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Change Log

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2022-09-19	Initial release.
2023-05-01	Updated Obtaining the deployment image on page 6.

Deploying FortiProxy-VM on Google Cloud Compute Engine

This guide describes deploying FortiProxy-VM on Google Cloud Compute Engine. This deployment consists of the following steps:

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Obtaining the deployment image

To obtain the deployment image:

- 1. Go to the Fortinet support site and log in.
- 2. Go to Support > Firmware Download.
- 3. From the Select Product dropdown list, select FortiProxy.
- 4. Click the *Download* tab and browse to the required version.
- **5.** Download the deployment package file by clicking *HTTPS* at the end of the row. The deployment package file is named *FPX_KVM_GCP-vX00-buildXXXX-FORTINET.out.gcp.tar.gz*, where vX00 is the major version number and XXXX is the build number.



This deployment method only applies for BYOL.

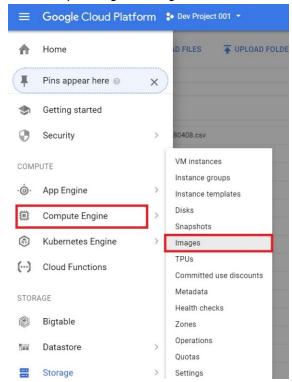
Uploading the FortiProxy deployment image to Google Cloud

To upload the FortiProxy deployment image to Google Cloud:

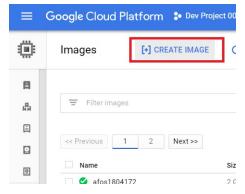
- 1. Log into Google Cloud.
- 2. Go to Cloud Storage > Browser.
- 3. Create a new bucket or go to an existing bucket.
- 4. Upload the newly downloaded deployment file.

Creating the FortiProxy deployment image

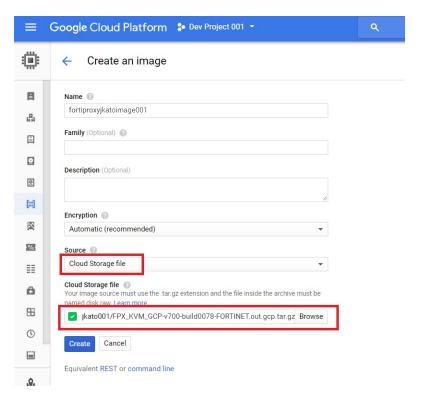
1. Go to Compute Engine > Images.



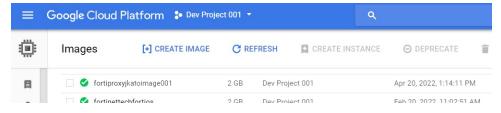
2. Click CREATE IMAGE.



3. On the *Create an image* page, enter the desired name. Under *Source*, select *Cloud Storage file*, then browse to the location of the deployment image file. Click *Create*.

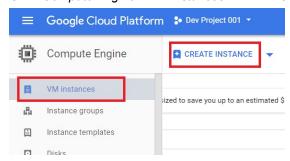


The image is listed on the *Images* pane.

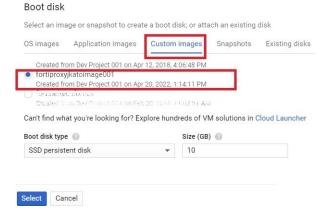


Deploying the FortiProxy-VM instance

1. Go to Compute Engine > VM Instances and click CREATE INSTANCE.



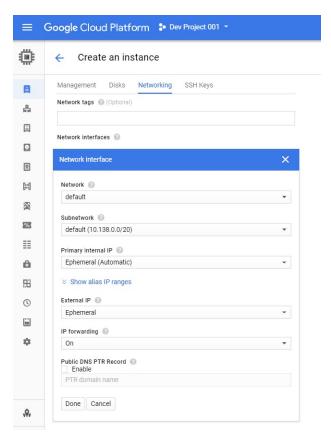
- 2. Configure the instance:
 - a. In the Name field, enter the desired name. Select the desired zone and machine type.
 - b. Under Boot disk, click Change.
 - **c.** On the *Custom images* tab, select the newly created image.
 - **d.** Change the boot disk type as needed, enter 10 for the Size, then click Select.



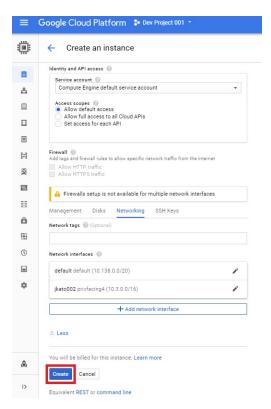
e. Ensure the new image is selected then select Allow HTTPS traffic.

You will access the FortiProxy management console using HTTPS. If you allocate multiple network interfaces to the FortiProxy, this is nullified at this stage. You can configure this later. See Configuring Google Cloud firewall rules on page 17.

- **f.** Click *Networking*. Two network interfaces will be specified, one on the public-facing side of the internet and the other facing a protected private network.
- **g.** Edit the first network interface. Assign a static IP address and under *IP Forwarding* select *On*. Configure other items as needed and click *Done*.



- h. Click *Add network interface* to add the second interface for the private subnet. If you click *Network* there will be the list of preconfigured networks. Choose the one located in the same region as you chose to deploy the instance and under *External IP* select *None*.
- 3. After configuring all elements, click *Create*.



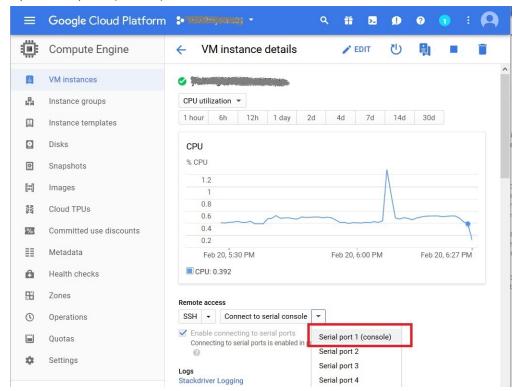
After 15 to 30 minutes, the instance should be up and running.

Connecting to the FortiProxy-VM

To connect to the FortiProxy-VM, you need your login credentials and its public DNS address.

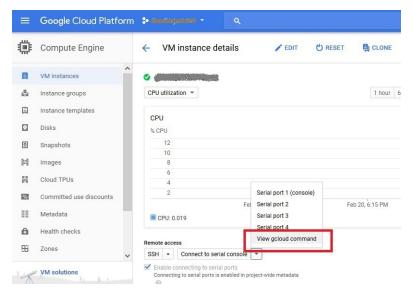
To connect to the FortiProxy-VM:

- 1. Choose the instance from the list of instances on the VM Instances page.
- 2. Depending on how you provisioned the instance, you must use the instance ID or the FortiProxy_user_password as the password. The instance ID is represented as a number that can be found after locating the instance in the GCP Compute Engine console.
 - **a.** There are two methods to obtain the instance ID. To use the instance ID as the password, do one of the following:
 - i. Open Serial port 1 (console) as seen.

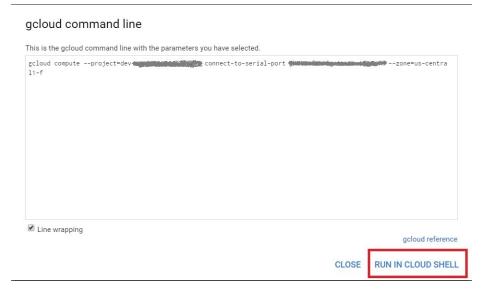


The first time you access the serial console, you will find the instance ID, represented as a number. This is the login password.

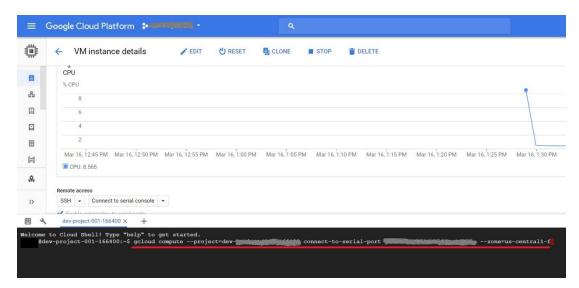
ii. Select View gcloud command on the VM instance details.



iii. Click RUN IN CLOUD SHELL.



iv. By default, a command is shown as underlined in the following example. Delete the command shown underlined.



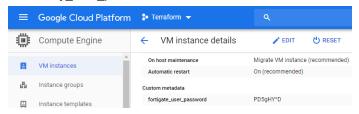
V. Enter the following command: gcloud compute instances describe <instance name>.

```
Welcome to Cloud Shell! Type "help" to get started.
@dev-project-001-166400:~$ gcloud compute instances describe
```

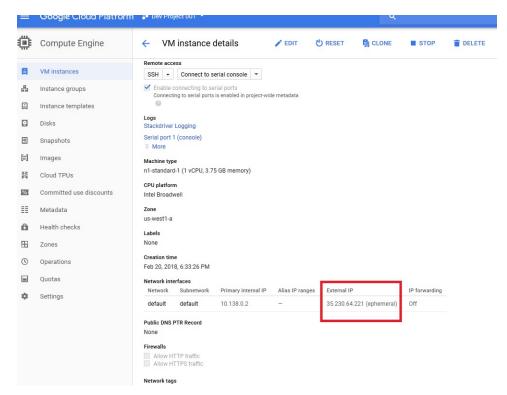
vi. You will see a line starting with id: '<number>'. This is the FortiProxy initial login password.

You can also enter gcloud compute instances describe <instance_name> | grep id: This number is the login password.

b. To use the FortiProxy_user_password as the password, go to the *VM instance details* page and find the FortiProxy_user_password under *Custom metadata*.



3. Open an HTTPS session using the FortiProxy-VM's public DNS address in your browser (https://<public_DNS>). You can find the FortiProxy-VM's public IP address on the *VM instance details* page.



4. Access the FortiProxy in your browser.



- **5.** You will see a certificate error message from the browser. This is expected since browsers do not recognize the default self-signed FortiProxy certificate. Proceed past the error message.
- **6.** Log into the FortiProxy-VM with the username admin and the password (the instance ID or fortiproxy_user_ password, depending on how you provisioned this instance).
- 7. Upload your license (.lic) file to activate the FortiProxy-VM. The FortiProxy-VM automatically restarts. After it restarts, wait about 30 minutes until the license is fully registered at Fortinet, and log in again.

You can now see the FortiProxy dashboard. The information in the main dashboard varies depending on the instance type.

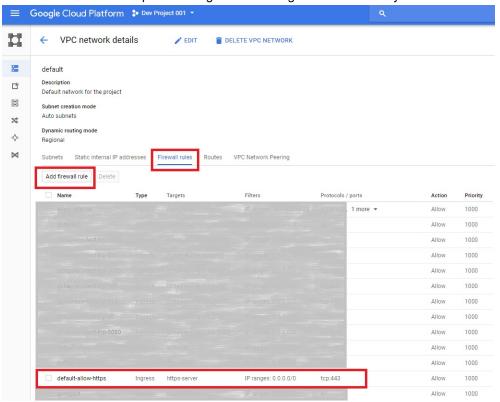
You are encouraged to change the initial password at the top right corner of the FortiProxy GUI.

Configuring Google Cloud firewall rules

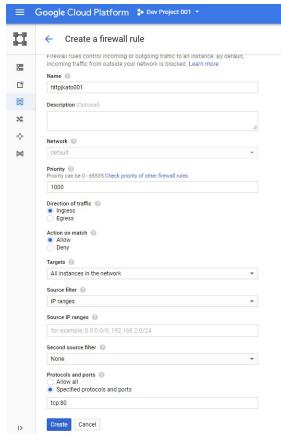
You must open incoming port(s) to access FortiProxy over the Internet.

HTTPS is the first port that is needed. Other ports are optional depending on what features are enabled. See *FortiProxy Ports* for a list of incoming and outgoing ports.

1. Go to the VPC where the public-facing subnet belongs for the FortiProxy.



2. Select Firewall rule, then Add firewall rule if the required port is not open.

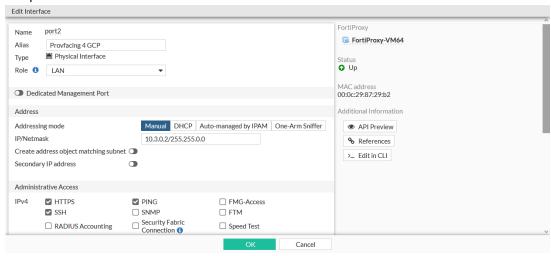


Configuring the second NIC on the FortiProxy-VM

After logging into the FortiProxy management GUI, you must manually configure the second NIC. Otherwise, the configuration is empty.

To configure the second NIC on the FortiProxy-VM:

- 1. Go to Network > Interfaces. port2's IP address/netmask is shown as 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.
- 2. Edit port2 and enter the IP address and netmask.



3. Configure the remaining settings as required, then click OK.

Configuring static routing in FortiProxy-VM

By default, Google Compute virtual machine (VM) instances' network configuration use single host (/32 net mask) subnets regardless of the subnet CIDR configuration. The internal IP address and routes are assigned to the VM using the dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP), but in some cases, you may need to configure addresses and routing statically in FortiProxy. This guide describes configuring static IP addresses and routing for such requirements.



You can affect the way that subnets work on a per-VM basis during VM deployment using the MULTI_IP_SUBNET guest operating system feature, which is described at the end of this guide. As some Fortinet templates use this feature, confirm whether your deployment uses MULTI IP SUBNET or the standard networking scheme before continuing.

Configuring static network settings

Assigning a static internal IP address in GCP

By default, GCP assigns a VM instance an ephemeral internal IP address every time it is started. Before you configure a static IP address in FortiProxy, ensure that Google Compute will always use the same IP address.

To assign a static internal IP address in GCP:

- 1. Open VM instance details for the FortiProxy.
- 2. Click Edit.
- 3. Under Network interfaces, click the pencil icon to edit a desired network interface's properties.
- **4.** From the *Internal IP type* dropdown list, select *Static*. This reserves the currently used internal IP address. This option is only available for instances that are currently running. You can assign a custom internal IP address for a stopped instance by changing its NIC properties.
- **5.** Enter a name for the reserved internal IP address.
- 6. Repeat steps 3-6 for all required network interfaces.

Configuring static addressing in FortiProxy

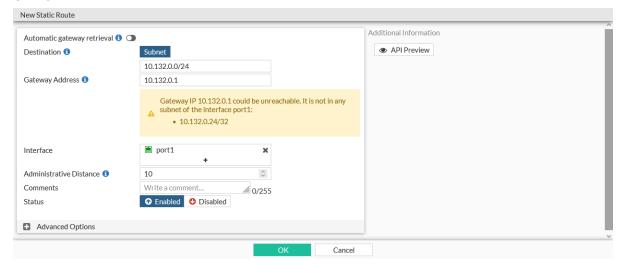


You must following the proper order of actions as documented. Changing interface settings before configuring routing results in loss of communication with the FortiProxy, which you can recover using CLI commands over a serial console.

To configure static addressing in FortiProxy:

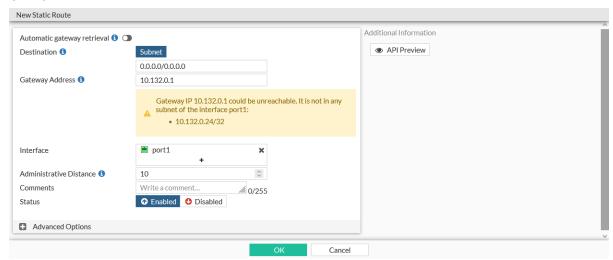
- 1. Log in to the FortiProxy GUI.
- 2. Go to Network > Static Routes.

- 3. Configure a route to the first IP address in the subnet with a netmask of 255.255.255.255:
 - a. Click Create New.
 - **b.** In the *Destination* field, enter the required subnet.
 - c. For Gateway Address, select Specify and enter 0.0.0.0.
 - **d.** From the *Interface* dropdown list, select the required interface.
 - e. Click OK.
- 4. Configure a route to the local subnet CIDR:
 - a. Click Create New.
 - **b.** In the *Destination* field, enter the required subnet.
 - **c.** For *Gateway Address*, enter the first IP address in the subnet. In this example, it is 10.132.0.1. The FortiProxy GUI displays a warning that the gateway IP address is unreachable through the interface. You can disregard this error, as the first configured route mitigates it.
 - **d.** From the *Interface* dropdown list, select the desired interface.
 - e. Click OK.



- 5. If you are configuring the port1 interface, which FortiProxy typically uses for egress traffic to the Internet, metadata service, and the Google API, you must configure a default route using gateway settings:
 - a. Click Create New.
 - **b.** In the *Destination* field, enter 0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0.
 - **c.** For *Gateway Address*, enter the same IP address configured as the gateway address for the route to the local subnet CIDR. In this example, it is 10.132.0.1.
 - **d.** From the *Interface* dropdown list, select *port1*.

e. Click OK.



- 6. Go to Network > Interfaces.
- 7. Double-click the required interface.
- **8.** Under *Addressing mode*, select *Manual*. FortiProxy automatically populates the proper IP address with a 255.255.255 netmask.
- 9. Click OK.

Load balancer routes

If your FortiProxy is accepting connections via a load balancer (LB), you must additionally configure routes to the health probes' IP ranges on each interface receiving traffic. This prevents the reverse path forwarding check from blocking the health probes. The IP ranges are different for different LB types. Google documents the ranges. For the internal LB, the ranges are 35.191.0.0/16 and 130.211.0.0/22.

The 0.0.0.0/0 route on the external interface covers the ranges that the external network LB uses.

MULTI_IP_SUBNET scheme

MULTI_IP_SUBNET is a guest operating system feature flag, which you can enable when creating the VM by using the command line, a deployment manager template, or Terraform. The following shows the commands:

```
gcloud compute instances create ...
--quest-os-features MULTI IP SUBNET
```

The following shows the deployment manager template:

```
- type: compute.v1.instance
properties:
    disks:
    - boot: true
```

```
guestOsFeatures:
- type: MULTI_IP_SUBNET
```

You can verify that the instance was created using this option by clicking Equivalent REST at the bottom of the VM Instance details page or describing the instance using gcloud commands.

The MULTI_IP_SUBNET scheme simplifies configuring routing in FortiProxys. It uses the subnet configuration known from on-premise networks, where the interface IP address is configured with the subnet's full netmask, instead of 255.255.255.255. Static route configuration in FortiProxy is necessary only for the CIDRs not directly connected to the firewall.



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