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# Deploying FortiGate-VM on Nutanix

## Obtaining the deployment image

### To obtain the deployment image:

1. Go to [Customer Service & Support](#) and log in.
2. Go to *Support > VM Images*.
3. From the *Select Product* dropdown list, select *FortiGate*.
4. From the *Select Platform* dropdown list, select *KVM*.
5. Download the deployment package file (FGT\_VM64\_KVM-8.0.x-buildXXXX-FORTINET.out.kvm.zip).

## Uploading the FortiGate deployment image to Nutanix

### To upload the FortiGate deployment image to Nutanix:

1. Log in to the Nutanix Prism Central console.
2. Upload the FortiGate-VM image:
  - a. From the top-left corner, go to *Virtual Infrastructure > Images*.
  - b. Click *Add Image*.
  - c. Under *Image Source*, click *Image File*.
  - d. In the *Add Images* window, click *Add File*.
  - e. Select the VM image file downloaded in [Obtaining the deployment image on page 4](#).
  - f. In the *IMAGE TYPE* dropdown list, ensure *Disk* is selected.
  - g. In the *IMAGE DESCRIPTION* field, enter the desired description.
  - h. In the *Placement Method* and *Select Cluster* fields, specify settings as desired.
  - i. Click *Save*. Wait a few minutes, then refresh the browser. You find the newly created VM image in the image list.

# Creating the FortiGate-VM from the image file

## To create the FortiGate-VM from the image file:

1. In the Nutanix Prism Element console, go to the dashboard, then select *Create VM*.
2. Enter the following configuration information for *General Configuration* and *Compute Details*:
  - a. In the *NAME* field, enter the desired name for your VM.
  - b. Set the timezone.
  - c. In the *VCPU(S)* field, enter the desired number.
  - d. In the *MEMORY* field, enter the desired size. There are no RAM restrictions. Having at least 4 GB of RAM for proper FortiGate-VM operation is recommended, especially if unified threat management, zero trust network access, or proxy is enabled.
3. By default, a CD-ROM is listed under *Disks*. Delete the CD-ROM.
4. You must create a boot disk and a log disk for the VM. Create the boot disk:
  - a. Click *Add New Disk*.
  - b. The boot disk is cloned from the VM image that you uploaded. Under *OPERATION*, select *Clone from Image Service*.
  - c. Under *BUS TYPE*, select *SCSI*.
  - d. Under *IMAGE*, select the FortiGate disk image.
  - e. Click *Add*. The boot disk is added.
5. Create the log disk:
  - a. Click *Add New Disk*.
  - b. Under *OPERATION*, select *Allocate on Storage Container*
  - c. Select the desired *Bus Type* (for example, *SCSI*) and *Storage Container*.
  - d. Under *SIZE (GB)*, enter *30*.
  - e. Click *Add*. The log disk is added.
6. Add a network interface for the VM:
  - a. Double-click the FortiGate-VM in the VM list.
  - b. Under *Network Adapters (NIC)*, click *Add New NIC*.
  - c. Under *VLAN NAME*, select the desired VLAN. You can select DHCP first to check connectivity. Changing the VLAN to a static IP address at a later time is recommended.
  - d. Click *Add*.
7. Pin the VM to a host:
  - a. In the VM configuration, under *VM Host Affinity*, click *Set Affinity*.
  - b. Under *SELECT HOSTS*, select the desired host.
  - c. Click *Save*.
8. Click *Save*. The system displays a *Successfully submitted Create operation* message when the VM is created successfully with no error.

## Registering and downloading your license

You can obtain licenses for the bring your own license licensing model through any Fortinet partner. If you do not have a partner, contact Fortinet for assistance in purchasing a license.

After you purchase a license or obtain an evaluation license (60-day term), you receive a PDF with an activation code.

### To register and download your license:

1. Go to [Customer Service & Support](#) and create a new account or log in with an existing account.
2. Go to *Register Now* to start the registration process. In the *Registration Code* field, enter your license activation code and select *Next* to continue registering the product. Enter your details in the other fields.
3. At the end of the registration process, download the license (.lic) file to your computer. You upload this license later to activate the FortiGate-VM. After registering a license, Fortinet servers may take up to 30 minutes to fully recognize the new license. When you upload the license (.lic) file to activate the FortiGate-VM, if you get an error that the license is invalid, wait 30 minutes and try again.

## Connecting to the FortiGate-VM

### To connect to the FortiGate-VM:

1. Power on the VM:
  - a. In Prism Element, find the newly created FortiGate-VM and go to its VM dashboard.
  - b. By default, the FortiGate-VM is shutdown after initial creation. Click *Power On*. After a successful bootup, the FortiGate-VM instance now shows a green light.
2. Check the IP address on the *VM NICs* tab.
3. Access the FortiGate in your browser by going to `https://<IP address>`.
4. Log in to the FortiGate-VM with the username *admin* and no password.
5. After logging in successfully, upload your license (.lic) file to activate the FortiGate-VM. The FortiGate-VM automatically restarts. After it restarts, wait about 30 minutes until the license is fully registered at Fortinet, then log in again.

## Configuring the second NIC

### To configure the second NIC:

1. In Prism Element, find the FortiGate-VM and go to its VM dashboard.
2. Double-click the FortiGate-VM in the VM list, or click *Update*.
3. Under *Network Adapters (NIC)*, click *Add New NIC*.

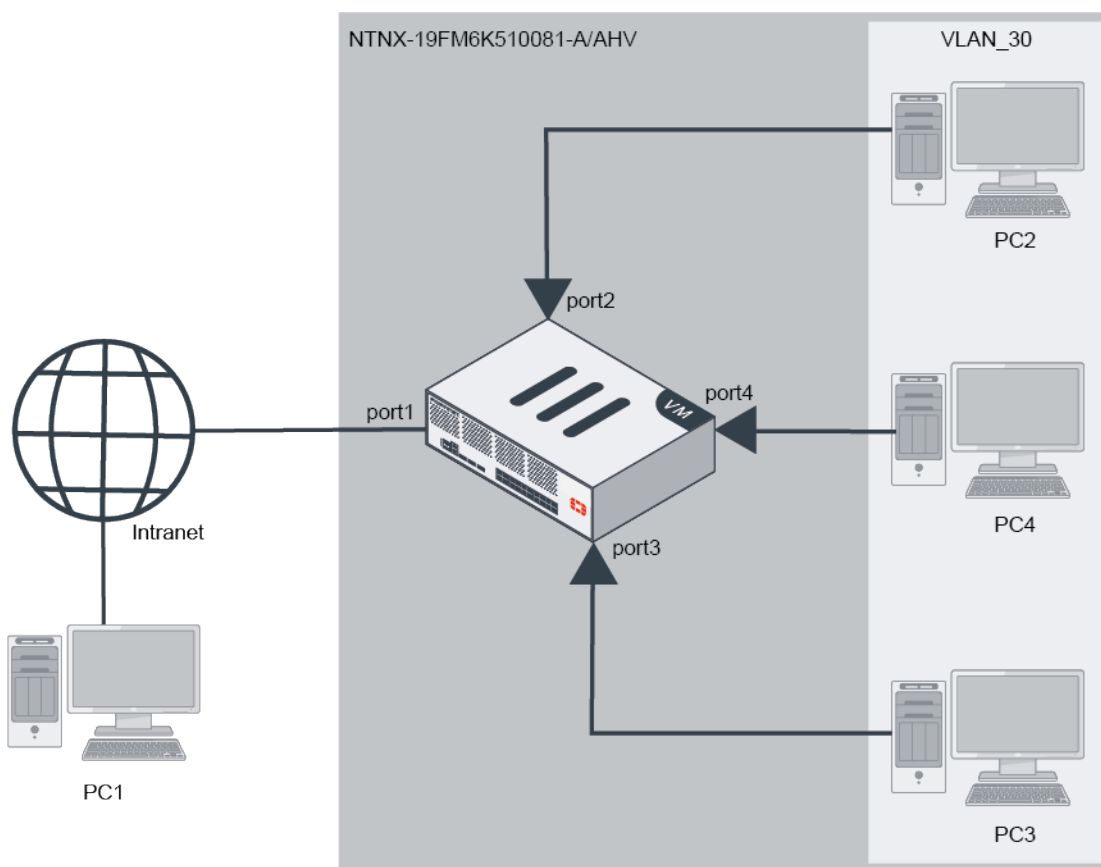
4. From the *VLAN NAME* dropdown list, select the desired VLAN.
5. Click *Add*.
6. Click *Save*.
7. In your browser, log in to the FortiOS GUI.
8. Go to *Network > Interfaces*. The second NIC is added with no need to reboot the FortiGate.
9. Edit port2. Enter the IP address and netmask. Configure the other elements as needed, then click *OK*.

# Deploying FortiGate-VM for service chaining

FortiOS supports Nutanix service chaining to allow a service chain to direct network traffic to the FortiGate-VM for scanning. This requires the Calm and Flow features to be enabled on Nutanix, and for Prism Central to be installed on the Nutanix Acropolis hypervisor (AHV).

Nutanix service chains define a set of network function VMs (NFV) for advanced traffic processing. You can direct each defined flow in an application policy through a service chain when a chain exists. For examples, the service chain can direct network traffic on a specific port to a VM for antivirus scanning, deep packet, inspection, or packet capture. You can combine NFVs in a chain to apply multiple functions to guest VM traffic.

The following shows an example topology for this feature:



The following describes the topology in this example:

- The Nutanix AHV has Prism Central installed with Calm and Flow enabled.
- There are three Ubuntu VMs (PC2, PC3, and PC4) installed to AHV and connected to vlan30.

- The FortiGate-VM has the following interfaces attached:
  - One management interface
  - Three network function chain interfaces

With this topology, you can test whether the feature is functioning by directing traffic between PC2 and PC3 through the FortiGate's virtual wire pair port2-port3 interfaces by the Nutanix service chain feature.

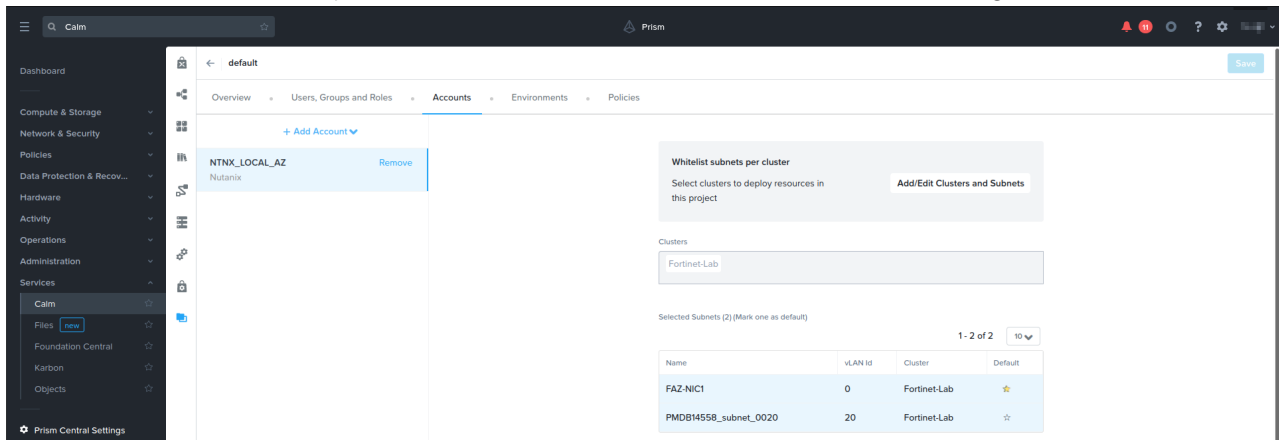
The following instructions describe how to configure the deployment that the topology diagram shows. Substitute the values from your own deployment where necessary.

These deployment instructions were tested using the following Nutanix platform details:

- Prism Central pc.2021.9.0.2
- Acropolis operating system 5.20.1.1
- Calm 3.3.0
- Cluster Maintenance Utilities 1.0.0.
- Epsilon 3.3.0
- Flow Security 1.0.0
- Licensing LM.2021.2.1
- NCC 4.3.0

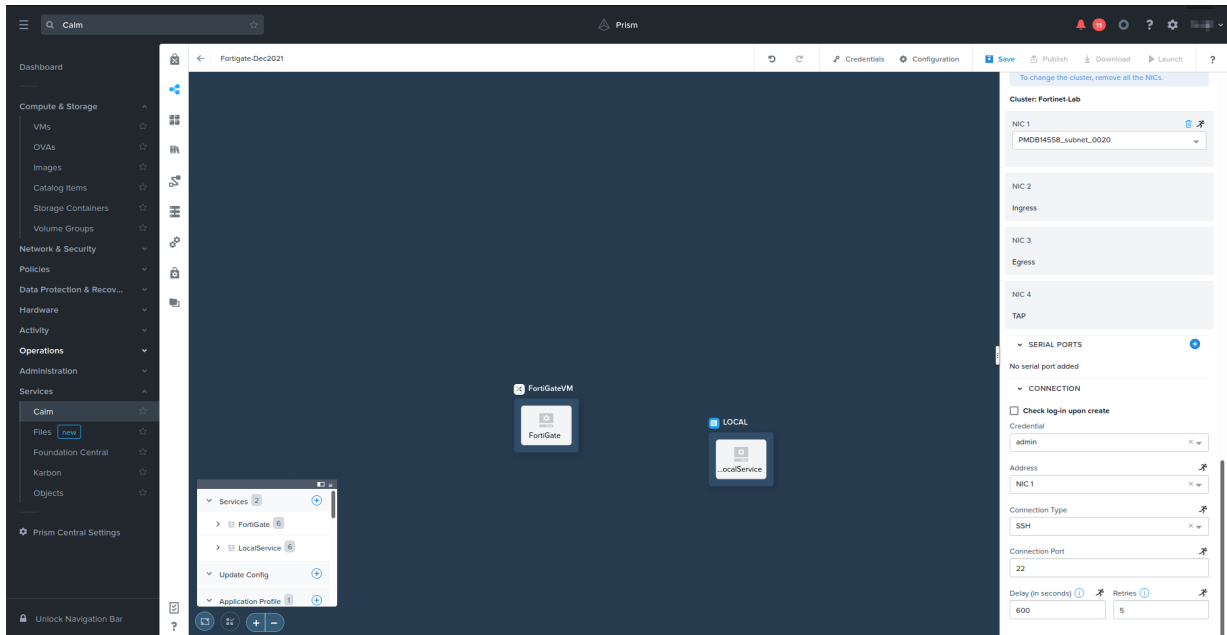
### To deploy the FortiGate-VM to the Nutanix cluster using the Calm blueprint:

1. Sign in to Prism Central.
2. Go to *Compute & Storage > Images*. Click *Import Images*, and upload the fortios.qcow2 image.
3. Go to *Services > Calm > Projects*. Add a user account to `NTNX_LOCAL_AZ`, selecting a default subnet.



4. Upload and configure the JSON file:
  - a. Go to *Blueprint*. Upload the JSON file. In this example, it is `Fortigate-Dec2021.json` file.
  - b. Go to *Credentials*, and set a password for the admin user. Save.
  - c. Click the AHV application profile and configure it as follows:
    - i. For `NF_CHAIN_NAME`, enter the desired chain name. In this example, it is `FORTIGATE_CHAIN`.
    - ii. For `CLUSTER_NAME`, enter the desired cluster name. In this example, it is `Fortinet-Lab`.
    - iii. For `PC_IP`, enter the PC IP address. In this example, it is `192.168.20.58`.

5. Click *Services*, *Fortigate* to configure the VM name, operating system image, and network adapters:
  - a. You will use a cloud-init script to configure the FortiGate-VM. Enable *Guest Customization*, and select *Cloud-init*. Enter the desired script.
  - b. Under *Disks*, from the *Operation* dropdown list, select *Clone from Image Service*.
  - c. From the *Image* dropdown list, select the *fortios.qcow2* image.
  - d. Connect NIC1 to the management subnet, and add three network function chain interfaces: NIC2 for ingress, NIC3 for egress, and NIC4 for TAP.



6. Click *Save*.
7. Click *Launch*. In the *Application Name* field, enter the desired name to deploy the blueprint. In this example, it is *Fortigate-BP*.
8. Confirm that the resources were successfully deployed:
  - a. Go to *Services > Calm > Applications*, and click the application name. In this example, it is *Fortigate-BP*.
  - b. On the *Audit* tab, check the process status. The process may take ten to fifteen minutes. If an *IP not found error* occurs, disregard it. You can configure the port1 static IP address later through *FortGate-VM* console access.
  - c. On the *Overview* tab, check the application summary.
  - d. Go to *Administration > Categories*. Verify that the *network\_function\_provider FORTIGATE\_CHAIN* was created.
9. Go to *Compute & Storage > VMs*. On the *List* tab, verify that the *FortiGate-VM* was deployed to *AHV* as *NFVM*. Select it, then select *Launch console*.

## To direct traffic through the FortiGate-VM:

1. In Prism Central, go to *Categories > AppTier*. Click *Update*. Add FT-Client and FT-Server, then save.

Update Category

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**General**

Name ⓘ

AppTier

Category cannot be renamed as it is in use by one or more policies.

Purpose ⓘ

Application tier.

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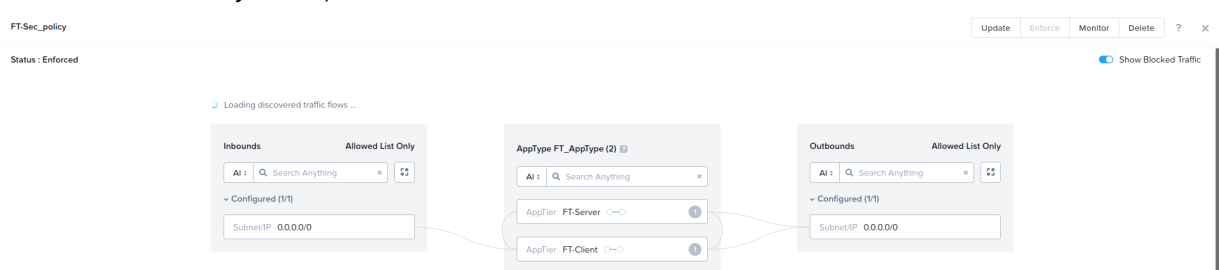
**Values ⓘ**

System defined values cannot be updated or removed

Default	Unused	⊖
FT-Client	VMs: 1, Security Policies: 2	⊖
FT-Server	VMs: 1, Security Policies: 2	⊖ ⊕

2. Go to *Categories > AppType*. Click *Update*. Add FT\_AppType, then save.
3. Go to *Compute & Storage > VMs*. Right-click PC2. Select *Manage Categories*, then set the categories as follows:
  - a. For *Environment*, select *Testing*.
  - b. For *AppType*, select *FT\_AppType*.
  - c. For *AppTier*, select *FT-Client*.
4. Go to *Compute & Storage > VMs*. Right-click PC3. Select *Manage Categories*, then set the categories as follows:
  - a. For *Environment*, select *Testing*.
  - b. For *AppType*, select *FT\_AppType*.
  - c. For *AppTier*, select *FT-Server*.
5. Configure a security policy:
  - a. Go to *Network & Security > Security Policies*. Click *Create Security Policy*, then click *Create*.
  - b. In the *Name* field, enter the desired policy name. In this example, it is FT-Sec\_policy.
  - c. In the *Purpose* field, enter the desired purpose. In this example, it is testing.
  - d. In the *Secure This App* field, select *FT\_AppType*.
  - e. Under *Inbounds*, in the *Add source by: Subnet/IP* field, enter 0.0.0.0/0. Click *Add*.
  - f. Under *Outbounds*, in the *Add source by: Subnet/IP* field, enter 0.0.0.0/0. Click *Add*.
  - g. Under *AppType FT\_AppType*, select *Set rules on App Tiers, instead*. Add *AppTier: FT-Client*, and *FT-Server*.
  - h. Configure the rules:
    - i. For *AppTier: FT-Client*, create an inbound rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select *FORTIGATE\_CHAIN*. Save.

- ii. For AppTier: FT-Server, create an inbound rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select FORTIGATE\_CHAIN. Save.
  - iii. For AppTier: FT-Client, create an outbound rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select FORTIGATE\_CHAIN. Save.
  - iv. For AppTier: FT-Server, create an outbound rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select FORTIGATE\_CHAIN. Save.
  - v. For AppTier: FT-Client, create a tier-to-tier rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select FORTIGATE\_CHAIN. Save.
  - vi. For AppTier: FT-Server, create a tier-to-tier rule. In the dialog, select *Redirect through a service chain*, and select FORTIGATE\_CHAIN. Save.
- i. Under *Select a Policy mode*, select *Enforce*. Click *Save and Enforce*.



**To verify that FortiGate-VM unified threat management works:**

1. Verify that pings from PC3 to PC2 go through the FortiGate-VM.
2. Run `diagnose sniffer packet port 3 ' ' 6` to capture ICMP traffic with the vlan30 tag. The following shows example output for this command:

```
Using Original Sniffing Mode
interfaces=[port3]
filters=[]
pcap_lookupnet: port3: no IPv4 address assigned
64.210014 port3 -- 802.1Q vlan#30 P0
0x0000  506b 8d83 af25 506b 8dc2 687d 8100 001e  Pk...%Pk..h)...
0x0010  0800 4500 0054 5145 4000 4001 2c0e c0a8  ..E..TQE@.@.,...
0x0020  1e03 c0a8 1e02 0800 4cd2 0001 0001 84d4  .....L.....
0x0030  2062 0000 0000 4722 0000 0000 0000 1011  .b...G".....
0x0040  1213 1415 1617 1819 1a1b 1c1d 1e1f 2021  .....!.....
0x0050  2223 2425 2627 2829 2a2b 2c2d 2e2f 3031  "##$%&'()*+,-./01
0x0060  3233 3435 3637 234567

64.210125 port3 -- 802.1Q vlan#30 P0
0x0000  506b 8d83 af25 506b 8dc2 687d 8100 001e  Pk...%Pk..h)...
0x0010  0800 4500 0054 5145 4000 4001 2c0e c0a8  ..E..TQE@.@.,...
0x0020  1e03 c0a8 1e02 0800 4cd2 0001 0001 84d4  .....L.....
0x0030  2062 0000 0000 4722 0000 0000 0000 1011  .b...G".....
0x0040  1213 1415 1617 1819 1a1b 1c1d 1e1f 2021  .....!.....
0x0050  2223 2425 2627 2829 2a2b 2c2d 2e2f 3031  "##$%&'()*+,-./01
0x0060  3233 3435 3637 234567

64.210677 port3 -- 802.1Q vlan#30 P0
0x0000  506b 8dc2 687d 506b 8d83 af25 8100 001e  Pk..h}Pk...%...
0x0010  0800 4500 0054 22db 0000 4001 9a78 c0a8  ..E..T"...@.x..
0x0020  1e02 c0a8 1e03 0000 54d2 0001 0001 84d4  .....T.....
0x0030  2062 0000 0000 4722 0000 0000 0000 1011  .b...G".....
0x0040  1213 1415 1617 1819 1a1b 1c1d 1e1f 2021  .....!.....
0x0050  2223 2425 2627 2829 2a2b 2c2d 2e2f 3031  "##$%&'()*+,-./01
0x0060  3233 3435 3637 234567

64.210761 port3 -- 802.1Q vlan#30 P0
0x0000  506b 8dc2 687d 506b 8d83 af25 8100 001e  Pk..h}Pk...%...
0x0010  0800 4500 0054 22db 0000 4001 9a78 c0a8  ..E..T"...@.x..
0x0020  1e02 c0a8 1e03 0000 54d2 0001 0001 84d4  .....T.....
0x0030  2062 0000 0000 4722 0000 0000 0000 1011  .b...G".....
0x0040  1213 1415 1617 1819 1a1b 1c1d 1e1f 2021  .....!.....
0x0050  2223 2425 2627 2829 2a2b 2c2d 2e2f 3031  "##$%&'()*+,-./01
0x0060  3233 3435 3637 234567
```

3. Go to *Log & Report > AntiVirus* and verify that unified threat management blocks an eicar.com sample.

Date/Time	Service	Source	File Name	Virus/Botnet	User	Details	Action
13 seconds ago	HTTP	192.168.30.3	eicar.com	EICAR_TEST_FILE		URL: http://192.168.30.2/eicar.com	blocked

**Log Details**

**General**  
 Absolute Date/Time: 2022/03/02 13:25:55  
 Time: 13:25:55  
 Session ID: 3540  
 Virtual Domain: root  
 Agent: curl/7.68.0

**Source**  
 IP: 192.168.30.3  
 Source Port: 46140  
 Country/Region: Reserved  
 Source Interface: port2  
 Source UUID: a837e8a8-61b2-51ec-4cc5-b896bc6a5209

**Destination**  
 IP: 192.168.30.2  
 Port: 80  
 Country/Region: Reserved  
 Destination Interface: port3  
 Destination UUID: a837e8a8-61b2-51ec-4cc5-b896bc6a5209  
 URL: http://192.168.30.2/eicar.com

**Application Control**  
 Protocol: 6  
 Service: HTTP

**Data**  
 File Name: eicar.com

**Action**  
 Action: blocked  
 Threat: 2  
 Policy ID: VW-Policy (1)  
 Policy UUID: 7d4756a0-88e6-51ec-b2f2-48cc1a1d274e  
 Policy Type: Firewall

# SDN connector integration with Nutanix

See the Nutanix SDN connector using server credentials.

# Change log

Date	Change description
2026-04-21	Initial release.



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