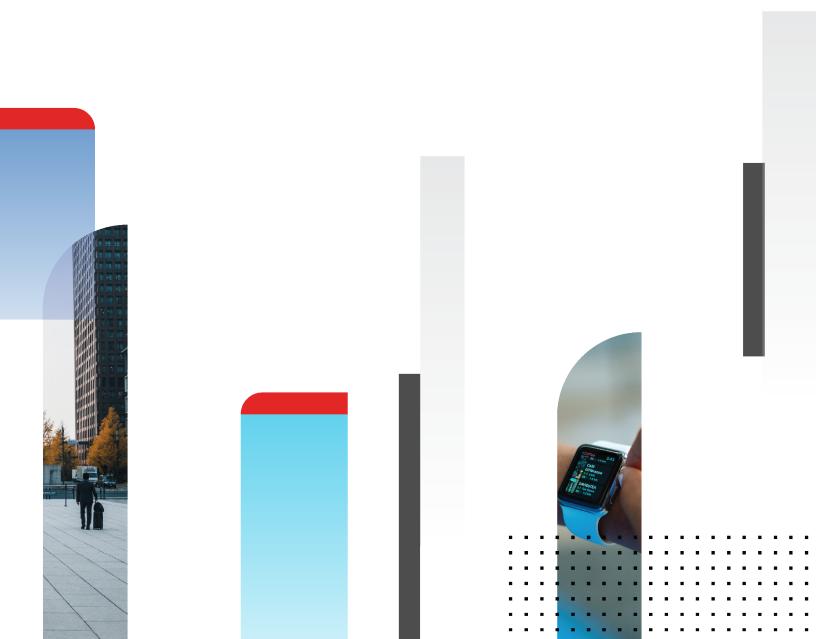


Administration Guide

FortiSigConverter MEA 1.0.0 Beta



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Change Log

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2020-10-22	Initial release of 1.0.0 Beta.
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Introduction

When enabled, FortiSigConverter MEA is installed on FortiManager. FortiSigConverter MEA is a management extension application (MEA) that is released and signed by Fortinet to run on FortiManager.



FortiSigConverter MEA requires FortiManager 6.4.3 or later, and you must be in ADOM version 6.4 or later to access FortiSigConverter MEA.

You can use FortiSigConverter MEA to import Snort signature files for FortiManager to use.

Key concepts

Snort is a popular open source Network Intrusion Detection System (NIDS). FortiManager can use Snort signature files after you import them into FortiSigConverter MEA and convert them to Fortinet supported IPS signatures.

ADOM support

FortiSigConverter MEA requires FortiManager 6.4.3 or later, and you must be in ADOM version 6.4 or later to access FortiSigConverter MEA.

FortiManager 6.4.3 to 7.0.1 supports FortiSigConverter MEA only in the root ADOM.

FortiManager 7.0.2 and later supports FortiSigConverter MEA in multiple ADOMs. When ADOMs are enabled, you only need to enable FortiSigConverter MEA once to make it available in all ADOMs. FortiSigConverter MEA is unique in each ADOM.

How FortiSigConverter MEA works with FortiManager

When you import Snort signature files to FortiSigConverter MEA, FortiSigConverter MEA converts them to Fortinet supported IPS signatures. You can push one or more signature rules to FortiManager to make them available as objects that you can select in FortiManager policies.

FortiSigConverter MEA communicates directly with FortiManager by using the API.

Quick start

This section provides a summary of how to get started with FortiSigConverter MEA:

- 1. Enable FortiSigConverter MEA. See Enabling FortiSigConverter MEA on page 6.
- 2. Import Snort signature files to FortiSigConverter MEA. See Importing Snort signature files on page 7. If you are using FortiManager 7.0.2 or later with ADOMs enabled, ensure you are in the correct ADOM before importing Snort signature files.
- 3. View converted Snort signature rules. See Viewing converted signature rules on page 9.
- **4.** Push converted signature rules to FortiManager. See Pushing converted signature rules to FortiManager on page 10.
- **5.** View signature rules on the *Policy & Objects* module in FortiManager. See Viewing signature rules on FortiManager on page 11.

After you push converted signature rules from FortiSigConverter MEA to FortiManager, they are displayed as custom IPS signatures on the *Policy & Objects* module.

- 6. Export information from FortiSigConverter MEA about imported Snort signature files.
 - For information about imported Snort signature files, see Exporting Snort file lists on page 13.
 - For information about converted signature rules, see Exporting converted signature lists on page 14.
- 7. View the audit log. See Viewing the audit log on page 14.

You can also delete Snort files and converted signature rules from FortiSigConverter MEA. See Deleting imported Snort files on page 12.

Enabling FortiSigConverter MEA

FortiManager provides access to FortiSigConverter MEA that is released and signed by Fortinet.



Only administrators with a *Super_User* profile can enable management extension applications.

A CA certificate is required to install management extension applications on FortiManager.

To enable FortSigConverter:

- 1. Ensure you are using ADOM version 6.4 or later.
 - You must be in the root ADOM, if you are using FortiManager 6.4.3 to 7.0.1.
 - If you are using FortiManager 7.0.2 or later, you can enable FortiSigConverter MEA in any ADOM that is version 6.4 or later, if ADOMs are enabled, and FortiSigConverter MEA becomes available for use in all ADOMs.
- 2. Go to Management Extensions.
- Click the grayed out tile for FortiSigConverter MEA to enable the application.
 Grayed out tiles represent disabled Fortinet management extension applications. In the following example, SD-WAN Orchestrator and Wireless Manager are disabled.



4. Click *OK* in the dialog that appears. It may take some time to install the application.

To enable FortiSigConverter MEA in the CLI:

config system docker
 set fortisigconverter enable
end

Importing Snort signature files

Use the *IPS Custom Signature* module to import Snort signature files directly into FortiSigConverter MEA. After the signatures are converted to supported IPS signatures, you can use FortiSigConverter MEA to push the signature rules to FortiManager.



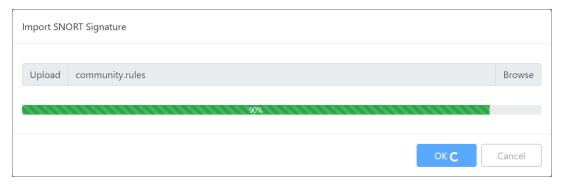
When ADOMs are enabled in FortiManager 7.0.2 and later, you must select the correct ADOM before you import Snort signature files into FortiSigConverter MEA. Because FortiSigConverter MEA is unique in each ADOM, the converted signature rules are only available for use in the same ADOM. If you want to use the same Snort signatures in two or more ADOMs, you must import the Snort signatures into the FortiSigConverter MEA in each ADOM where you want to use the converted signature rules.

To import a Snort signature file:

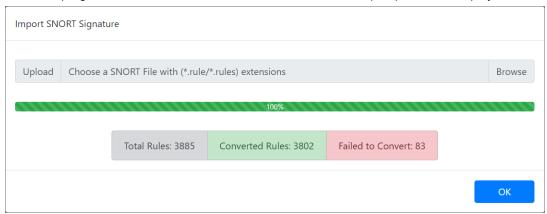
1. Go to *IPS Custom Signature*, and click *Import SNORT Signature*. The *Import SNORT Signature* dialog box is displayed.



- Click Browse to locate the Snort signature file, and then click Open.
 Alternately, you can drag and drop the Snort signature file on to the dialog box.
 The selected Snort signature file is displayed in the Import SNORT Signature dialog box.
- Click OK.The import process starts, and a progress bar is displayed.

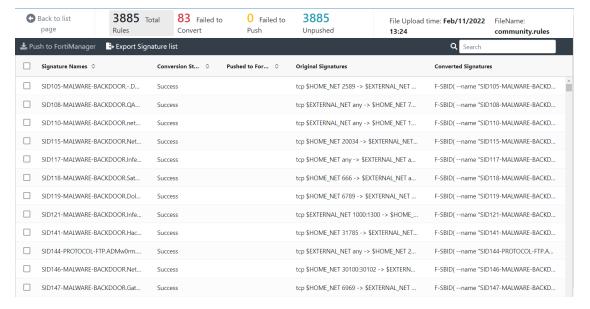


When the progress reaches 100%, status information about the import process is displayed.



4. Click *OK* to complete the import process.

The list of converted signatures is displayed. The *Conversion Status* column displays the status of each converted rule.

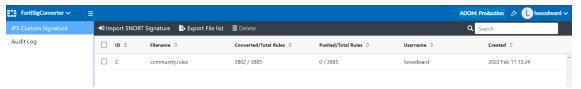


Viewing converted signature rules

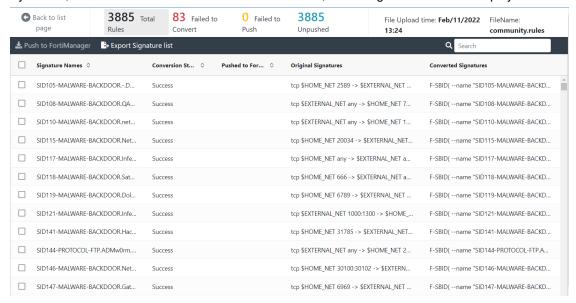
After Snort signature files are imported to FortiSigConverter MEA, you can view a list of converted signature rules and filter the list by clicking each column heading.

To view imported Snort signature rules:

Go to IPS Custom Signature.
 The list of imported Snort files is displayed.



Click a Snort file to view its list of converted signature rules.
 By default, the <number> Total Rules column is selected, and all signature rules are displayed.



- 3. Click each column heading to filter the list of displayed signature rules.
 - Click <number> Failed to Convert to display only the signature rules that failed to convert from Snort signature
 files to Fortinet supported IPS signatures.
 - Click <number> Failed to Push to display only the signature rules that failed to be pushed from FortiSigConverter MEA to FortiManager.
 - Click <number> Unpushed to display signature rules that have not yet been pushed from FortiSigConverter MEA to FortiManager.
- 4. Click < number > Total Rules to display all signature rules again.

Pushing converted signature rules to FortiManager

After you import Snort signature files to FortiSigConverter MEA, the signature rules are automatically converted to a Fortinet supported format, and you can push the converted signature rules to FortiManager.

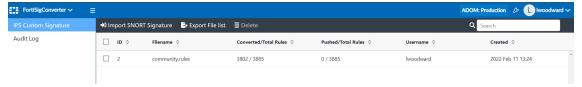


If you are using FortiManager 7.0.2 and later and ADOMs are enabled, ensure you are in the correct ADOM. You can only push converted signature rules to the *Policy & Objects* module in the same ADOM as FortiSigConverter MEA.

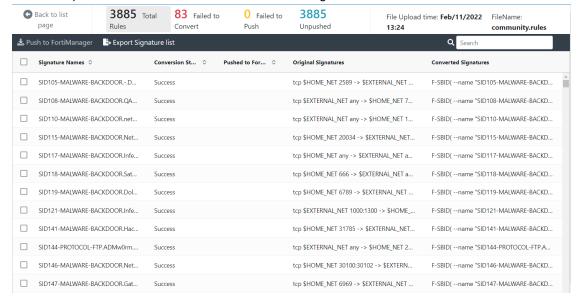
After you push converted signature rules from FortiSigConverter MEA to FortiManager, they are displayed as custom IPS signatures on the *Policy & Objects* module.

To push converted signature rules:

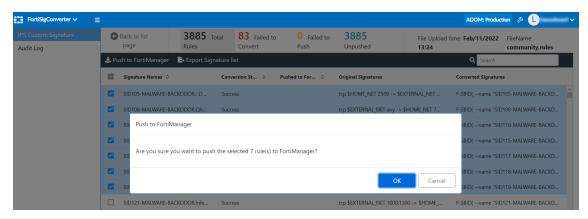
Go to IPS Custom Signature.
 The list of imported Snort signature files is displayed.



2. Click an imported Snort file to view its list of converted signature rules.

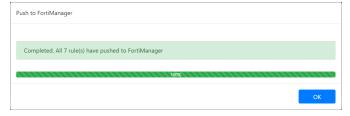


3. Select one or more signature rules, and click *Push to FortiManager*. A confirm dialog box is displayed.



4. Click OK.

A progress bar displays the status.



5. When the progress bar displays 100%, click *OK* to complete the process.

Viewing signature rules on FortiManager

After you push converted signature rules from FortiSigConverter MEA to FortiManager, they are displayed as custom IPS signatures on the *Policy & Objects* module.

This section describes how to view custom IPS signatures in the following versions of FortiManager:

- For FortiManager 7.0, see FortiManager 7.0 on page 11.
- For FortiManager 6.4, see FortiManager 6.4 on page 12.

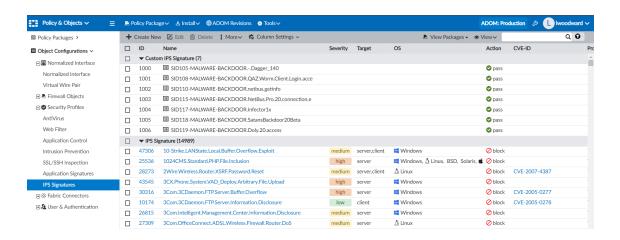
FortiManager 7.0

In FortiManager 7.0.2 and later, ensure that you are in the correct ADOM, if ADOMs are enabled. You must be in the same ADOM where you imported Snort signature files to FortiSigConverter MEA. FortiSigConverter MEA is unique in each ADOM.

To view custom IPS signatures in FortiManager:

- 1. In FortiManager, go to Policy & Objects, and expand Object Configurations.
- 2. In the tree menu, expand Security Profiles > IPS Signature.

 The custom IPS signatures from FortiSigConverter MEA are displayed in the content pane.



FortiManager 6.4

In FortiManager 6.4.x, you must enable *IPS Custom Signature* display options before you can view signatures from FortiSigConverter MEA in FortiManager.

You must be in the root ADOM.

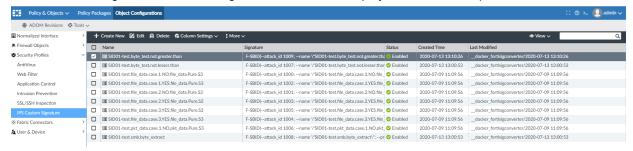
To display custom IPS signatures in FortiManager:

- 1. In FortiManager, go to Policy & Objects > Object Configurations.
- 2. In the banner, click Tools > Display Options.
- 3. In the Security Profiles module, select IPS Custom Signature.
- 4. Click OK.

To view custom IPS signatures in FortiManager:

- 1. In FortiManager, go to Policy & Objects > Object Configurations.
- 2. In the tree menu, go to Security Profiles > IPS Custom Signature.

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Deleting imported Snort files

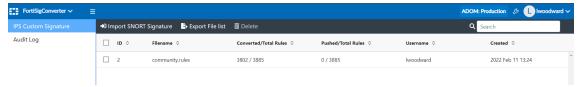
After you import Snort files to FortiSigConverter MEA, you can delete the Snort file and all of its converted signature rules from FortiSigConverter MEA.



When you delete a Snort file from FortiSigConverter MEA, the corresponding custom IPS signatures on the *Policy & Objects* module in FortiManager are not automatically deleted. You must manually delete custom IPS signatures from the *Policy & Objects* module in FortiManager.

To delete imported Snort files:

Go to IPS Custom Signature.
 The list of imported Snort files is displayed.



- 2. In the *ID* column, select a Snort file, and click *Delete*. A confirmation dialog box is displayed.
- 3. Click OK.
 - A progress bar is displayed.
- 4. When the progress reaches 100%, click OK.



The Snort file and all its converted signature rules are removed from FortiSigConverter MEA.

Exporting Snort file lists

You can export a list of Snort files that have been imported into FortiSigConverter MEA. An export.csv file of information is downloaded to your computer.

To export a Snort file list:

- Go to IPS Custom Signature.
 The list of imported Snort files is displayed.
- 2. In the toolbar, click *Export File list*.

 An export.csv file is downloaded to your computer.

The report contains the following information:

ID	The ID number for the Snort file import.
Filename	The name of the Snort signature file imported into FortiSigConverter MEA.
Converted/Total	The number of signature rules converted to Fortinet supported IPS signatures.

Rules	
Pushed/Total Rules	The number of signature rules pushed to FortiManager.
Username	The username of the admin who imported the signature file.
Created	The date the file was imported into FortiSigConverter MEA.

Exporting converted signature lists

After you import a Snort signature file into FortiSigConverter MEA, you can export a list of converted signatures. An export.csv file of information is downloaded to your computer.

To export a converted signature list:

- **1.** Go to *IPS Custom Signature*. The list of imported Snort files is displayed.
- 2. Click a Snort file to view its list of converted signatures.
- 3. In the toolbar, click Export Signature list.

An export.csv file is downloaded to your computer and contains the following information:

Signature Names	The IPS signature name.
Conversion Status	The conversion status. TRUE = The conversion was successful. FALSE = The conversion failed.
Pushed to FortiManager	Indicates if the signature rule was pushed to FortiManager. 1 = The signature rule was pushed to FortiManager. -1 = The signature rule was not pushed to FortiManager.
Original Signatures	The Snort signature before it was converted in FortiSigConverter MEA.
Converted Signatures	The signature after it was converted to a supported IPS signature.

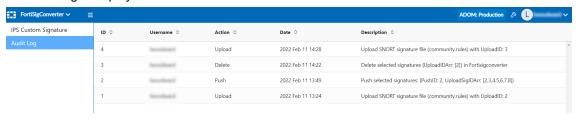
Viewing the audit log

The audit log displays a list of actions performed in FortiSigConverter MEA for the ADOM.

If ADOMs are enabled in FortiManager 7.0.2 or later, you must select the correct ADOM before you can view audit log for FortiSigConverter MEA.

To view the audit log:

- 1. If ADOMs are enabled, ensure you are in the correct ADOM.
- **2.** Go to FortiSigConverter MEA > Audit Log. The audit log is displayed.



More information

FortiSigConverter MEA is available as a management extension application with FortiManager. For information about FortiSigConverter MEA, see the FortiManager page on the Document Library.



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