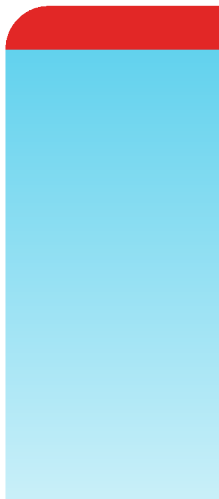


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## Change log

Date	Change description
2021-04-22	Initial release.
2021-05-13	Updated <a href="#">About FortiAnalyzer on Xen on page 5</a> .
2021-05-28	Updated information about trial licenses and add-on licenses.
2022-11-18	Updated <a href="#">Minimum system requirements on page 7</a> .
2023-02-01	Updated <a href="#">About FortiAnalyzer on Xen on page 5</a> .
2024-01-09	Updated information about extending the LVM.
2024-01-26	Updated note about virtual hard disk sizing when configuring hardware settings.

# About FortiAnalyzer on Xen

This document provides information about deploying a FortiAnalyzer virtual appliance in Open Source XenServer and Citrix XenServer environments.

This includes how to configure the virtual appliance's virtual hardware settings. This guide presumes that the reader has a thorough understanding of virtualization servers.

This document does not cover configuring and operating the virtual appliance after successfully installing and starting it. For that information, see the [FortiAnalyzer Administration Guide](#).

## Licensing

Fortinet offers the FortiAnalyzer-VM with a limited, free trial license. Stackable licenses can be purchased, letting you expand your VM solution as your environment expands. You can purchase perpetual or subscription-based licenses. Perpetual licenses never expire.

For information on purchasing a FortiAnalyzer-VM license, contact your Fortinet-authorized reseller, or visit [How To Buy](#).

When configuring your FortiAnalyzer-VM, ensure that you configure hardware settings according to the minimum system requirements and consider future expansion. Contact your Fortinet-authorized reseller for more information.

License	GB/day of logs
Trial License	1
VM-GB1	+1
VM-GB5	+5
VM-GB25	+25
VM-GB100	+100
VM-GB500	+500
VM-GB2000	+2000

See [Minimum system requirements on page 7](#).

See also the [FortiAnalyzer product datasheet](#).

## Trial license

With a FortiCare account, FortiAnalyzer-VM includes a free limited non-expiring trial license.

The free trial license includes support for 3 ADOMs and 1 GB/day of logs.

The free trial license does not include services or support.

You can activate the trial license when you connect to the GUI for the FortiAnalyzer-VM. Full-feature products and services are available for purchase with an add-on license. See [Connecting to the GUI and enabling a trial license on page 17](#).

## Add-on license

You must activate a trial license before you can upgrade FortiAnalyzer-VM to a purchased add-on license.

See also the [FortiAnalyzer VM Trial License Guide](#) on the [Document Library](#).

# Preparing for deployment

You can prepare for deployment by reviewing the following information:

- [Minimum system requirements](#)
- [Deployment package for Open Source XenServer on page 8](#)
- [Downloading a deployment package](#)

## Minimum system requirements



FortiAnalyzer-VM has a minimum requirement of 4 CPU, 8 GB of RAM, and 500 GB of disk storage.

The following table lists the minimum system requirements for your VM hardware, based on your VM's analytic sustained rate.

Analytic sustained rate (logs/sec)	VM hardware requirements		
	RAM (GB)	CPU cores	IOPS
3000	8	4	300
4000	8	4	400
5000	8	4	500
6000	16	8	600
7000	16	8	700
8000	16	8	800
9000	16	8	900
10000	16	8	1000
20000	32	16	2000
30000	32	16	3000
40000	64	32	4000
50000	64	32	5000



You can calculate the collector sustained rate by multiplying the analytic sustained rate by 1.5.



This table does not take into account other hardware specifications, such as bus speed, CPU model, or storage type.

## Deployment package for Citrix XenServer

FortiAnalyzer deployment packages are included with firmware images on the [Customer Service & Support site](#). The following table lists the available VM deployment package.

VM Platform	Deployment File
Citrix XenServer 7.2	FAZ_VM64_XEN-vX-buildxxxxx-FORTINET.out.CitrixXen.zip

The `.out.CitrixXen.zip` file contains:

- `FAZ.xva`: The Citrix XenServer Virtual Appliance (XVA) binary file containing virtual hardware configuration settings.
- `ovf` folder:
  - `FortiAnalyzer.ovf`: Open Virtualization Format (OVF) template file, containing virtual hardware settings for Xen.
  - `FAZ.vhd`: The FortiAnalyzer system hard disk in VHD format.
  - `datadrive.vhd`: The FortiAnalyzer log disk in VHD format.

For more information FortiAnalyzer, see the FortiAnalyzer [datasheet](#).

## Deployment package for Open Source XenServer

FortiAnalyzer deployment packages are included with firmware images on the [Customer Service & Support site](#). The following table lists the available VM deployment package.

VM Platform	Deployment File
Open Source XenServer 4.2.5	FAZ_VM64_XEN-vX-buildxxxxx-FORTINET.out.OpenXen.zip

The `.out.OpenXen.zip` file contains:

- `FAZ.qcow2`: The FortiAnalyzer system hard disk in QCOW2 format.  
The log disk and virtual hardware settings have to be configured manually.

For more information FortiAnalyzer, see the FortiAnalyzer [datasheet](#).

## Downloading a deployment package

Firmware image FTP directories are organized by firmware version, major release, and patch release. The firmware images in the directories follow a specific naming convention. Each firmware image is specific to the device model. For example, the `FAZ_VM64_HV-vX-buildxxxx-FORTINET.out.hyperv.zip` image, found in the 5.6.0 directory, is specific to the 64-bit Microsoft Hyper-V Server virtualization environment.



You can download the *FortiAnalyzer Release Notes* and MIB file from this directory. The Fortinet Core MIB file is located in the *FortiAnalyzer > Download* tab.

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Download the `.out` file to upgrade your existing FortiAnalyzer installation.

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### To download deployment packages:

1. Log in to the Fortinet Customer Service & Support portal then, from the toolbar select *Download > Firmware Images*. The *Firmware Images* page opens.
2. Select *FortiManager* from the *Select Product* dropdown list, then select *Download*.
3. Browse to the appropriate directory for the version that you would like to download.
4. Download the appropriate firmware image and release notes to your management computer.
5. Extract the contents of the package to a new folder on your management computer.

## Compatibility for VM hardware versions

FortiAnalyzer-VM supports ESXi 6.5 and later versions. Using corresponding hardware versions 13 and later is highly recommended, as mentioned in [Virtual machine hardware versions](#).

It is recommended to upgrade hardware versions incrementally with only one delta at a time. For example, upgrading from 10 to 11, 11 to 12, 12 to 13, then 13 to 14 is recommended, although directly upgrading from 10 to 14 generally has no issues.

### To upgrade hardware versions:

1. Log in to vSphere Client web console.
2. In the left pane tree-menu, right-click the FortiAnalyzer-VM.
3. From the shortcut menu, select *Compatibility > Schedule VM Compatibility Upgrade*.
4. Click *YES*.
5. From the *Compatible with* dropdown, select the desired compatibility.
6. Click *OK*.
7. Reboot the FortiAnalyzer-VM.

# Deployment

Prior to deploying the FortiAnalyzer, the VM platform must be installed and configured so that it is ready to create virtual machines. The installation instructions for FortiAnalyzer presume that you are familiar with the management software and terminology of your VM platform.

You might also need to refer to the documentation provided with your VM server. The deployment information in this guide is provided as an example because, for any particular VM server, there are multiple ways of creating a virtual machine - command line tools, APIs, alternative graphical user interface tools.

Before you start your FortiAnalyzer appliance for the first time, you might need to adjust virtual disk sizes and networking settings. The first time you start FortiAnalyzer, you will have access only through the console window of your VM server environment. After you configure one network interface with an IP address and administrative access, you can access the FortiAnalyzer GUI (see [Enabling GUI access on page 16](#)).

If the FortiAnalyzer does not have a valid Logical Volume Management (LVM) configuration, the LVM service will not start automatically upon boot-up when the disk already contains data. To manually enable the service, use the `execute lvm start` CLI command.

## Deploying FortiAnalyzer on Citrix XenServer

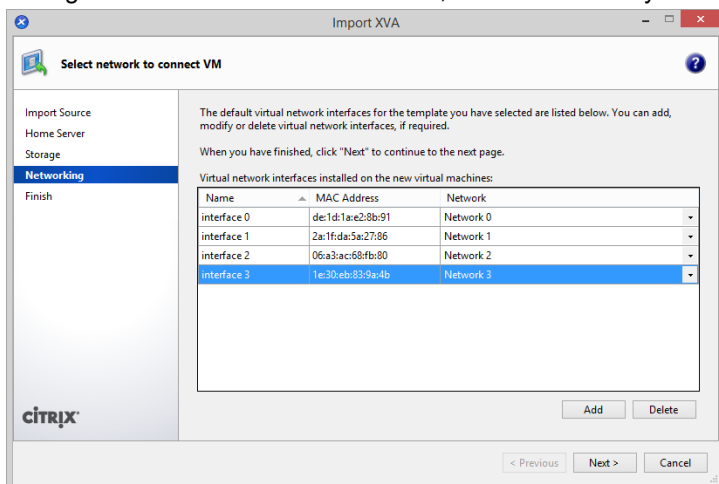
After you download the `FAZ_VM64_XEN-vX-buildxxxx-FORTINET.out.CitrixXen.zip` file and extract the files, you can create the VM in your Citrix Xen environment.

### Creating the virtual machine

**To create the virtual machine:**

1. Launch XenCenter on your management computer. The management computer can be any computer that can run Citrix XenServer, a Microsoft Windows application.
2. Click *ADD a server*, then enter the Citrix XenServer IP address and the root logon credentials required to manage that server. XenCenter adds your Citrix XenServer to the list in the left pane, and the *Virtual Machine Manager* homepage opens.
3. Select *File > Import*.
4. Click *Browse*, locate the `faz.xva` file, select *Open*, then select *Next*.
5. Choose the pool or standalone server to host the VM, then click *Next*.
6. Select the storage location for the FortiAnalyzer disk drives, then click *Next*.

7. Configure the virtual network interfaces, then click *Next*. By default, there are four virtual network interfaces.



8. Review the import settings, deselect *Start VM(s) after import*, and then click *Finish* to import the VM. The Citrix XenServer imports the FortiAnalyzer files and configures the VM as specified in the template. Depending on your computer's hardware speed and resource load, the file size, and the network connection speed, this may take several minutes to complete. When the VM import is complete, the XenServer left pane includes the FortiAnalyzer-VM in the list of deployed VMs for your Citrix XenServer.

## Configuring hardware settings

Before starting your FortiAnalyzer for the first time, you must adjust the VM's virtual hardware settings to meet your network requirements.

To access VM settings, open XenCenter and select the FortiAnalyzer in the left pane. The tabs in the right pane provide access to the virtual hardware configuration, and the console tab provides access to the FortiAnalyzer console.

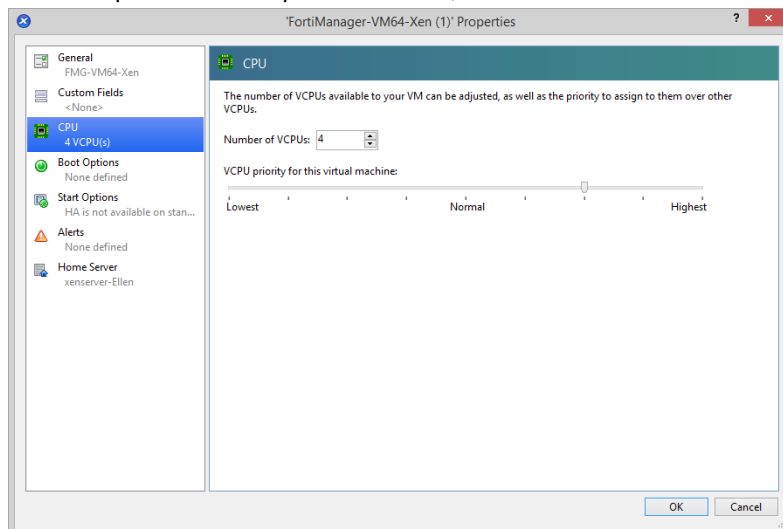
You must resize the disk before starting the VM for the first time.



If you know your environment will expand in the future, or if you will be using ADOMs, adding hard disks larger than 500 GB. This allows your environment to expand as required while not taking up more space than is needed. See [Licensing on page 5](#) for more information.

### To set the number of CPUs:

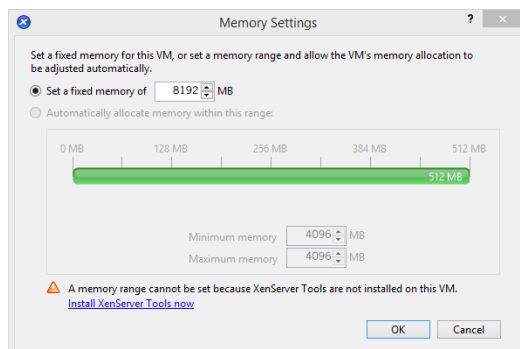
1. In the XenCenter left pane, right-click the FortiAnalyzer and select *Properties*.
2. In the left pane of the *Properties* window, select *CPU*.



3. Adjust the value in the *Number of VCPUs* field, then click *OK*. XenCenter displays a warning if you select more CPUs than the Xen host computer contains. Such a configuration may reduce performance.

### To set the memory size:

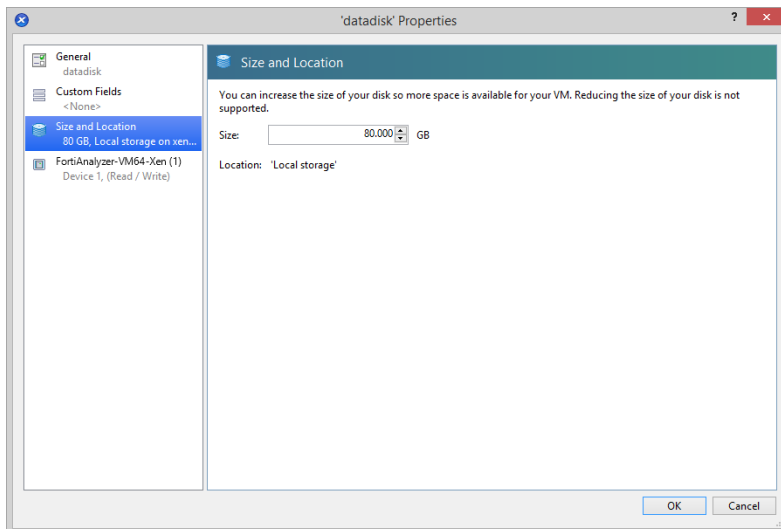
1. In the XenCenter left pane, select the FortiAnalyzer.
2. In the right pane, select the *Memory* tab.
3. Click *Edit* and modify the value in the *Set a fixed memory of* field. See [Minimum system requirements on page 7](#) to determine your required memory.
4. Click *OK*.



### To resize the data disk:

1. In the XenCenter left pane, select the FortiAnalyzer.
2. In the right pane, select the *Storage* tab.
3. Select the data disk, then click *Properties* to open the *Properties* window.

#### 4. Select *Size and Location*.



5. Adjust the *Size* to the required value, then click **OK**. See [Licensing on page 5](#) for more information.



The FortiAnalyzer-VM allows you to add twelve virtual log disks to a deployed instance.

When adding additional hard disks, use the following CLI command to extend the LVM logical volume:

```
execute lvm start <-- This command is not required in 7.0.4 and later
execute lvm extend
```



The FortiAnalyzer-VM requires at least two virtual hard disks. Before powering on the FortiAnalyzer-VM, you must add at least one more virtual hard disk (ideally above 500 GB).

The VM should therefore be configured with the following disks:

- The default hard drive that contains the OS and **should not** be modified.
- One or more additional disks, for example *Disk1* and *Disk2*, used by LVM for logs, reports, swap, and other storage requirements.

The default virtual hard disk storage size should not be modified to increase capacity, only increasing *Disk1* or adding extra disks will extend LVM disk on the FortiAnalyzer-VM.

## Starting the VM

You can now proceed to start on your FortiAnalyzer-VM.

- In the XenCenter left pane, right-click the FortiAnalyzer-VM name and select *Start*.
- Select the FortiAnalyzer-VM name from the left pane, then select *Start* in the toolbar.

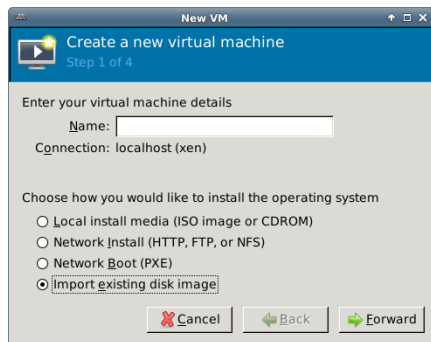
After the VM starts, proceed with the initial configuration. See [Configuring initial settings on page 16](#).

## Deploying FortiAnalyzer on Open Xen

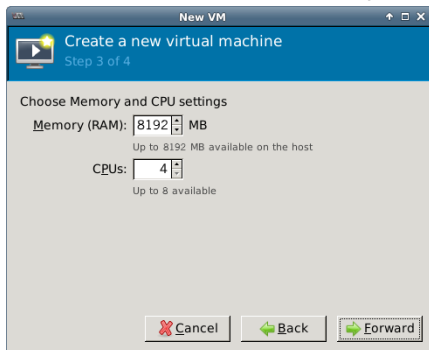
After you download the `FAZ_VM64_XEN-vX-buildxxxx-FORTINET.out.OpenXen.zip` file and extract the `faz.qcow2`, you can create the VM in your Open Xen environment.

### To deploy and configure the virtual machine:

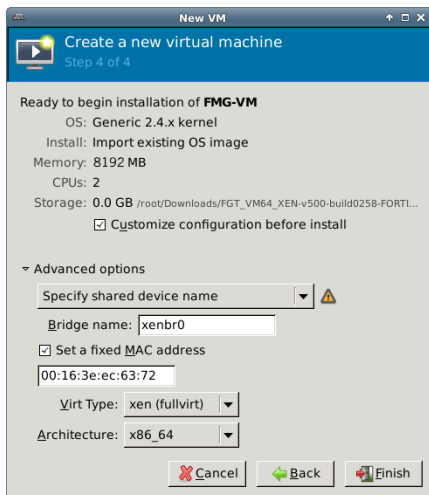
1. Launch Virtual Machine Manager (virt-manager) on your Open Xen host server. The *Virtual Machine Manager* homepage opens.
2. Select *Create a new virtual machine* from the toolbar.



3. Configure the VM:
  - a. Enter the VM name, such as *FAZ-VM*.
  - b. Ensure that *Connection* is *localhost*, select *Import existing disk image*, then click *Forward* to continue.
  - c. In the *OS Type* field select *Linux*. In the *Version* field select *Generic 2.6.x kernel*.
  - d. Click *Browse* to open the *Locate or create storage volume* window.
  - e. Click *Browse Local*, find the `faz.qcow2` disk image file, then click *Choose Volume* and then *Forward*.



- f. Specify the amount of memory and the number of CPUs to allocated to this VM. See [Minimum system requirements on page 7](#) to determine your required memory. Click *Forward*.
- g. Select *Customize configuration before install*. This enables you to make hardware configuration changes before the VM creation is started.
- h. Expand the *Advanced options* section.
  - By default, a new VM includes one network adapter.
  - Select *Specify shared device name*, and enter the name of the bridge interface on the Open Xen host.
  - Optionally, set a fixed MAC address for the virtual network interface.
  - *Virt Type* and *Architecture* are set by default and you should not need to change it.



- i. Click *Finish*. The VM hardware configuration window opens. You can use it to add hardware such as network interfaces and disk drives. Configure the VM hardware:
  - i. Click *Add Hardware* to open the *Add Hardware* window, then click *Storage*.
  - i. Select *Create a disk image on the computer's harddrive*, and set the size to an appropriate size.



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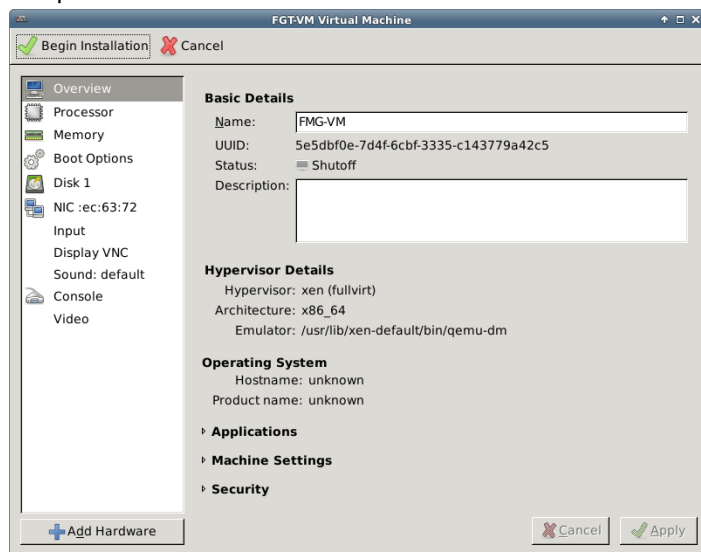
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and later
execute lvm extend
```

- ii. Select *Network* to add more network interfaces. A new VM includes one network adapter by default. You can add more through the *Add Hardware* window. A FortiAnalyzer-VM requires four network adapters. You can configure network adapters to connect to a virtual switch or to network adapters on the host

computer.



4. Click *Finish*.
5. Click *Begin Installation*.

After the installation completes successfully, the VM starts and the console window opens. You can then proceed with the initial configuration ([Configuring initial settings on page 16](#)).

## Configuring initial settings

Before you can connect to the FortiAnalyzer-VM, you must configure basic network settings via the CLI console. Once configured, you can connect to the FortiAnalyzer GUI.

### Enabling GUI access

To enable GUI access to the FortiAnalyzer, you must configure the IP address and network mask of the appropriate port on the FortiAnalyzer. The following instructions use port 1.



You can determine the appropriate by matching the network adapter's MAC address and the HWaddr that the CLI command `diagnose fmnetwork interface list` provides.

#### To configure the port1 IP address and netmask:

1. In your hypervisor manager, start the FortiAnalyzer and access the console window. You might need to press *Enter* to see the login prompt.
2. At the FortiAnalyzer login prompt, enter the username *admin*, then press *Enter*. By default, there is no password.
3. Using CLI commands, configure the port1 IP address and netmask.

```
config system interface
edit port1
set ip <IP address> <netmask>
```

end



The port management interface should match the first network adapter and virtual switch that you have configured in the hypervisor VM settings.

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4. To configure the default gateway, enter the following commands:

```
config system route
edit 1
set device port1
set gateway <gateway_ipv4_address>
end
```



The Customer Service & Support portal does not currently support IPv6 for FortiAnalyzer license validation. You must specify an IPv4 address in the support portal and the port management interface.

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## Connecting to the GUI and enabling a trial license

Once you have configured a port's IP address and network mask, you can connect to the GUI by using a web browser.

### To connect to the GUI and enable a trial license:

1. Launch a web browser, and enter the IP address you configured for the port management interface.
2. At the login page, select *Free Trial*, and click *Login with FortiCloud* to start the process of activating your free trial license.

If you do not have a FortiCloud account, click *Register with FortiCloud* to create one.

See also the [FortiAnalyzer VM Trial License Guide](#) on the [Document Library](#).

## Upgrading to an add-on license

You must activate a trial license before you can upgrade FortiAnalyzer-VM to a purchased add-on license.

See also the [FortiAnalyzer VM Trial License Guide](#) on the [Document Library](#).

## Configuring your FortiAnalyzer

Once the FortiAnalyzer license has been validated, you can configure your device.



If the amount of memory or number of CPUs is too small for the VM, or if the allocated hard drive space is less than the licensed VM storage volume, warning messages show in the GUI in the *System Resources* widget on the dashboard and in the *Notification* list.

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