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Overview

This document provides the steps to upgrade the FortiNAC appliance software. For fixes/enhancements and device support details, refer to the applicable version of Release Notes in the Fortinet Document Library.

Procedure Overview

1. Review the following documentation before proceeding:
Release notes (includes fixes, Device Support, Known Issues and Device Support considerations)
[Upgrade Considerations](#)
2. Virtual FortiNAC appliances: Run snapshot on each appliance to be upgraded.
3. Run operating system updates and reboot appliance(s). For instructions, see CentOS Updates in the Fortinet Document Library.
<https://docs.fortinet.com/document/fortinac/9.1.0/fortinac-centos-updates>
4. Upgrade software on the appliance(s).
See [Upgrade Instructions](#).

Upgrade Considerations

- FortiNAC is offline during the upgrade process. It is recommended to schedule a maintenance window of 30 minutes - 1 hr to perform the upgrade and validate.
 - FortiNAC stops processing RADIUS requests
 - Captive portal is unavailable
 - FortiNAC policies do not apply
- There is no option to roll back or downgrade the FortiNAC software version or CentOS Operating System updates.
 - Virtual appliances: Create a snapshot prior to upgrade in order to roll back to the previous software version if necessary
 - Hardware appliances: There is no solution to roll back
- Systems may have specific configurations that are not persistent through an upgrade. Attempting to upgrade via the Administration UI will trigger an alert and the upgrade will not proceed. In such situations, a support ticket should be opened to schedule the upgrade.

Feature Specific Considerations

Version	Description
8.x/9.x	<p>Upgrade path requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems on version 9.1.6 must upgrade to either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher version of 9.1 (e.g. 9.1.7) • 9.2.4 or higher • Systems on versions 8.2 or lower must upgrade to 8.3 before upgrading to 8.4 or higher. • Systems on version 7 must upgrade to 8.0 before upgrading to 8.1 or higher.
8.x	<p>Upgrading NAC from pre-8 versions to 8.x could break communication with agents running version 3.0 through 3.2. Hosts that have security disabled are not affected.</p> <p>In newer agent versions 3.3 and greater, the communication protocol was changed from SSLv3 to TLS to address the POODLE vulnerability (CVE-2014-3566). As of Network Sentry 8.0.0, SSLv3 has been disabled completely.</p> <p>In newer agent versions 3.3 and greater, the communication protocol was changed from SSLv3 to TLS to address the POODLE vulnerability (CVE-2014-3566). As of Network Sentry 8.0.0, SSLv3 has been disabled completely.</p> <p>For details and workaround for the above, see KB article 194426.</p>
8.3.x	<p>For new installs and upgrades from older than 8.2, the "Default UDP" Persistent Agent Transport Configuration (UDP 4567) will initially be disabled. Agent versions 3.x and 4.x use both TCP 4568 and UDP 4567 to communicate. .</p> <p>For details and workaround for the above, see KB article 196082.</p>

Version	Description
8.5.x and higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires CentOS 7.4 or higher. The current CentOS version installed is listed as "Distribution" in the CLI login banner or typing "sysinfo". <p>Example:</p> <pre>> sysinfo ***** Recognized platform: Linux Distribution: CentOS Linux release 7.6.1810 (Core) If the CentOS version is below 7.4, run OS updates and reboot before upgrading. For instructions refer to the CentOS Updates reference manual.</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Network Access Policy is required for the user-id to be sent to the firewall for Palo Alto SSO and FortiGate RSSO integrations. For details, refer to related KB article 194071.
8.8.x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires access to downloads.bradfordnetworks.com from each appliance or virtual machine. The update automatically installs CentOS files for the new Local Radius Server feature on the Control Server(s). If access is blocked, the software upgrade will fail. The default transfer protocol can be changed from FTP to either HTTPS or HTTP. For instructions, refer to the Appendix of the CentOS Updates reference manual. When upgrading from a pre-8.8 version to 8.8.0 or 8.8.1, the upgrade may hang if the appliance does not have external FTP access. For details see KB article 196282. <p>Note: As of 8.8.2, the default protocol was changed to HTTP.</p> <p>Customers that currently do not have a README and want to upgrade themselves should do the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Modify firewall to allow FTP access for the eth0 IP address for each appliance until upgrade is completed 2. Once completed, modify the repo files to the desired protocol for future OS updates. For instructions, see section Change Transfer Protocol to HTTP/HTTPS in the CentOS Updates document in the Fortinet Document Library. <p>Customers that currently have a README, do not want to upgrade themselves, or cannot make the temporary firewall change should contact Support to schedule the upgrade.</p>
8.8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important: Customers with 10.x XenMobile integrations must ensure XenMobile is running 10.10 or higher before upgrading FortiNAC. As of this version, FortiNAC no longer supports earlier 10.x XenMobile versions due to changes in API schema. This change does not affect 9.x versions of XenMobile.
8.8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functionality to register hosts using SNMP traps (LogOn Script) is disabled. After upgrading to 8.8.5 or later from a pre-8.8.5 version, re-enable the functionality. Contact Support for assistance. See KB article 197946.
9.2	<p>As of Persistent Agent version 5.3, there is no option to disable secure agent communications. Agents upgraded from previous versions to 5.3 or greater will communicate over TCP 4568 regardless of the "securityEnabled" Persistent Agent setting. Therefore, the following must be done prior to upgrading hosts to agent version 5.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure valid SSL certificates are installed in the Persistent Agent Certificate Target. For details see section Certificate Management in the Administration Guide. Packet Transport Configurations must have TCP 4568 listed. For instructions see

Version	Description
	section Transport configurations in the Administration Guide.
9.2	The number of Operating System and Anti-Virus program options in the Scan Configuration have been reduced. Only those currently supported or commonly in use are now listed. For a list of available Operating Systems and Anti-Virus programs, see KB article 198098 .
9.2.7	SSH keyboard-interactive is disabled by default starting with versions 9.2.7, 9.4.2 and F7.2. This may affect FortiNAC's CLI access to a limited number of devices (like Arista switches). For details and workaround see KB article 244979. https://community.fortinet.com/t5/FortiNAC/Troubleshooting-Tip-SSH-login-fails-due-to-SSH-keyboard/ta-p/244979
Versions 9.4, 7.2 and greater	See Upgrade Requirements in the appropriate release notes for additional considerations.

Features No Longer Supported

Case #	Description
	Agent Server Communication: The InstallerEditor tool used to modify the server name in the Agent MSI files is no longer supported. It is recommended that you use DNS entries that can be used by the agent to look up the name of the FortiNAC server with which it should communicate. See Secure Agent Server Communications in the Help., Backup: Removed the ability to display or customize the list of files to be backed up on the Database Backup view.
	Bandwidth Management Plugin: The Bandwidth Management Plugin designed to log bandwidth usage on a per host basis has been removed from FortiNAC. The Bandwidth In and Out fields have been removed from the Top Users feature on the Connections View because they relied on the Bandwidth Management Plugin.
	Device Management: Device Management no longer supports Enterasys RBT wireless controllers.
31133	Device Management: Device Management no longer supports the HP WESM Chassis because this product is considered End of Life by HP.
	Go Menu: The Go Menu has been replaced with a new menu bar structure across the top of the Admin UI. The option to enable this menu has been completely removed in Version 6.1.

Case #	Description
40167	<p>LDAP Directory: The field for "Distinguished Name (DN)" in the Group Attributes tab of the LDAP Settings will be removed in a future release. Support for treating users under an OU as a group will be removed in lieu of you creating directory groups.</p> <p>LDAP Directory: Support for Kerberos has been removed from the LDAP Directory Configuration as of V7.0.</p>
29866	<p>Nessus Server: The ability to add a Nessus Server in Topology View has been removed. Nessus Servers are no longer being supported.</p>
00028024 00029418	<p>Operating Systems: Clients with these Operating Systems are no longer supported: Windows 98 Windows Me Mac OS X 10.1, 10.2, 10.3. Mac OS X 10.5 is not supported for use with Agent Version 2.2.6 and higher.</p> <p>Packeteer/Packet Shaper/ Blue Coat: Support for integration with Packeteer Packet Shaper (now Blue Coat) has been removed.</p> <p>Plugins: The Scanning Engines plugin will be removed in a future release.</p> <p>Portal: Support for Portal v1 will be discontinued in the next major release (8.0). If you are still using portal v1 pages you should plan to transition to portal v2 before then.</p> <p>Reports: The default set of Crystal Reports has been removed from FortiNAC's Admin UI in FortiNAC version 8.0. This includes the Compliance Reports for Agent Versions, Guest Registrations By Date and Sponsor, Historical Scans, Host Registrations, Network Device Count, Network Devices By Device Type, Ports By VLAN, Registration Failures, Scans by Operating System, Scans by Policy and Users by Role. The capability to connect to FortiNAC's database with SAP Crystal Reports in order to produce your own reports will still be supported.</p> <p>Scan Scripts: The Security Plug-in designed to process user created scripts has been removed from the software.</p> <p>Windows 7 Edition Checking: Fortinet will not be providing validation of additional O/S editions for Windows 7. The current list of options (Home Basic, Home Premium, Professional, Enterprise, Enterprise N, Ultimate, Starter) will be all that are individually supported.</p>

Upgrade Instructions

Upgrade Overview

This procedure describes how to update a FortiNAC appliance from the Admin UI. The [Upgrade Considerations](#) section above should be reviewed before proceeding.

For questions or concerns regarding upgrades, [Assistance on page 14](#)

Single Appliance or Appliance Pair (Control/Application Servers)

Upgrade System

See [Upgrade Using the Administration UI](#).

After Upgrade

1. Exit and re-launch browser.
2. Run the Auto Definition Update Synchronization scheduled task to get the most recent definitions for Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware and the valid vendor codes.
 - a. Navigate to **System > Scheduler**
 - b. Click **Auto-Definition Synchronizer**
 - c. Click **Run Now**

High Availability Environments

The upgrade is performed on the Primary Server and automatically updates the Secondary Server(s).

If the Secondary Server(s) is in control, FortiNAC prevents you from updating and displays a message with detailed instructions indicating that the Primary must be running and in control.

Before upgrade

Verify all the appliances in the HA system are in the proper status:

- The Primary Server is running and in control.
- The Secondary Server(s) are running and not in control. This can be verified by viewing the Summary pane in the Dashboard of the Administration UI.

Upgrade System

Update the Primary server following the instructions for a regular system update. See [Upgrade Using the Administration UI](#).

After Upgrade

1. Exit and re-launch browser
2. (Appliances using Perpetual Licenses) Validate Secondary Server has the same entitlements as the Primary.
 - a. Navigate to **System > Settings > System Management > License Management**.
 - b. Select the Secondary Server from the drop-down menu. The License Key Detail should contain the expected license information on both appliances.

If entitlements on both servers match, proceed to step 3.

If Secondary does not display entitlements, copy the entitlements to the Secondary.

UI Method

Important: This method restarts both the Primary and Secondary servers.

- a. In the Administration UI, navigate to **System > Settings > System Management > High Availability**
- b. The current High Availability configuration should be displayed. Click Save Settings to re-apply.
- c. Once High Availability configuration is completed (will take several minutes), navigate to **System > Settings > System Management > License Management**
- d. Select the Secondary Server from the drop-down menu. The License Key Detail should contain the expected license information on both appliances.
- e. Proceed to step 3.

CLI Method

This method does not restart servers.

- a. Login as root to the Secondary Server CLI
- b. Copy entitlements from the Primary Server.
Type

```
scp cm1:/bsc/campusMgr/.licenseKey /bsc/campusMgr/.licenseKeyPrimary
```

- c. Verify entitlements now reflect the new license.
Type

```
licensetool -key FILE -file /bsc/campusMgr/.licenseKeyPrimary
```

Note: Serial, MAC and UUID will reflect the Primary Server. This is normal.

- d. Proceed to step 3.
3. Run the Auto Definition Update Synchronization scheduled task to get the most recent definitions for Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware and the valid vendor codes.

- a. Navigate to **System > Scheduler**
- b. Click **Auto-Definition Synchronizer**
- c. Click **Run Now**

Network Control Manager Environments

When managing FortiNAC servers with a FortiNAC Control Manager, perform the update procedure from the Control Manager Admin UI.

Important: All managed servers must run the same version of code as the Control Manager.

Upgrade System

See [Upgrade Using the Administration UI](#) for instructions.

After Upgrade

1. Exit and re-launch browser.
2. On each set of managed appliances as well as the Manager, run the Auto Definition Update Synchronization scheduled task to get the most recent definitions for Anti-Virus, Anti-Spyware and the valid vendor codes.
 - a. Navigate to **System > Scheduler**
 - b. Click **Auto-Definition Synchronizer**
 - c. Click **Run Now**

Upgrade Using the Administration UI

1. From the FortiNAC appliance Administration UI, go to **System > Settings**.
2. From the tree on the left side of the page, select the **Updates > System**.
3. Update the appropriate fields under the **System Update Settings** section to configure connection settings for the download server. Refer to the **System Update Settings** section in the applicable release notes for the appropriate values.
4. When the download settings have been entered, click **Save Settings**.
5. Click **Test** to verify connection to the downloads server.
6. If the test failed, enter the correct settings and try again.
7. Click the **Download** button. A dialog box displays a drop-down list of the available releases, named by version number.
8. Select the release you want to download, and click **Download** at the bottom of the window. A pop-up window displays the progress of the download, which may take a while.
9. Once the download is complete, return to the upgrade window.
10. If using a **FortiNAC Control Manager**, click the **Distribute** button to copy the update to all of the servers currently being managed by the FortiNAC Control Manager.
11. Start the upgrade by clicking the **Install** button.
12. On the Update dialog, select the version of the release you wish to install from the drop-down menu and then click **Update**. A pop-up window shows the progress of the update.

13. Verify that the correct version is now installed on the server by navigating to **Help > About** or via the CLI by typing "sysinfo". See [Sysinfo Information Descriptions on page 13](#) for information regarding expected output.
14. Complete any further configurations required as per [Upgrade Considerations](#) section.

Sysinfo Information Descriptions

Sysinfo shows the following information:

Distribution: Lists the CentOS Operating System version and is updated via OS Update.

OS Kernel: Lists the OS update patch value. Note this will only change if a Kernel update is in the OS Update.

Engine Version: Lists the value of the system's Code Release. This is the version displayed in the Administration UI **Help > About** and is updated via product upgrade.

Firmware Version: This is the Image or OVA version and will not change.

Example

```
> sysinfo
*****
Recognized platform: Linux
    Distribution: CentOS Linux release 7.6.1810 (Core)
    OS Kernel: 3.10.0-957.21.3.el7.x86_64
    Home directory: /root
    Terminal type: xterm

Product Type: NetworkControlApplicationServer
    Product Family: NetworkSentry
    Appliance Type: FortiNAC FNMCA
    Engine Version: 8.6.2.587
    Build Date: Mon 25-Nov-2019
    Firmware Version: 8.6.0.320
    Firmware Date: 2019-07-29
*****
```

Assistance

For license key installation issues, contact FortiNAC Support. For registration/license processing and all other issues, contact Fortinet Customer Service.

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