Rules** tab, click **Add Rule**. In the displayed dialog box, set required parameters to add an inbound rule.

Click + to add more inbound rules.



Parameter	Description
Protocol & Port	Specifies the protocol and port for which a security group rule takes effect.
Source	Select IP address and enter the back-to-origin IP address.

- iv. Click **OK**.
- e. Add an ACL rule to allow access from the back-to-origin IP address.
 - In the navigation pane on the left, choose Access Control > Network ACLs.
 - ii. Locate the target network ACL on the **Network ACLs** page, and click the network ACL name to switch to the details page.
 - iii. On the **Inbound Rules** tab, click **Add Rule**. In the displayed dialog box, set required parameters to add an inbound rule.

You can click + to add more inbound rules.

Parameter	Description
Action	Select Permit .
Protocol	Specifies the protocol supported by the network ACL. This parameter is mandatory. You can select a value from the drop-down list. The value can be TCP, UDP, ICMP, or ANY. If ICMP or ANY is selected, you do not need to specify port information.
Source	Set this parameter to the back-to-origin IP address.
Source Port Range	Specifies the source port number or port number range. The value ranges from 0 to 65535. To specify a range, enter two port numbers connected by a hyphen (-). The range cannot start with 0, for example, 1-100. This parameter is mandatory if you set Protocol to TCP or UDP .
Destination	Specifies the destination IP address to which the traffic is permitted. The default value is 0.0.0.0/0 , indicating that traffic can be sent to all IP addresses. For example: xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx/32 (an IP address) xxx.xxx.xxx.xxx.0/24 (a subnet) 0.0.0.0/0 (any IP address)
Destination Port Range	Specifies the destination port number or port number range. The value ranges from 0 to 65535. To specify a range, enter two port numbers connected by a hyphen (-). The range cannot start with 0, for example, 1-100. This parameter is mandatory if you set Protocol to TCP or UDP .

iv. Click OK.

• If your origin servers already have their own security policies, ensure that they have taken effect. Some custom security policies may take effect only after a restart.

4.2.10 How Do I Change the Exposed IP Address of an Origin Server?

Scenarios

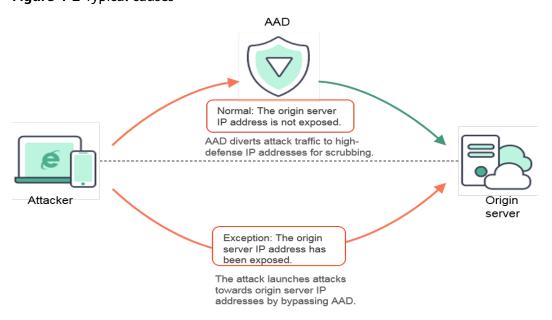
If the origin server is still under attacks even after AAD is configured, change the IP address of the origin server because it has been exposed.

This topic uses the EIP of an ECS as an example to describe how to change the origin server IP address.

Typical causes

- If the IP address of an origin server has been attacked by hackers before the AAD service is configured, the origin server IP address has been exposed to attackers.
- Some attackers may record the IP addresses used by exposed origin servers. Even after AAD is configured, the attackers will bypass AAD and directly launch attacks towards the known IP addresses. In this case, it is best practice to change the IP addresses of the origin servers.

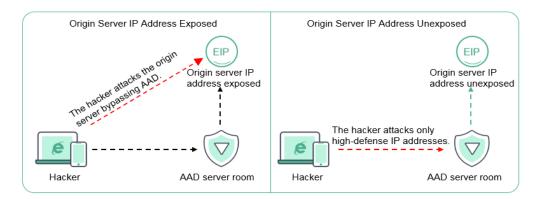
Figure 4-2 Typical causes



Solution

An ECS is used as an example. If the EIP of the ECS is exposed, you can reassign an unexposed EIP to the ECS to change the IP address of the origin server.

Figure 4-3 Mechanism

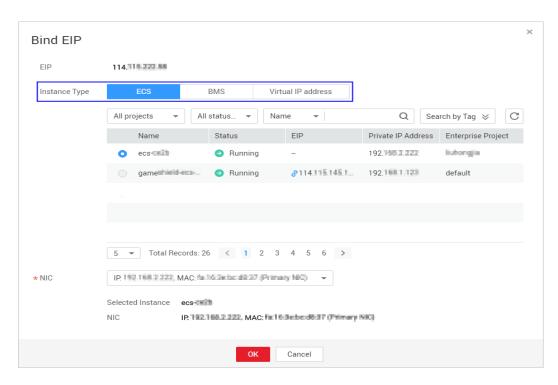


Procedure

- **Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- **Step 2** Click in the upper left corner of the management console and select a region or project.
- Step 3 Click in the upper left corner of the management console and choose Networking > Virtual Private Cloud.
- **Step 4** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Elastic IP and Bandwidth** > **EIPs**. The **EIPs** page is displayed.
- **Step 5** Locate the row containing the target EIP and click **Unbind** in the **Operation** column.



- Step 6 Click OK.
- **Step 7** Assign another IP address for the ECS. Locate the row containing the target EIP and click **Bind** in the **Operation** column.
- **Step 8** Select the desired instance.



Step 9 Click OK.

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4.2.11 How Do I Query the Back-to-Origin IP Address Range?

If a firewall has been configured for your origin server, add the back-to-origin IP address range to the whitelist of the firewall (or another protective software) of the origin server.

This topic describes how to query the back-to-origin IP address range and whitelist them on the firewall or another protective software on the origin server.

Procedure

- Step 1 Log in to the management console.
- Step 2 Select a region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Security & Compliance > Anti-DDoS Service. The Anti-DDoS Service Center page is displayed.
- **Step 3** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Advanced Anti-DDoS > Domain Name Access**. The **Domain Name Access** page is displayed.

Figure 4-4 Domain name access



Step 4 On the displayed page, click **Back-to-Origin IP Address Range**.

Step 5 In the displayed **Back-to-Origin IP Address Range** dialog box, view the back-to-origin IP address range.

Figure 4-5 Viewing the back-to-origin IP address range



Step 6 Add the back-to-origin IP address to the whitelist of the firewall or security software on the origin server.

----End

4.2.12 Can I Migrate Enterprise Project Resources After Adding the Protected Domain Name?

AAD supports multi-project management, allowing enterprises to manage their AAD resources by project and migrate project resources. However, you cannot change the enterprise project of an AAD instance for which a domain name is added for protection. You can perform the following operations:

4.2.13 Can I Build My Own Anti-DDoS System Using HUAWEI CLOUD ECSs?

Yes, you can. You can set up an anti-DDoS system on your own for your business using ECSs of HUAWEI CLOUD. However, HUAWEI CLOUD will block or freeze traffic when detecting frequent flood attacks, which may interrupt your normal service running. Therefore, you are advised to purchase the AAD service to defend against attacks while ensuring your service continuity.

4.2.14 How Do the AAD Blacklist and Whitelist Protect Customer's Servers?

You can configure the blacklist and whitelist for AAD instances. Blacklisted IP addresses will be blocked, and whitelisted IP addresses will be allowed through. For details, see "Configuring a Blacklist and a Whitelist". If you need to protect the origin servers, contact Huawei Cloud security technical experts.

4.2.15 Do I Still Need to Configure the Blacklist and Whitelist in WAF Protection Policies After Configuring Them in DDoS Protection Policies?

The whitelist configured in DDoS protection policies is automatically synchronized to WAF protection policies. You do not need to configure a whitelist again in web protection policies.

After a blacklist is configured in DDoS protection policies, the anti-DDoS device automatically blocks service traffic. You do not need to configure a blacklist again in WAF protection policies. If a domain name is bound to multiple instances, you need to configure a blacklist on each of these instances.

4.3 Faults

4.3.1 What Should I Do When Encountering an Access Freezing, Delay, or Failure?

Symptom

Access from a client to the high-defense IP address is frozen, has long delays, or loses packets.

Troubleshooting

Cross-network access

AAD supports CTCC, CUCC, CMCC, and BGP lines. Access delays and packet loss may occur if cross-network resolution is configured on DNS or cross-network back-to-origin is configured for origin server IP addresses on AAD. Solution:

On the DNS console: Check DNS configuration.

This fault will not occur if you use the CNAME resolution provided by HUAWEI CLOUD. If you are using A record resolution, configure high-defense IP addresses based on the carrier of the line transmitting the access traffic. If your traffic is transmitted over the BGP line, retain the default high-defense IP address configuration. HUAWEI CLOUD is not responsible for the packet loss or delays caused by improper DNS configuration.

- On the AAD console: Check the origin server IP address.

If the origin server uses a specific carrier line, packet loss and delays exist inevitably during cross-network access, and HUAWEI CLOUD is not responsible for the packet loss and delays.

If the origin server uses lines of multiple carriers, add origin server IP addresses accordingly based on the high-defense IP addresses of the carrier lines, for example, associate a CTCC high-defense IP address with a CTCC origin server IP address. HUAWEI CLOUD is not responsible for the packet loss or delays caused by improper back-to-origin line configuration.

Backend server exceptions

Troubleshoot the fault based on the origin server type configured for the high-defense IP address.

- The origin server is a load balancer.

To resolve the problem, perform the following steps:

- i. Run TCPing using the IP address and port number of the load balancer to locate the fault.
- ii. Check the load balancer status (such as number of connections and backend servers).
- iii. Check whether blacklists, whitelists, or other access control policies have been configured for the load balancer and ensure that the back-to-origin IP address range is allowed through.
- iv. Check backend servers and networks of the load balancer for any IP address blocking policies on firewalls.

The origin server is a cloud server.

To resolve the problem, perform the following steps:

- i. Run TCPing using the IP address and port number of the cloud server to locate the fault.
- ii. Check whether the server has encountered exceptions, such as black holes, scrubbing incidents, high CPU usage, slow database requests, and outbound bandwidth exhaustion.

- iii. Check whether blacklists, whitelists, or other access control policies have been configured for the cloud server and ensure that the back-to-origin IP address range is allowed through.
- iv. Check the cloud server or networks for security software or IP address blocking policies that block the back-to-origin IP addresses.

• Whether high-defense IP addresses have scrubbing incidents

- High-defense IP addresses have experienced scrubbing incidents.

To resolve the problem, perform the following steps:

- i. Run TCPing to check for and record delays and packet loss on attacked ports.
- ii. Run TCPing to check for and record delays and packet loss on nonattacked ports.

Locate the fault by checking the records against the following table.

Table 4-2 Results

Delay and Packet Loss on Attacked Ports	Delay and Packet Loss on Non- attacked Ports	Cause Analysis
Yes	No	The scrubbing policy is executed properly on attack traffic. Check the backend server status and identify the server's attack defense capability. If the attack defense capability is weak, you need to enforce a powerful defense policy.
Yes	Yes	Normal traffic is scrubbed by the scrubbing policy. You can submit a service ticket for background troubleshooting.
No	No	The fault is not caused by the scrubbing policy.
No	Yes	Generally, this situation does not exist.

In the first two cases, you are advised to **submit a service ticket**. To enforce a more powerful defense policy, you need to provide details about your server's attack defense performance, including:

- Normal user access
- Service interaction processes
- Application service capabilities
- High-defense IP addresses have not experienced scrubbing incidents.
 The fault is not caused by attacks.
- High-defense IP addresses are blocked by black holes.

The high-defense IP address is blocked by a black hole if the attack traffic towards this IP address exceeds the configured elastic protection bandwidth. You can check whether packet loss is caused by a black hole.

If so, you are advised to purchase a large elastic protection bandwidth and adjust your service systems to make them capable of switching traffic to another line when a black hole is triggered.

4.3.2 Why Is Error 504 Displayed When I Access a Website After AAD Is Configured?

Symptom

When a user visits a website with AAD configured, error code 504 is displayed after a long period of wait time.

Possible Causes

It takes a long period of time for the website to process some POST requests, and the time required exceeds the connection timeout threshold of AAD. As a result, AAD proactively drops the connection.

- The default TCP connection timeout is 900s.
- The default HTTP/WebSocket or HTTPS/WebSockets connection timeout is 120s.

Solution

It is recommended that you deploy a heartbeat mechanism to process time-consuming tasks at the application layer. This mechanism helps keep connections alive during the wait time.

For occasional time-consuming requests, you can send them directly to cloud servers by bypassing AAD.

4.3.3 How Do I Identify the Type of Attacks?

You can view the traffic report on the **Dashboard** page of AAD to identify whether the attacks are CC attacks or DDoS attacks.

Procedure

If both CC and DDoS attacks are launched, you can use the following methods to quickly identify the attack type:

- **Step 1** Log in to the management console.
- Step 2 Select a region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Security & Compliance > Anti-DDoS Service. The Anti-DDoS page is displayed.
- **Step 3** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Advanced Anti-DDoS** > **Dashboard**.
- **Step 4** View the traffic reports respectively on the **DDoS Attack Protection** and **CC Attack Protection** pages and determine the attack types accordingly.

Attack Type	DDoS Attack Protection Report	CC Attack Protection Report
DDoS Attack	 The report indicates attack traffic fluctuations. Traffic scrubbing has been triggered. 	There is no associated traffic fluctuation in the report.
CC Attacks	 The report indicates attack traffic fluctuations. Traffic scrubbing has been triggered. 	There are associated traffic fluctuations in the report.

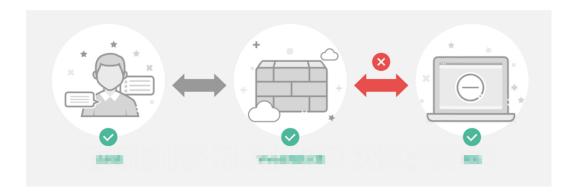
----End

4.3.4 What Should I Do If Error 500, 502, or 504 Is Reported When I Access My Website After I Enable Basic Web Protection for My Domain Name?

Errors 500, 502, or 504 may be displayed when you access your website after enabling basic web protection for it. The error page may also display connection failure with WAF and your website, as shown in **Figure 4-6**.

Figure 4-6 Error 502





There are many possible causes, such as firewall interception, incorrect origin server configuration, insecure HTTPS/WebSockets versions, and back-end server performance problems.

The following are the possible causes and solutions:

- Interception by the firewall, security protection software installed on the backend server, or the rate limiting policy
 - Symptom: Error 502 is reported at high possibility a while after basic web protection is enabled for a domain name.
 - Solution: Add the proxy IP address range to the whitelist of the firewall (hardware or software), security protection software, or rate limiting module.
- Incorrect origin server configuration
 - Symptom: After basic web protection is enabled for your domain name, you access your website but error 502 or 500 is reported at high possibility (when multiple back-end servers are configured).
 - Solution: Locate the target domain name in the domain name list, click **Edit** in the **Operation** column to check whether the forwarding protocol, IP address, and port number are correct.

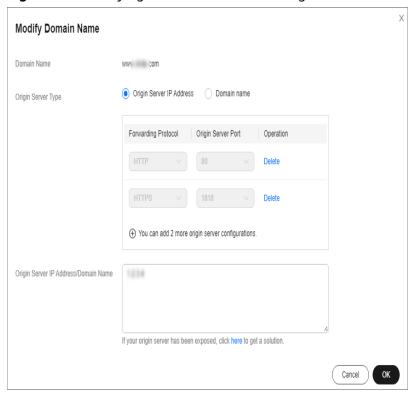


Figure 4-7 Modifying the domain name configuration

As shown in **Figure 4-7**, you can try to visit http://xx.xx.xx.108:80 and https://xx.xx.xx.108:443 to check whether the back-end service port is enabled.

Insecure HTTPS/WebSockets versions

Symptom: After basic web protection is enabled, you access your website and error 502 is reported at high possibility for HTTPS/WebSockets services. However, if you visit by IP address, you can access your website.

Solution: An earlier SSL version has serious security risks. WAF supports TLS1.2 and later. If such error is displayed because an early version of SSL is used by your server, upgrade your SSL version.

You can try to visit **https://www.ssllabs.com/ssltest/index.html** to check the SSL version.

- If the OS of your web server is earlier than Windows Server 2008, the SSL protocol does not support TLS1.2 and later. In this case, you need to upgrade the server OS to Windows Server 2008 or later (or a new version of Linux) and enable TLS1.2 in services such as IIS.
- If your web server does not run Windows, check whether the SSL protocol is TLS1.2 or later.
- Poor back-end server performance

Symptom: After basic web protection is enabled, your service works properly. However, when the number of access requests increases, error 502 or 504 increases as well. If you directly access your web server, there is also possibility that the error is returned.

Solution:

 Optimize the server configuration, including TCP network parameters and Ulimit parameters. Increase the number of back-end ECSs to support increasing requests.
 AAD supports multiple back-end servers.

4.3.5 What Can I Do If I Failed to Configure a Forwarding Rule?

Troubleshooting:

- It takes 2-3 minutes for the forwarding rule configuration to take effect. If the forwarding rule is in the **Processing** state, you can refresh the page later.
- After you add a forwarding rule, the AAD service will check the connectivity of your origin server IP address and port and check for any conflicts with existing forwarding rules. If the configuration fails, check whether the origin server is running properly or whether a forwarding rule has already been configured.

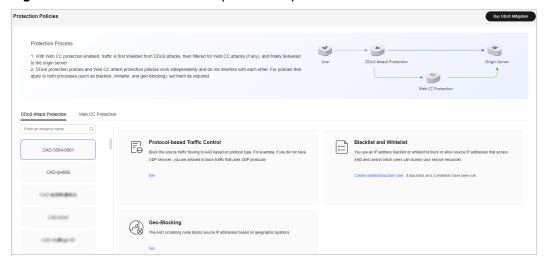
4.3.6 What Can I Do If My UDP Traffic Is Blocked?

If UDP traffic control is enabled for a line, UDP traffic on this line will be blocked. Therefore, ensure that UDP traffic control for the line is disabled.

Procedure

- Step 1 Log in to the management console.
- Step 2 Select a region in the upper part of the page, click in the upper left corner of the page, and choose Security & Compliance > Anti-DDoS Service. The Anti-DDoS Service Center page is displayed.
- **Step 3** In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Advanced Anti-DDoS** > **Protection Policies**. The **Protection Policies** page is displayed.





- **Step 4** Select the instance for which you want to configure protocol blocking.
- **Step 5** In the **Protocol-based Traffic Control configuration** area, click **Set**.

Step 6 In the dialog box that is displayed, select a route and set the switch to disable the protocol.



Figure 4-9 Disabling a protocol



----End

4.3.7 How Do I Unblock the Access That Has Been Automatically Blocked Due to the Threshold-Overtopped Attack Traffic?

The access that has been blocked by the carriers will be automatically unblocked in 24 hours.

The black hole lasts 30 minutes by default. However, depending on the number of black holes triggered and peak attack traffic of the day, it may last up to 24 hours.

If you need to unblock access before a black hole becomes ineffective, contact Huawei technical support.

4.3.8 Why Can't I Specify Certain Ports When Configuring the Forwarding Rule?

Symptoms

When I set the forwarding port and origin server port to specific ports, the configuration of the forwarding rule fails.

∩ NOTE

Port range: 1 to 65535

Possible Causes

AAD regards the ports in **Table 4-3** as high-risk ports and cannot be used.

Table 4-3 High-risk ports

Protocol	Port
TCP	135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 445, 3333, 4444, 5554, 6000, 8090, 9995, 9996, 25000, 50050, 53413, 60000
UDP class	135, 137, 138, 139, 593, 901, 1027, 1028, 1068, 2745, 3127, 3128, 3333, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6129, 6667, 8090, 8998, 9996, 25000, 50050, 53413, 60000

Handling Suggestions

You are advised to change the port.

4.4 Product

4.4.1 What Is a Protected IP Address?

The IP address of an origin server is the IP address to be protected. It is a public IP address.

A high-defense IP address is the IP address used by the AAD service to provide protection.

The AAD service uses the high-defense IP address to proxy services for origin servers. All public network traffic is diverted to the high-defense IP address, and therefore user services on the origin servers are protected against DDoS attacks.

4.4.2 Does AAD Support Weighted Back-to-Origin?

No, weighted back-to-origin is not supported currently. AAD switches traffic back to origin servers based on the polling mechanism. You can direct traffic to the public IP address used by ELB and then switch it back to origin servers from ELB based on weight.

4.4.3 Can AAD Be Used Across Regions?

AAD is a global service that is not region-specific. Therefore, it can be used across regions. For multiple regions are protected by one AAD instance, the performance of the service system does not decrease.

4.4.4 What Is a CNAME Record?

A Canonical Name (CNAME) record is a type of DNS record that maps an alias name to a true or canonical domain name. A DNS A record maps a domain name to an IP address, whereas a CNAME record maps a domain name to another domain name (alias of that domain name). For example, the alias of www.abc.com is ccd01c25c8535fa4.huaweisafedns.com. When a user accesses www.abc.com, DNS obtains its alias ccd01c25c8535fa4.huaweisafedns.com and uses the alias to obtain the real IP address. The resolution is automatically completed by DNS.

4.4.5 What is BGP?

Border Gateway Protocol (BGP) is a routing protocol used between autonomous systems (ASs). BGP is the only protocol that can process many connections between unrelated routing domains.

This line package addresses the requirements for accessing the networks of CTCC, CUCC and other carriers (such as CMCC, CERNET, China Mobile Tietong, and Great Wall Broadband Network) and for defending against flooding attacks smaller than 200 Gbit/s. The maximum basic protection bandwidth is 20 Gbit/s, and the maximum elastic protection bandwidth is 200 Gbit/s.

4.4.6 What Is the Origin Server Port of AAD?

It is a port used by the origin server to provide services for external systems.

4.4.7 What Is the Origin Server IP Address?

It is the public IP address used by origin servers to provide services for external systems.

4.4.8 What Website IP Addresses Is Protected by AAD?

AAD provides protection using high-defense IP address. The public IP address used by the origin server, namely, the origin server IP address, is protected by AAD. The high-defense IP address is used to provide services in place of the origin server IP address. The AAD service uses the high-defense IP address to proxy services for origin servers. All public network traffic is diverted to the high-defense IP address, and therefore user services on the origin servers are protected against DDoS attacks.

4.4.9 What Is Service Bandwidth?

The service bandwidth indicates clean service bandwidth forwarded to the origin server from the AAD scrubbing center. Packet losses may occur when the traffic exceeds the service bandwidth.

4.4.10 What Is a Forwarding Protocol?

A forwarding protocol used by user's server to provide services for external systems can be Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and User Datagram Protocol (UDP).

4.4.11 Are Services Interrupted When They Are Being Connected to AAD?

When services are connected to AAD, the DNS resolution needs to be changed and the service domain name is resolved to high defense IP address. To avoid the service interruption, you are advised to keep the origin server running till all domain names are resolved to the high-defense IP address. Then, you can bring the origin server offline.

4.4.12 Can a Domain Name Be Bound to Multiple AAD Instances?

If an AAD instance to which a domain name has been bound is in use, the domain name cannot be bound to other AAD instances due to domain name conflict. Resolve the domain name to the origin server and unbind it from the AAD instance. Then, you can bind the domain name to other AAD instances.

4.4.13 Why Does the High-Defense IP Address Actually Receive Access Requests from a Client After AAD Is Deployed?

After you purchase the AAD service, the domain name of a web service is resolved into a high-defense IP address, and the service IP address of a non-web service is changed to a high-defense IP address. In this case, all access traffic is filtered by the high-defense IP address.

The high-defense IP address receives access requests from a client in place of origin server IP address, that is, the high-defense IP address is accessed by the client.

4.4.14 Why Does the Attack Traffic Volume Increase After AAD Is Deployed?

Some attackers may record the IP addresses used by exposed origin servers. Even after AAD is configured, the attackers will bypass AAD and directly launch attacks towards the known IP addresses. In this case, it is best practice to change the IP addresses of the origin servers.

4.4.15 Will the Origin Server Be Exposed When the Attack Traffic Volume Increases After AAD Is Deployed?

No. After you purchase the AAD service, the domain name of a web service is resolved into a high-defense IP address, and the service IP address of a non-web service is changed to a high-defense IP address. All public network traffic is diverted to the high-defense IP address, and therefore services on the origin servers are protected against DDoS attacks

4.4.16 How Does AAD Protect Origin Server IP Addresses?

The AAD service uses the high-defense IP address to proxy services for origin servers. All public network traffic is diverted to the high-defense IP address, and therefore user services on the origin servers are protected against DDoS attacks.

- If your system provides services through a domain name, you need to modify the DNS configuration to resolve the domain name to the CNAME record provided by HUAWEI CLOUD.
- If your system provides services through an IP address, change the IP address to a high-defense IP address.

4.4.17 Does AAD Support Two-Way SSL Authentication?

No.

4.4.18 Can I Modify or Delete the Certificates Uploaded to AAD?

For website services connected to AAD, if **Protocol/Port** is set to **HTTPS/ WebSockets** and **Origin Server Type** is set to **IP address**, you need to upload a certificate.

After the certificate is uploaded to AAD, you can go to the **Domain Name Access** page. Locate the row that contains the target domain name and click **Update** in the **Service Type** column.

The certificates uploaded to AAD cannot be deleted.

4.4.19 What Will Happen If My Service Traffic Exceeds the Configured Service Bandwidth?

If your service traffic exceeds the configured service bandwidth of the purchased AAD instance, rate limiting is triggered, which may result in packet loss.

4.4.20 Is Advanced Anti-DDoS Software or Hardware?

AAD, a software DDoS mitigation service, provides instantaneous protection once you connect your services to AAD. You can view DDoS attack protection details on its dashboard to learn about the network security state.

Compared with the traditional hardware DDoS mitigation service, AAD has the following advantages:

• Immense defense capability

One high-defense IP address is able to defend against 1000 Gbit/s network, and application-layer DDoS attacks. The AAD service offers more than 15 Tbit/s defense capability.

• High availability

Automated attack detection and adaptive defense policies support real-time protection. Service traffic is distributed in clusters, which features high performance, low latency, and high stability.

Flexible protection

You can buy both the basic bandwidth protection and elastic bandwidth protection of AAD for a higher protection capability. The protection bandwidth can be adjusted depending on your needs.

4.5 Fees

4.5.1 How Is AAD Billed?

Pricing

To use AAD, you need to purchase AAD instances.

Billing Mode

AAD instances are charged by the service bandwidth, basic protection bandwidth, and elastic protection bandwidth you configure.

Table 4-4 Billing items

Billing Item	Billing Modes	Pricing details
Service Bandwi dth	Prepaid by month or year	Service bandwidth for the AAD server room to forward scrubbed traffic to origin servers. NOTE If the AAD server room is outside HUAWEI CLOUD, it is recommended that the service bandwidth be greater than or equal to the egress bandwidth of the origin servers.
Basic Protecti on Bandwi dth	Prepaid by month or year	Basic bandwidth for defending against attacks. Traffic that does not exceed this bandwidth will be scrubbed by AAD without incurring additional fees.
Elastic Protecti on Bandwi dth	Postpaid by day	Maximum available bandwidth for defending against attacks. For details about the billing rules, see How Is the Elastic Bandwidth Charged?.

Billing details for elastic protection bandwidth:

- Billing standard: It depends on the peak attack traffic on the day. If multiple attacks occur on a day, only the attack with the peak traffic counts.
- Postpaid: Elastic protection fees are generated based on the attack traffic peak. If there is no attack, no elastic protection fee is generated.
- Specifications adjustment: You can adjust the elastic protection bandwidth on the AAD console. Once adjusted, the new elastic protection bandwidth takes effect immediately.
- Free-to-use: If the elastic protection bandwidth is set to the same value as the basic protection bandwidth, you do not need to pay for elastic protection.

4.5.2 Why Does My Payment Status Not Update After I Make a Payment?

If you have not received any payment information after making a payment, and the payment status on the platform is not updated, the possible causes may be as follows:

- Check whether the recharge number is correct in the transaction record.
- The payment SMS message sent by the carrier is delayed. Contact the carrier or Huawei customer service to query the payment status.

4.5.3 Will I Be Charged If I Buy an Elastic Protection Bandwidth and My Elastic IP Address Is Not Attacked for the Whole Month?

Yes, you will be charged for the basic protection bandwidth only.

4.5.4 What Happens If the Attack Traffic Exceeds the Elastic Protection Bandwidth?

A black hole will be triggered, which means access traffic to the IP address will be blocked.

4.5.5 Can I Adjust My Elastic Protection Bandwidth From 100 Gbit/s to 200 Gbit/s When I Find 100 Gbit/s Is Insufficient?

Yes. AAD supports dynamic adjustment of elastic protection bandwidth.

NOTICE

Adjusted bandwidth takes effect immediately. The charge depends on the peak attack traffic of the day.

4.5.6 What Is the Charge If My IP Address Is Attacked Many Times a Day?

You will be charged only once based on the peak attack traffic of the day (0:00 to 23:00). For example, if your IP address is attacked three times and the attack traffic is 50 Gbit/s, 100 Gbit/s, and 200 Gbit/s, you will be charged based on 200 Gbit/s.

4.5.7 How Do I Stop Elastic Protection to Avoid Being Charged for the Elastic Protection Bandwidth?

Set the elastic protection bandwidth to the same value as the basic protection bandwidth.

4.5.8 How Can I Unsubscribe from the AAD Service?

The AAD service does not support unconditional unsubscription. If the unsubscription conditions are met, contact the customer service to apply for unsubscription

Unsubscription Conditions

If the service does not match your business requirements during your purchase or use, contact the customer service personnel to unsubscribe from the service. For example, if your servers are deployed outside China but you have purchased the AAD service from the Chinese Mainland region, the AAD service cannot be used and in this case you can apply for service cancellation.

An AAD instance that has been put to use does not allow cancellation.

4.5.9 How Should I Automatically Renew AAD?

You can enable auto renewal for your AAD instance. The system automatically renews your service subscription according to the required duration specified in your previous purchase upon expiration of the service.

NOTICE

Ensure that the account for which the automatic renewal is to be enabled has both the CAD Administrator and BSS Administrator roles or has the Tenant Administrator role.

- **BSS Administrator**: has all permissions on account center, billing center, and resource center. It is a project-level role, which must be assigned in the same project.
- **Tenant Administrator**: has all permissions on all services except on IAM.

If you are currently purchasing AAD, you can enable the auto renewal function as follows:

1. When purchasing AAD, you can tick the **Auto-renew** option to configure automatic renewal.

The procedure is as follows:

Choose **Buy DDoS Mitigation > Required Duration > Auto-renew**.

Figure 4-10 Required Duration



If you have purchased AAD, you can enable the auto renewal function as follows:

Go to the **Renewals** page, configure automatic renewal.

The procedure is as follows:

- 1. Log in to the management console and click **Fees** at the top right. The **Billing Center** page is displayed.
- 2. In the navigation pane on the left, choose **Orders** > **Renewals**.
- 3. Select the corresponding AAD instance for automatic renewal.

Figure 4-11 Auto-renew

