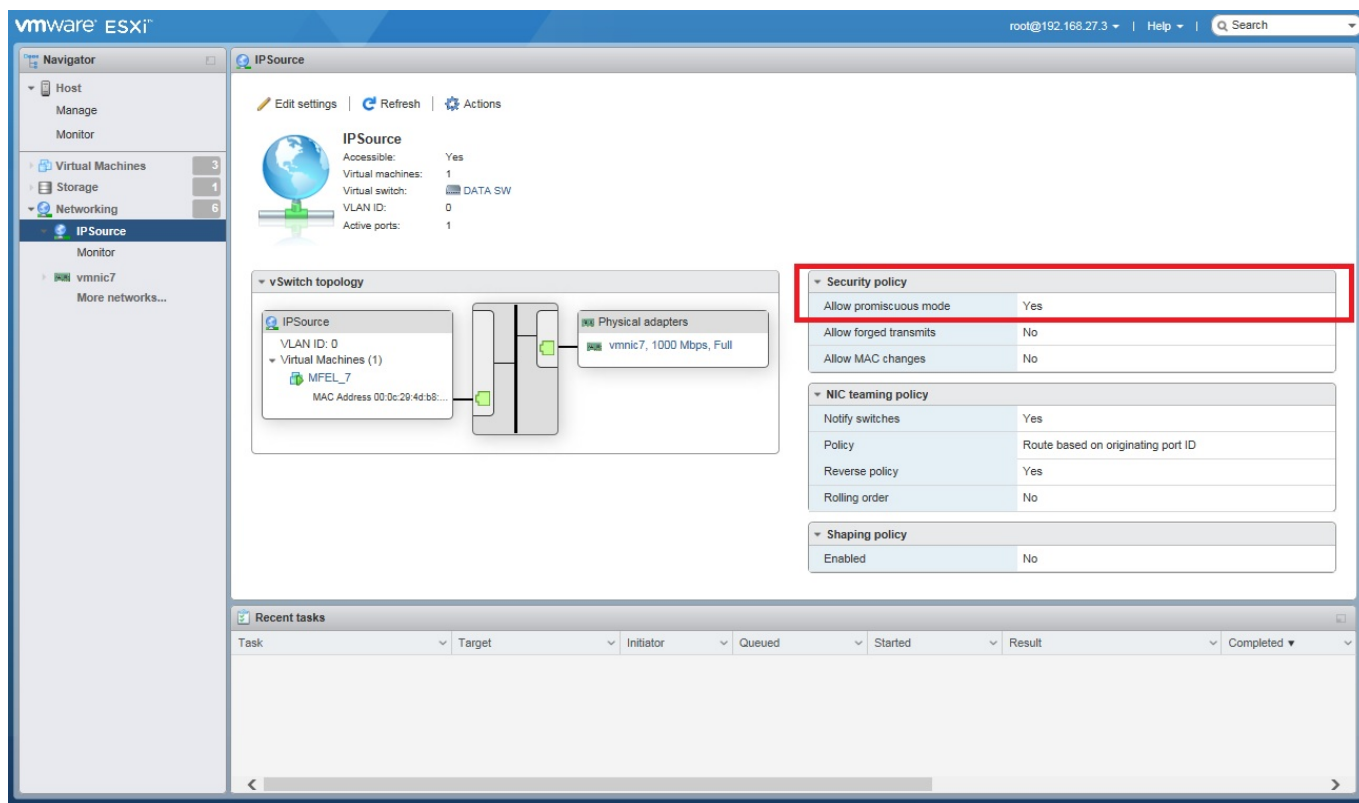# Promiscuous Mode

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This setting caught me out when I was trying to use tcpdump to capture some multicast traffic. Normally, the capture service (in this case tcpdump) puts the interface in to 'Promiscuous' mode, but I was still not able to capture any multicast traffic.

I used the ESXi web interface to edit the Port Group to enable Promiscuous mode manually.

After this, tcpdump was able to see the incoming multicasts.