

FortiAlOps - User Guide

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Change log

Date	Change description
2021-10-12	FortiAlOps 1.0.1 release version.

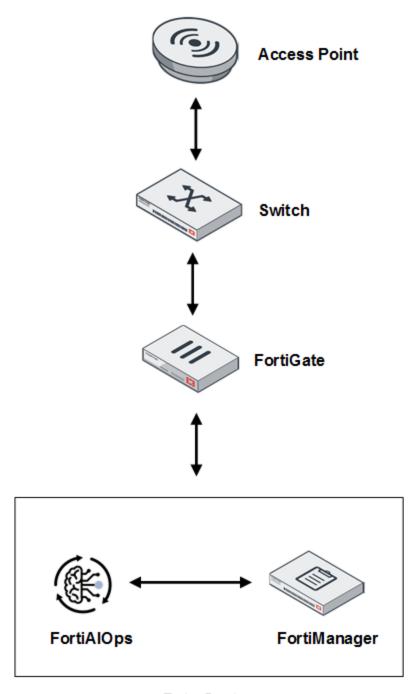
Overview

FortiAlOps aims at diagnosing and troubleshooting network issues by analyzing potential problems and suggesting remedial steps based on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) architecture that it is built upon. FortiAlOps learns from your network data to report statistics on a comprehensive and simple dashboard, providing network visibility and deep insight into your network. Thus, enabling you to effectively manage your connected devices and resolve network issues swiftly with the help of AI/ML.

FortiAlOps processes event logs from FortiGate and predicts issues, it also reviews FortiGate configurations periodically for diagnostic and troubleshooting purposes. The data is displayed in the FortiAlOps user interface that supports screen size of 1024x768, 1280x800, 1366x768, 1920x1080, and also mobile devices' screens.

The FortiAlOps tool provides the following advantages.

- Maximizes the uptime of your organization's network infrastructure.
- Reduces the time taken to diagnose network issues, thereby the response time.
- Increases the productivity of network users and that of your organization.

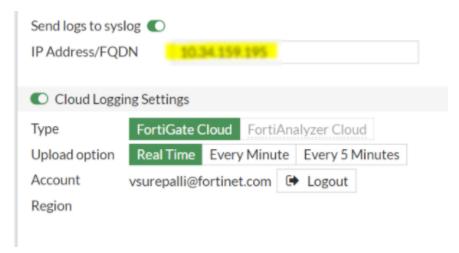


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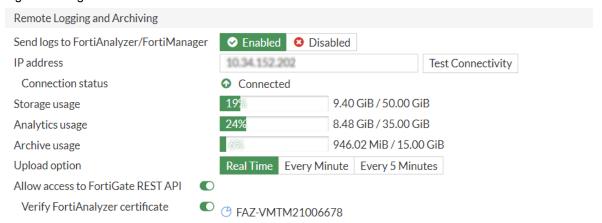
The FortiAlOps Management Extension Application (MEA) container is hosted on the FortiManager integrated platform that provides centralized management of Fortinet products and other devices. For more information on FortiManager operations, see related product documentation.

FortiAlOps supports direct FortiGate log forwarding and FortiAnalyzer log forwarding.

• Direct FortiGate log forwarding - Navigate to **Log Settings** in the FortiGate GUI and specify the FortiManager IP address.



FortiAnalyzer log forwarding - Navigate to Log Settings in the FortiGate GUI and enable FortiAnalyzer log forwarding.



Navigate to Log Forwarding in the FortiAnalyzer GUI, specify the FortiManager Server Address and

select the FortiGate controller in **Device Filters**.

Edit Log Forwarding	
Name	AIOPS
Status	ON
Remote Server Type	○ FortiAnalyzer
Server IP	10.34.159.195
Server Port	514
Reliable Connection	OFF
Log Forwarding Filters	
Device Filters	FGT60ETK18099UHF
	Select Device +
Log Filters Enable Exclusions	OFF

Note: The syslog port is the default UDP port 514.

You are required to add a Syslog server in FortiManager, navigate to **System Settings > Advanced > Syslog Server**. Enter the name, IP address or FQDN of the syslog server, and the port.

Create New Syslog Server Settings				
Name	FortiAlOps			
IP address (or FQDN)	10.			
Syslog Server Port	514			

Additionally, configure the following Syslog settings via the CLI mode.

```
config system locallog syslogd3 setting
    set severity information
    set status enable
    set syslog-name "FortiAIOps"
end
```

For more information on configuration described in this section, see the FortiManager *Administration Guide* and *Log Message Reference*.

Getting Started

This section provides a summary of how to get started with FortiAlOps.

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- Enabling FortiAlOps on page 10
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ADOM and Non-ADOM Modes

You can manage FortiAlOps in the ADOM or non-ADOM mode. For more information on creating and managing ADOMs, see the *FortiManager Administration Guide*.

Notes:

- While creating an ADOM, select FortiGate version 6.4 or 7.0 to enable access to FortiAlOps.
- In the ADOM mode, you can add FortiGate controllers managed by the particular ADOM of the FortiManager. FortiAlOps configures and displays data for only the devices managed by the particular ADOM.
- In the non-ADOM mode, you can add any FortiGate controllers managed by FortiManager.
- If you move a FortiGate controller to a different ADOM, then it is directly managed in the new ADOM.

After you add FortiGates to FortiAlOps, it communicates with FortiManager to obtain data.

By default, ADOMs are disabled. Enabling and configuring ADOMs can only be done by super user administrators.

Enabling the ADOM Mode

To enable the ADOM mode, log in to the FortiManager as a super user administrator.

- 1. Go to System Settings > Dashboard.
- **2.** In the *System Information* widget, toggle the *Administrative Domain* switch to *ON*. You will be automatically logged out of the FortiManager and returned to the log in screen.

Disabling the ADOM Mode

To disable the ADOM Mode, you are required to remove all the devices from non-root ADOMs. That is, add all devices to the root ADOM.

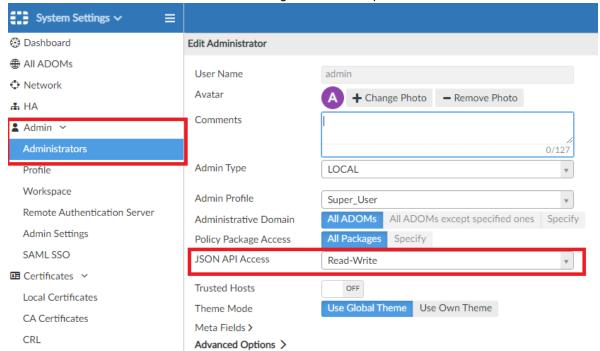
- Delete all non-root ADOMs.
 Only after removing all the non-root ADOMs can ADOMs be disabled.
- 2. Go to System Settings > Dashboard.
- **3.** In the *System Information* widget, toggle the *Administrative Domain* switch to *OFF*. You will be automatically logged out of the FortiManager and returned to the log in screen.

Note: The ADOMs feature cannot be disabled if ADOMs are still configured and have managed devices in them.

Enabling FortiAlOps

Follow this procedure to enable FortiAlOps.

- 1. Connect to the FortiManager GUI.
- 2. Navigate to System Settings > Administrators > Admin and set JSON API Access to Read-Write. This enables communication between FortiManager and FortiAlOps.



3. Navigate to Management Extensions and click the FortiAlOps tile.



Note: Ensure that the DNS server is reachable.

Device Management

This section describes managing licensing and FortiGate controllers.

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- Adding and Managing FortiGate Controllers on page 11

Licensing

FortiAlOps licensing quota is based on the number of managed FortiGate controllers. FortiAlOps base license allows managing 10 FortiGate controllers. For additional licensing requirements, contact the *Fortinet Customer Support* with the **System ID** displayed on the **Licenses** page or register with FortiCare.

The **Available Licenses** tab indicates the number of active licenses available for use with FortiAlOps and the **Unlicensed Devices** tab indicates the number of unlicensed devices in FortiAlOps.

Note: An unlicensed version of FortiAlOps allows managing only one FortiGate controller.

To upload the license file, click **Upload License** and navigate to the .lic file.



The license file is displayed with associated details such as license validity (start and expiry dates), the number of licenses and the uploaded license file name.



Adding and Managing FortiGate Controllers

You can import the FortiGate controllers from the FortiManager device database. In the ADOM mode, you can add FortiGate controllers managed by the particular ADOM and in the non-ADOM mode, you can add any controller managed by FortiManager. See section ADOM and Non-ADOM Modes on page 9. For details about adding model devices to FortiManager, see the *FortiManager Administration Guide*.

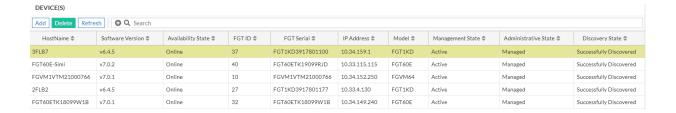
All FortiAPs and FortiSwitches managed by the imported controller are monitored by FortiAlOps.

Click **Add** and select the FortiGate controllers in **Device Selection**.



The added FortiGate controller is now listed.

Select a device and click **Delete** to delete the selected controller from FortiAlOps.



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SLA Configurations

This section explains how to configure Service Level Agreement (SLA) to define values to match network deployment and required thresholds.

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Time To Connect

These configurations compute the time taken by devices to connect to the network. Based on the configured thresholds, statistics are displayed in the Monitor on page 15 tab.

Configure the time (milliseconds) for the following stages of client connection to a network.

- Association The time taken to successfully associate.
- Authentication The time taken by associated clients to authenticate.
- DHCP The time taken by successfully associated and authenticated clients to receive a valid DHCP address.
- **DNS** The time taken by successfully associated, authenticated, and received a DHCP address clients to resolve their first DNS request.

Note: The default value for these parameters is 300 milliseconds and the valid range is 1 - 1000000 milliseconds.



AP Health and Switch Health

These configurations determine the health of the AP and switch based on the following set thresholds and display relevant statistics in the Monitor on page 15 tab.

- CPU usage
- Memory usage

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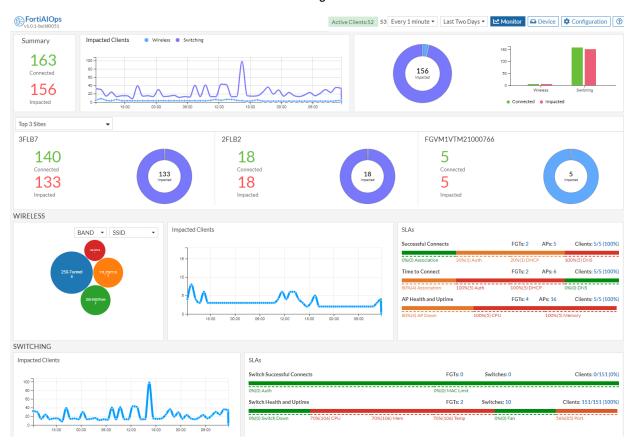
• Temperature

AP Health		
CPU	60	
Memory	60	
Switch Health		
CPU	60	
Memory	60	
Temperature	64.4	(°C)

The default value for the CPU and memory parameters is 60% and the default value for the temperature is 64.4 degree Celsius.

Monitor

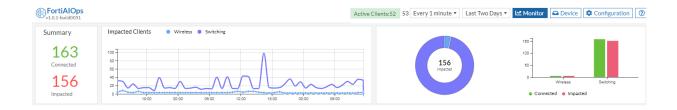
The FortiAlOps provides a comprehensive dashboard with detailed statistics and visualization for the wireless and switching clients. The information presented in the dashboard for impacted clients (failure to associate, authenticate, get a DHCP address, resolve DNS, and pass traffic on the wireless network) is pivotal for monitoring device health for diagnostic purpose. The dashboards present data in four panels - **Summary**, **Top 3 Sites**, **Wireless**, and **Switching**. Data is displayed in a series of charts and graphs, that you can filter based on time duration. Dashboard data is refreshed at a configurable interval.



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- Top 3 Sites on page 16
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Summary

The **Summary** panels displays data in charts and statistics for the total number of connected and impacted clients for switching and wireless. The total number of **Active Clients** is also displayed.



Top 3 Sites

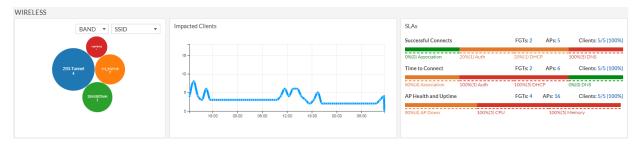
The **Top 3 Sites** panel allows you to view client data related to the top 3 FortiGate controllers with the highest number of associated clients. It also displays the total number of connected and impacted clients for each FortiGate controller.

You can view collective data for all 3 sites or select any one to view data.



Wireless

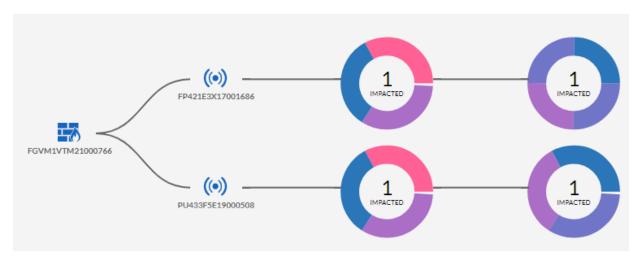
The **Wireless** panel allows you to filter data based on a specific SSID/Band or view the consolidated data for all SSIDs. The total number of impacted wireless clients at different time duration for the selected SSID/Band are displayed.



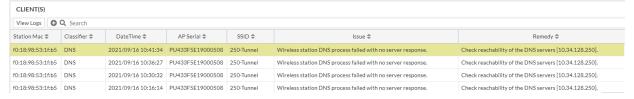
- Successful Connects Displays the failed/unsuccessful client connections based on different stages of
 connection to a network. For example, association failures due to low RSSI, authentication failures due to
 unreachable RADIUS server, DHCP failure due to a DHCP server process crash, or DNS failure due to an
 invalid DNS domain.
- Time to Connect Displays the clients that breach the configured SLA threshold values for these stages
 of connection, Association, Authentication, DHCP, and DNS. The actual value of time taken and
 configure Time to Connect threshold values are compared. See SLA Configurations on page 13.
- AP Health and Uptime Displays the AP health based on the configured AP health threshold values and the AP down status due to AP/FortiGate reboot, disabled switch port etc. See SLA Configurations on page 13.
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Topology

In the **Successful Connects**, **Time to Connect**, and **Ap Health and Uptime** panels, the associated impacted FortiGate controller, AP, and client counts are displayed, click on any of these counts to view the topology. This is a sample topology view.



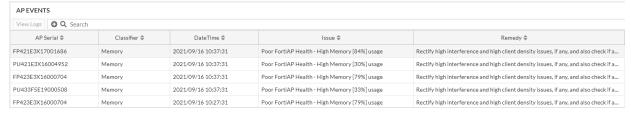
Furthermore, the impacted **Client** details such as the MAC address, the associated AP serial number and the SSID, the issue classifier/category and the sub-classifier, the issue description and the suggested remediation measure are displayed. In this image impacted client details for **Successful Connects** are displayed.



In this image impacted client details for **Time to Connect** are displayed.

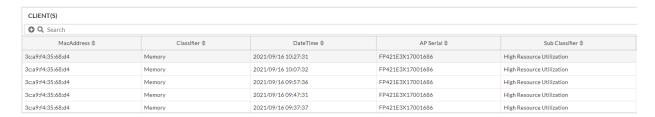


In the **Ap Health and Uptime**, the **AP Events** summary is displayed by default and provides details such as AP serial number, issue classifier/category and the sub-classifier, the issue description and the suggested remediation measure are displayed.



In the displayed topology for wireless AP health, click on the client donut to view the impacted client details similar to the **Successful Connects** and **Time to Connect** panels.

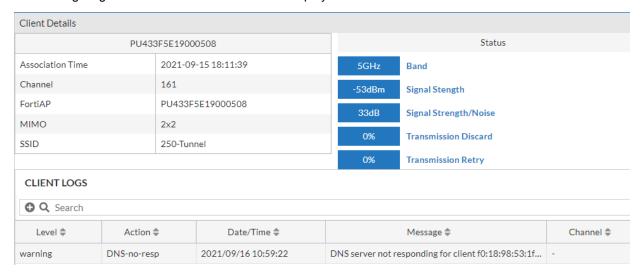
In this image impacted client details for AP Health and Uptime are displayed.



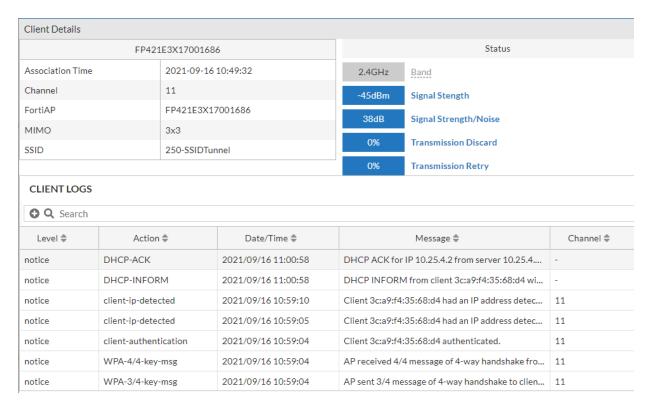
Logs

In the impacted client details displayed for **Successful Connects** and **Time to Connect** panels, select a specific client and click **View Logs** to view the raw logs associated with the impacted client. You can view **Client Details** such as the client device name, the name of the AP it is associated with and the time of association, associated SSID, and operational details such as the channel and the MIMO mode. The client **Status** such as the associated bandwidth (2.5GHZ/5GHZ), signal strength (RSSI), signal noise, rate of transmission discard and rate of transmission retry between the client and the AP. The **Client Logs** display the time stamp of each action and action classification as notice, warning, etc., and the action details and the associated channel.

In this image logs for Successful Connects are displayed.

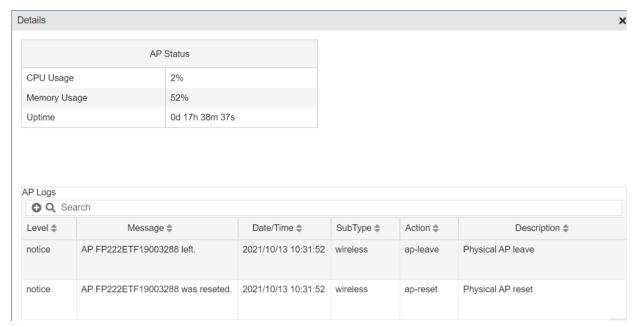


In this image logs for **Time to Connect** are displayed.

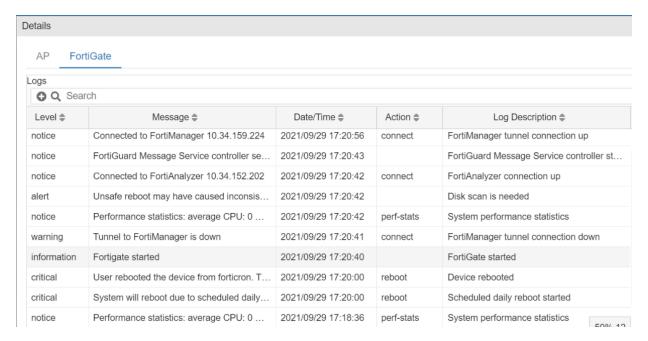


In the AP events displayed for the **Ap Health and Uptime** panel, select an event and click **View Logs**. The logs display details based on specific events triggered by FortiAP, FortiSwitch, and/or FortiGate.

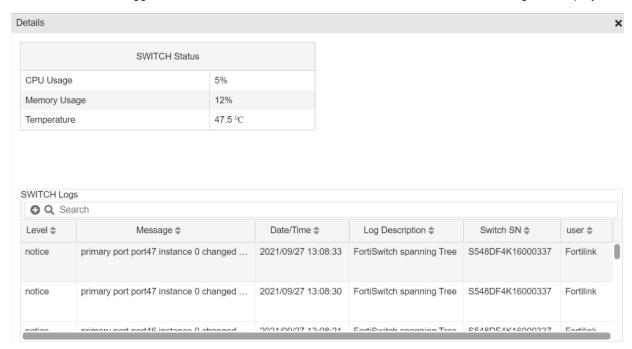
For AP health related events like poor CPU and memory, the AP status and logs are displayed.



For AP down events triggered due to FortiAP/FortiGate failure, the AP status and logs, and FortiGate logs are displayed.



For AP down events triggered due to FortiSwitch related failure, the FortiSwitch status and logs are displayed.



Switching

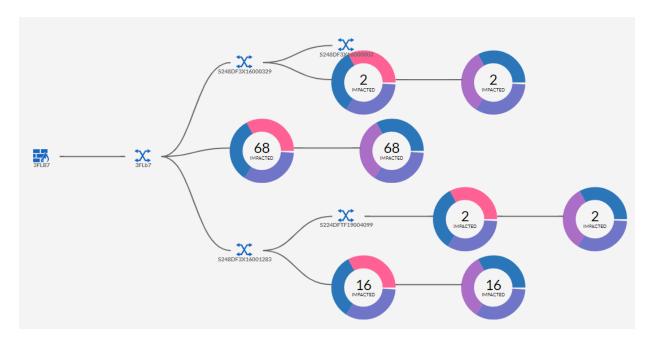
The Switching panel displays the total number of impacted clients and SLA data.



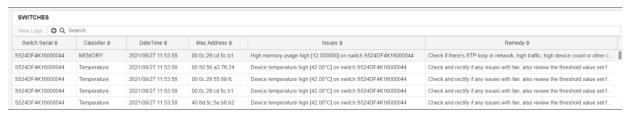
- **Switch Successful Connects** Displays the failed/unsuccessful client connections based on authentication events such as MAC authentication and 801x authentication and MAC learning limit.
- **Switch Health and Uptime** Displays the switch health based on the configured switch health threshold values and the status of the switch (Up/Down).
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Topology

The associated impacted FortiGate controller, switch, and client count is also displayed, click on each of these counts to view the topology.



The impacted switch details such as the switch serial number, MAC address, issue classifier and sub-classifier, the issues description, and suggested remediation are displayed.



Logs

Select a particular switch and click **View Logs**, the time stamp of each action, the type of action such as notice, warning, etc., and the impact details are displayed. Different data tabs are displayed based on the selected issue/failure.

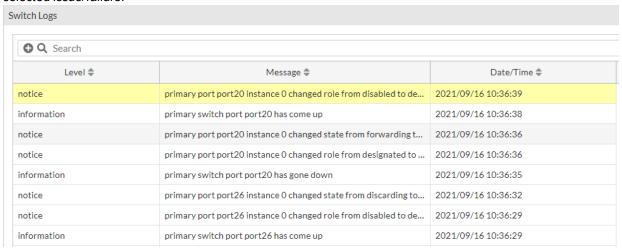
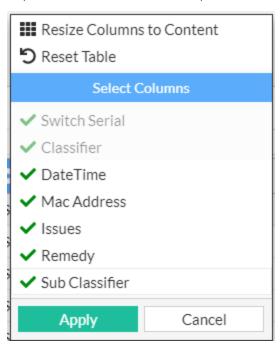


Table Filter

The data displayed in tabular format in the monitor page is filterable based on columns, you can group data by a specific column or filter data for specific values.

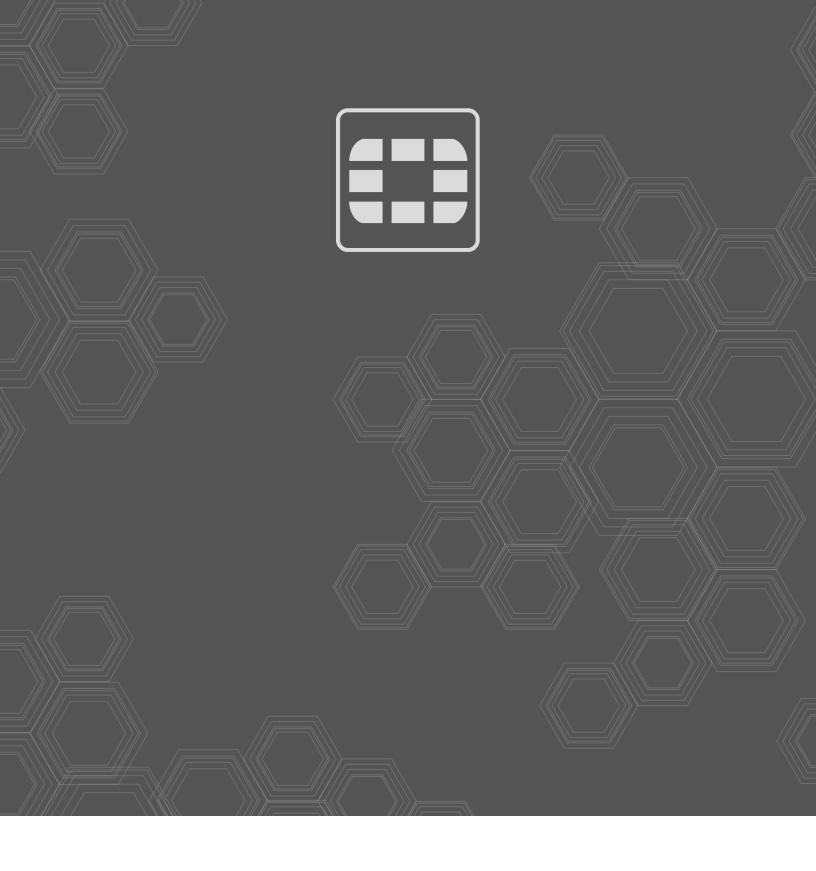


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Special Notes

The following are applicable in this release of FortiAlOps.

- FortiAlOps data backup and restore is not supported.
- Client raw logs are displayed are not specific to the particular failure.
- Donuts in the Monitor page are not click-able.



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