Connectors Guide

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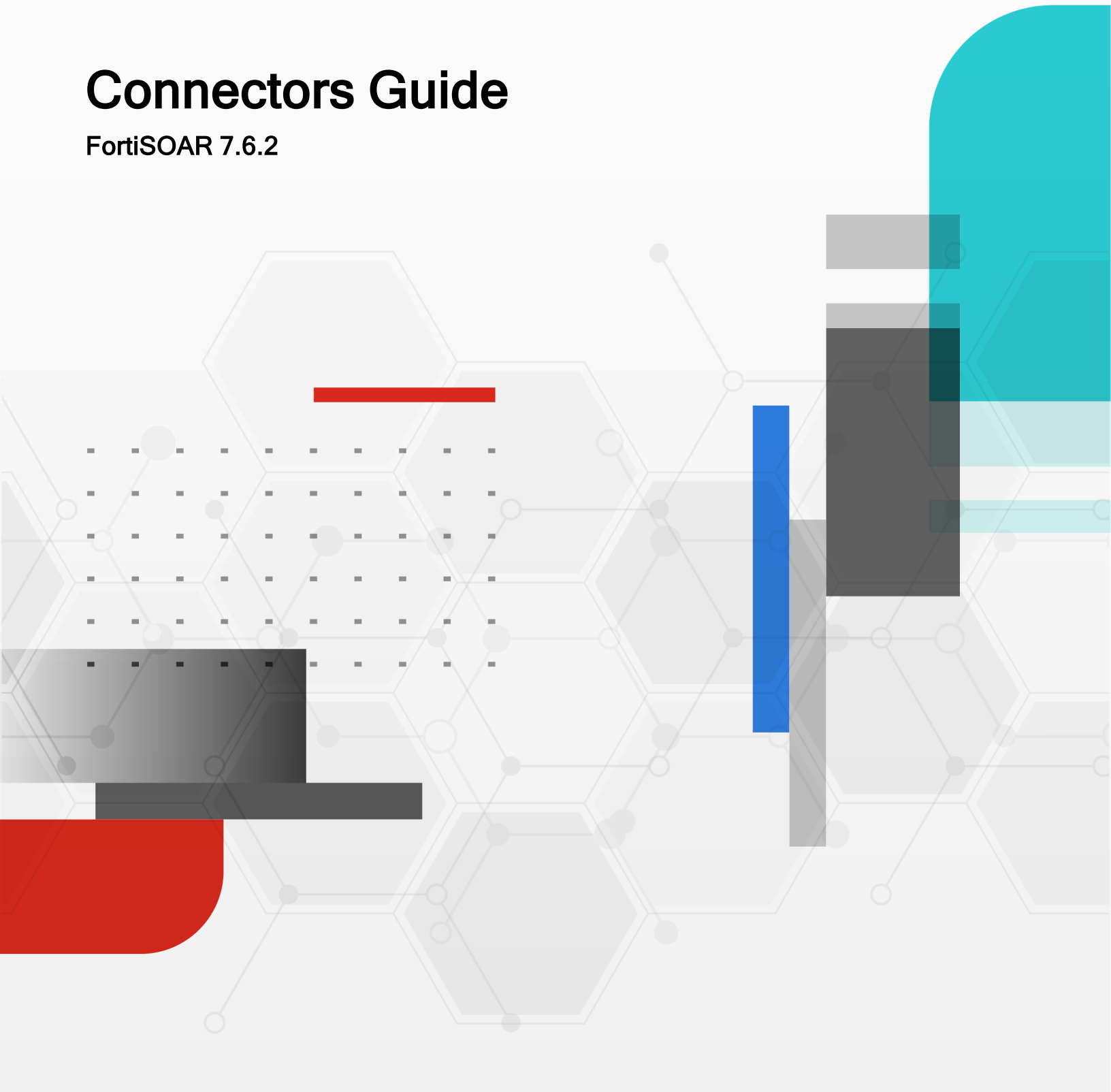

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Introduction to connectors

Connectors are used to send and retrieve data from various third-party sources. Using connectors, you can connect to external cyber security tools and perform various automated interactions using FortiSOAR™ playbooks.

FortiSOAR has already developed several connectors that can be used to integrate with many external cyber security tools like SIEMs, such as Splunk, and Ticketing systems such as Jira. Connector-specific documentation that is included with each connector covers the process of installing, configuring, and using these connectors. You can see a list of published connectors on the Fortinet Support Site.

If your FortiSOAR instance is in an air gapped environment, then ensure that you add the URL or IP address of the connector to the allowlist of your Firewall or Proxy servers. Some examples:
For VirusTotal: https://www.virustotal.com
For Have I Been Pwned: https://haveibeenpwned.com
For Alien Vault OTX: https://otx.alienvault.com
For Recorded Future: https://api.recordedfuture.com
For Cisco AMP For Endpoint: https://api.amp.cisco.com
For Microsoft Sentinel: https://management.azure.com
For Active Directory: Your Active Directory Product Server URL or IP Address

FortiSOAR also provides you with several pre-installed connectors or built-ins such as the Utilities connector, Database connector, IMAP, SMTP, etc. that you can use within FortiSOAR playbooks, as a connector step, and perform automated operations.

Integrations are run using the `fsr-integrations` user, therefore, code snippets that try to write on a file system that is outside `/opt/cyops-integrations` or `/tmp` might be impacted and you also need to ensure appropriate permissions have been given to the `fsr-integrations` user.
Writing on file systems using code snippets outside `/tmp` is highly discouraged.

You can write a custom connector that can retrieve data from custom sources. You can then use the connector either standalone or within FortiSOAR playbooks and perform automated operations. You can write a custom connector manually, or you can use the FortiSOAR Rapid Development Kit (RDK) to develop your custom connector. For more information on writing custom connectors, see the Building your own connector chapter.

Use the Connector Store (Content Hub) in the FortiSOAR UI to easily view, search, install, update, and uninstall connectors that are part of the FortiSOAR repository. You can also specify connector configuration using a jinja variable that contains the connector configuration name.

In Release 7.2.0, the Connector navigation take you to the Content Hub with the relevant 'Connectors' filter selected for browsing ease.

Connector Store

Use the Connector Store to easily view, search, install, upgrade, and uninstall connectors that are part of the FortiSOAR repository. Therefore, you can now perform these operations using the FortiSOAR UI instead of the required CLI access. The Content Hub contains all out-of-the-box reference material and product add-ons such as connectors, widgets, and solution packs; whereas the Connector Store has been filtered to display only Connectors.

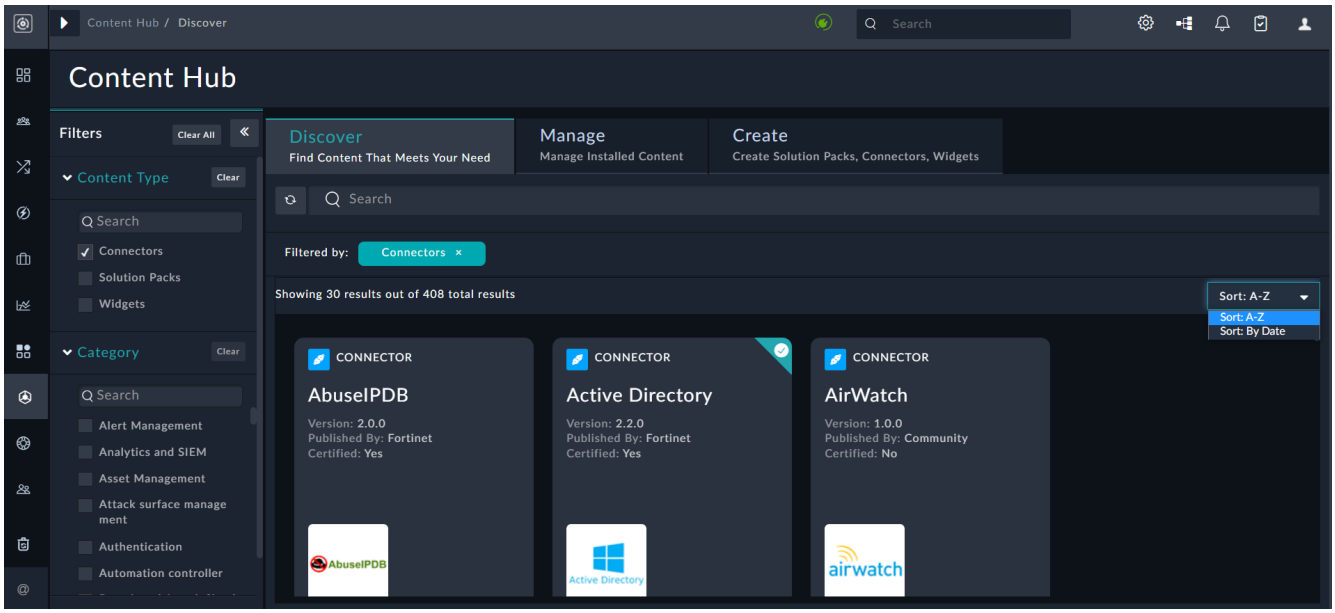
You must ensure that repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com is reachable from your FortiSOAR instance. Otherwise, you will see a blank page when you click **Content Hub** or **Automation** > **Connectors** in the left navigation.

Following are the permissions that you must be assigned to perform operations on connectors:

- To work with connectors, i.e., view the connectors listed in the Content Hub and changes made to the Content Hub, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Read` access on the `Application`, `Connectors`, `Playbooks`, and `Content Hub` modules, a minimum of `Create`, `Read`, `Update` permissions on the `Solution Packs` module.
- To install a connector from the Content Hub or to upload a connector to the Content Hub you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Read` permission on the `Security` module.
- Apart from the above, to restrict specific connector actions to specific roles, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Read` and `Update` permissions on the `Security` module.
- Apart from the above, to work with connectors, you need appropriate permissions on the `Connectors` and `Playbooks` modules. For example, to install a connector or create a new custom connector, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Create` and `Read` access on the `Connectors` module and `Read` access on the `Playbooks` modules, or to upgrade or configure a connector, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Update` and `Read` access on the `Connectors` module and `Read` access on the `Playbooks` module.

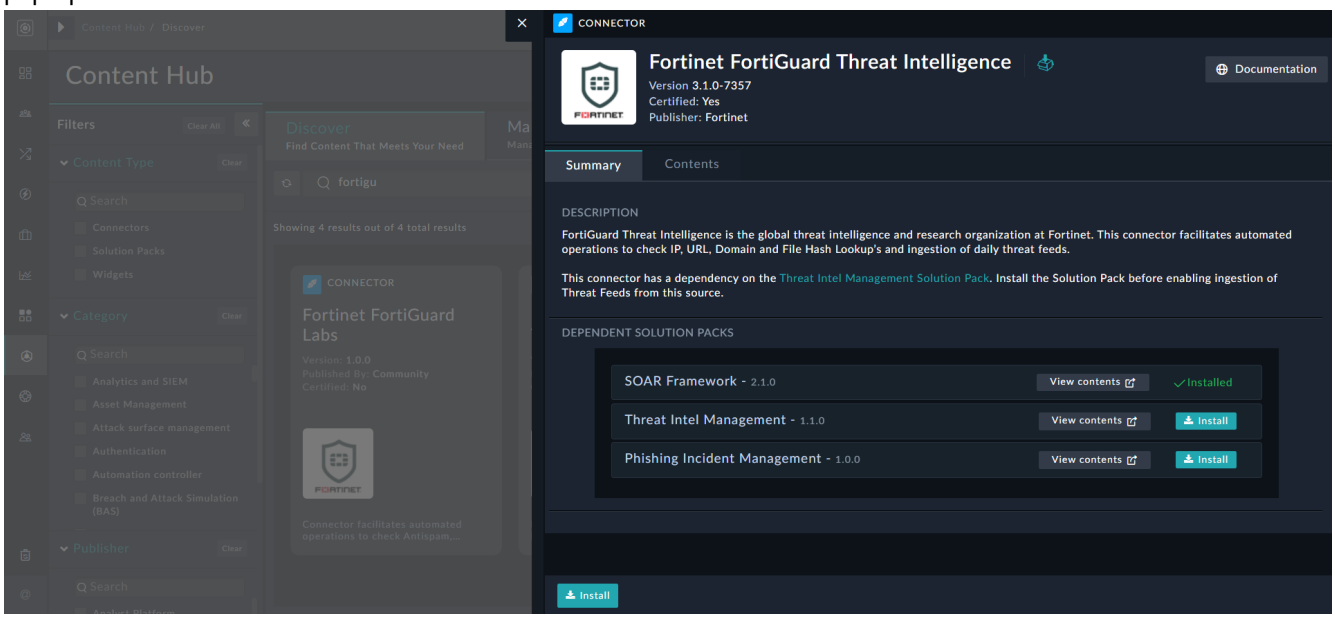
To open the **Connector Store**, go to **Automation** > **Connectors**, or to go to **Content Hub**, click **Content Hub** in the left menu. The **Connector Store** is filtered to display only connectors, whereas the **Content Hub** displays all the add-ons. In this chapter the screenshots included are from the **Content Hub** page; similar screens are displayed on the **Connector Store** page.
The **Discover** tab displays all the add-ons, i.e., Connectors, Widgets, and Solution Packs, available in the Content Hub. Use the Filter panel to filter the connectors by clicking the **>** arrow in the **Content Type** list and then selecting

Connectors:



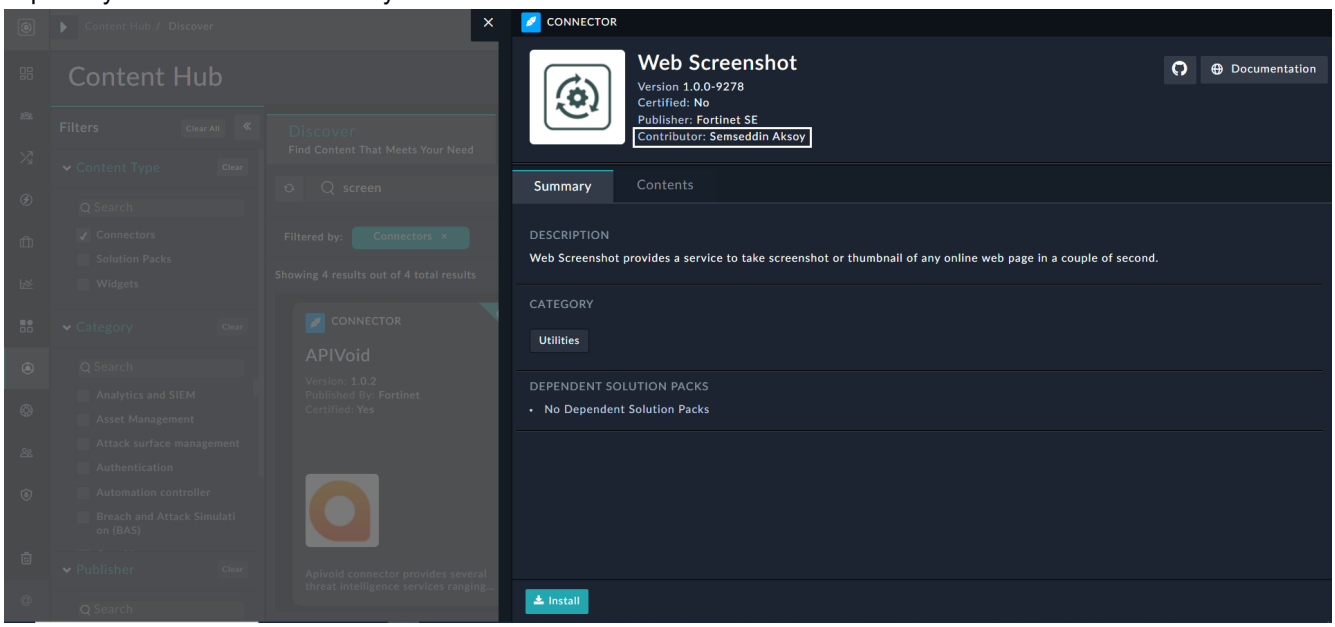
You can search for a connector by its name in the **Search** field and sort the content alphabetically (A-Z) or by date. Using the **Filters** panel, you can filter the connectors displayed in all the tabs based on varied criteria. For more information on Content Hub, see the *Content Hub* chapter in the "User Guide.' Connectors that are installed appear with a tick on their card. For example, the Active Directory connector in the above image.

To install a connector, click that connector's card, for example, Fortinet FortiGuard Threat Intelligence, which opens a pop-up with the connector's name:



The connector configuration pop-up opens on the **Summary** tab, displaying details such as the connector's name, description, version, certification status, publisher, documentation link, and optionally, the names of contributors,

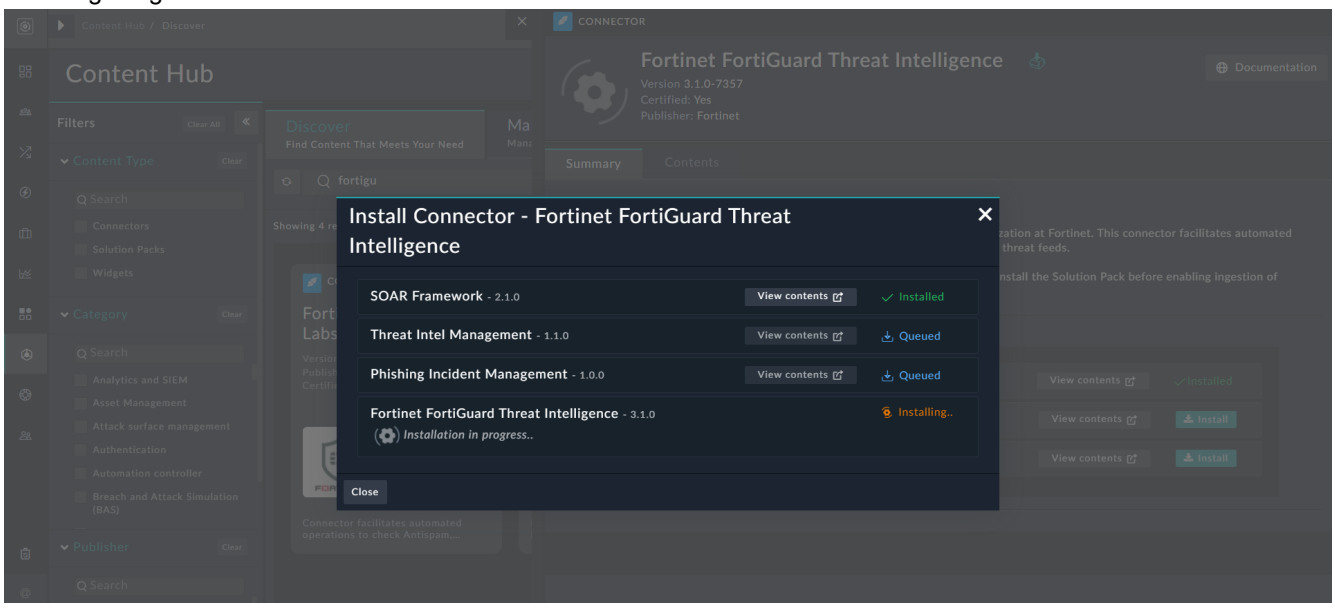
especially in the case of community submissions:



The Summary tab also contains a `Dependent Solution Packs` section that contains a list of solution packs that are dependent on the connector for them to work correctly. The dependent solution pack rows contain information about their installation status; installed solution pack display Installed and the ones that have not been installed can be installed by clicking the **Install** button. Clicking View Contents allows you to view the contents of that Solution Pack on the Content Hub page in a new window.

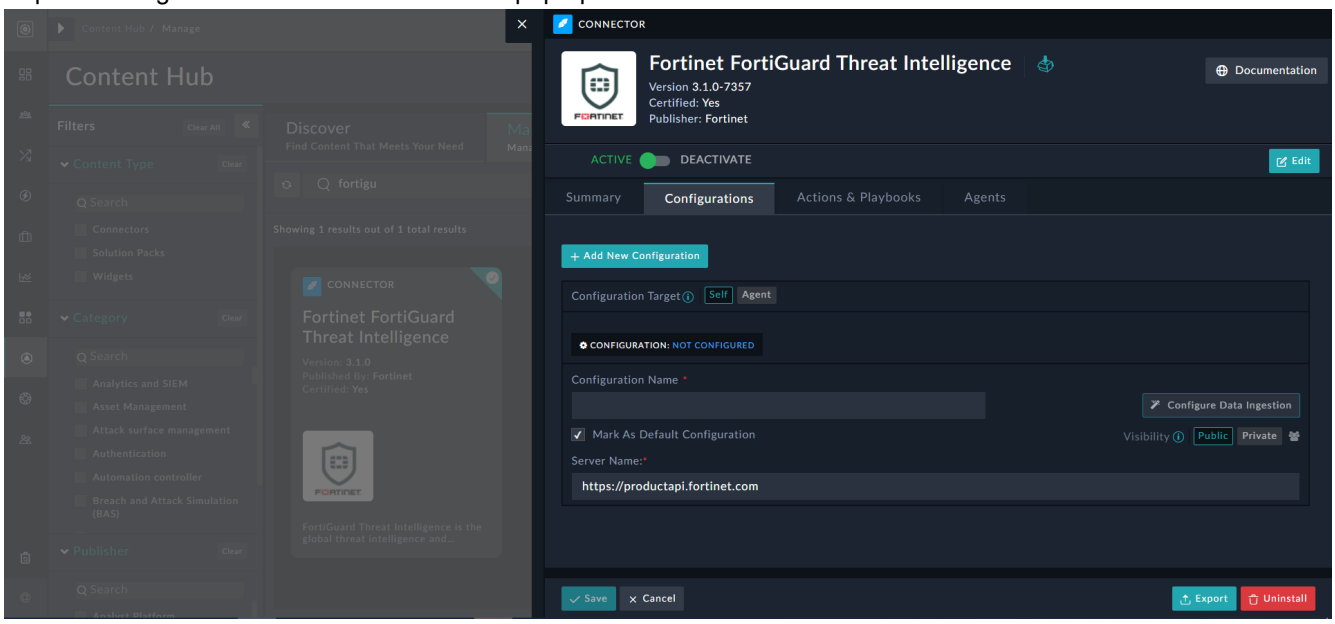
The **Contents** tab contains a list of actions the connector can perform.

Click **Install** in the connector name pop-up to begin the installation of the connector after confirmation, as shown in the following image:



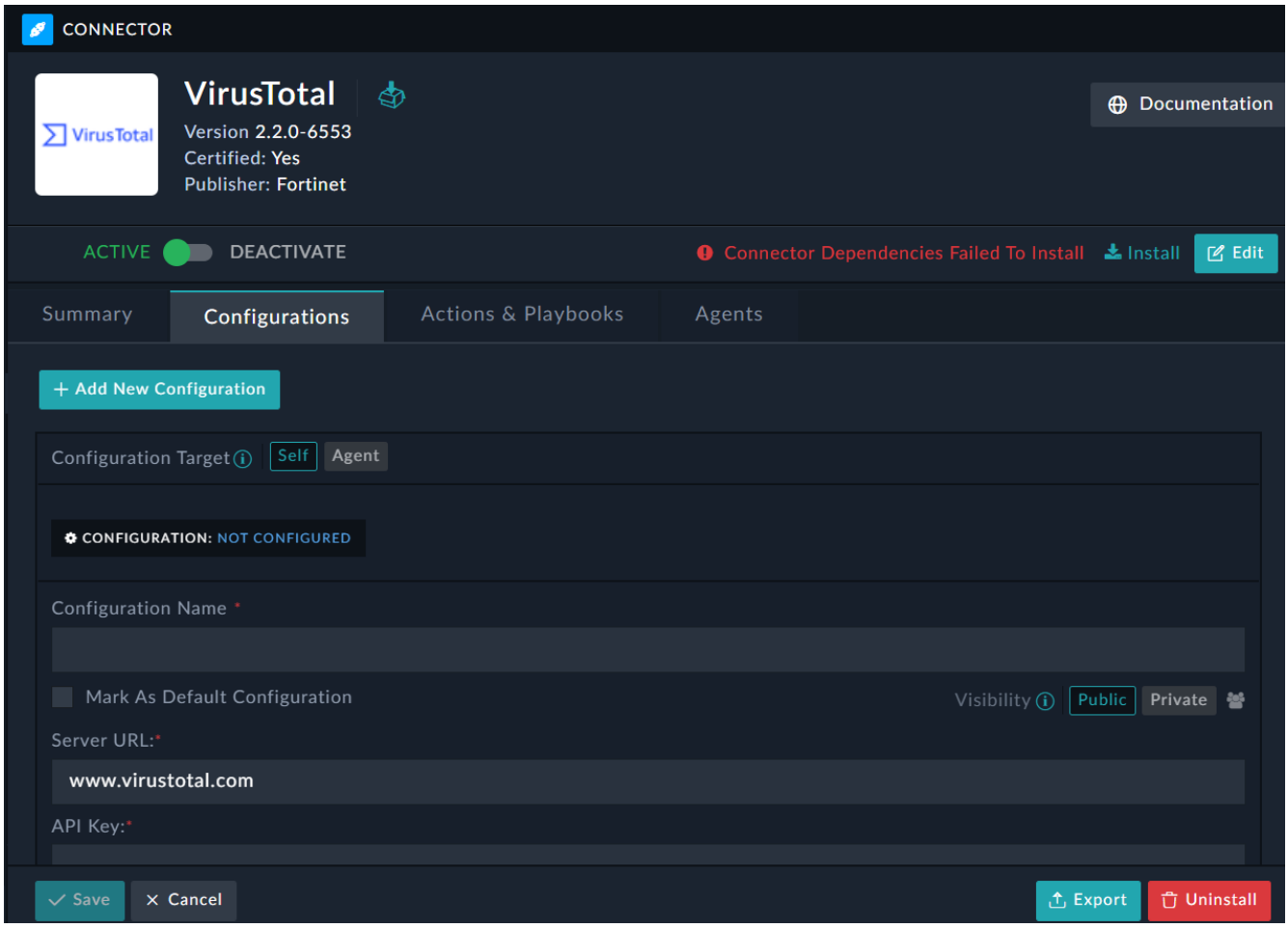
Once installation is complete, FortiSOAR displays the "Connector Installed successfully" message, and the connector gets added to the **Manage** page. After installing the connector, you must configure the connector by entering the

required configuration details in the connector pop-up:



You can also configure the connector on the **Manage** page by clicking the connector name card, which will also display the same connector pop-up. For more information, see the Installing or importing and configuring a connector in FortiSOAR section.

Some connectors have dependencies on additional python packages, which if not installed would hamper the functioning of the connector. By default, the dependencies are resolved from pypi.org and repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com. Dependencies could fail to install due to reasons such as the blocking of users' pypi or not having the latest deps repository on repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com. In such cases where the connectors get installed but the dependencies fail to install, FortiSOAR displays a **Connector Dependencies Failed To Install** message on the connector configuration pop-up as shown in the following image:



You can try to reinstall the dependencies by clicking the **Install** link.

Dependencies of connectors that are not installed from FortiSOAR Content Hub might fail to install even after a retry since the dependencies for such connectors are not present in the FortiSOAR repository. In such cases, you can download the dependencies from pypi.org and install the dependencies using the information present in https://pip.pypa.io/en/latest/user_guide/#installing-from-local-packages.
To install a package in FortiSOAR, use the following command:

```
sudo -u fsr-integrations /opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/pip install <package>
```

Installing or importing and configuring a connector in FortiSOAR

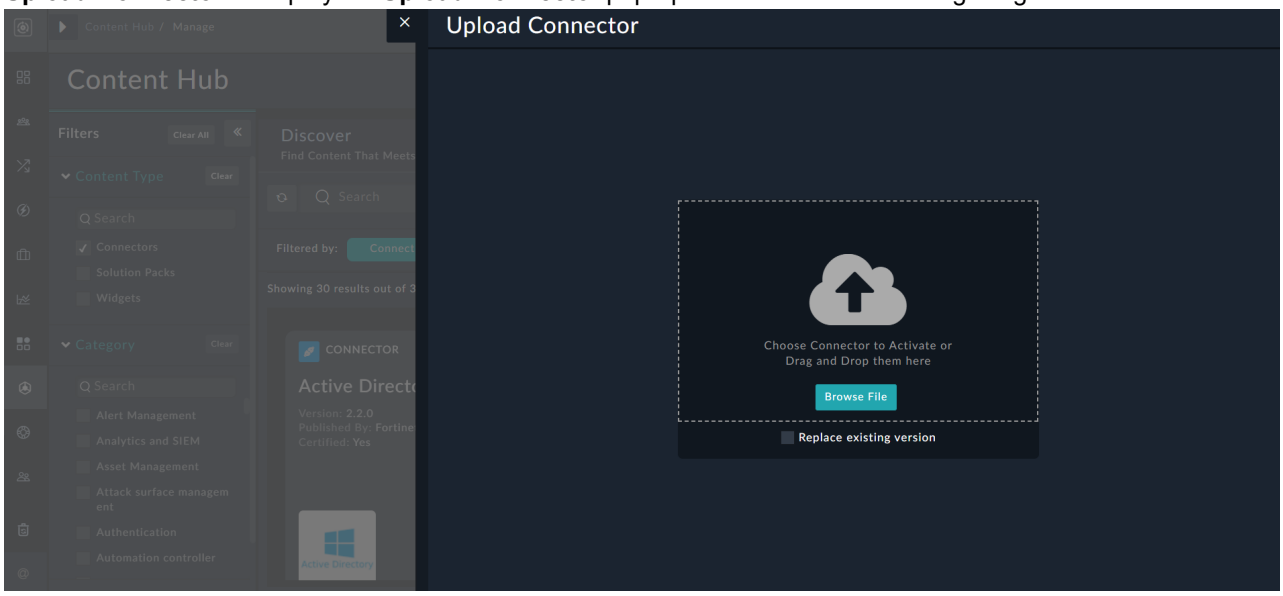
Use the Connector Store to install and configure connectors in FortiSOAR.

To install a connector, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Create` access to the `Connectors` module. To configure connectors into FortiSOAR, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Update` access to the `Connectors` module.

The following procedure describes how to install and configure connector using Connector Store:

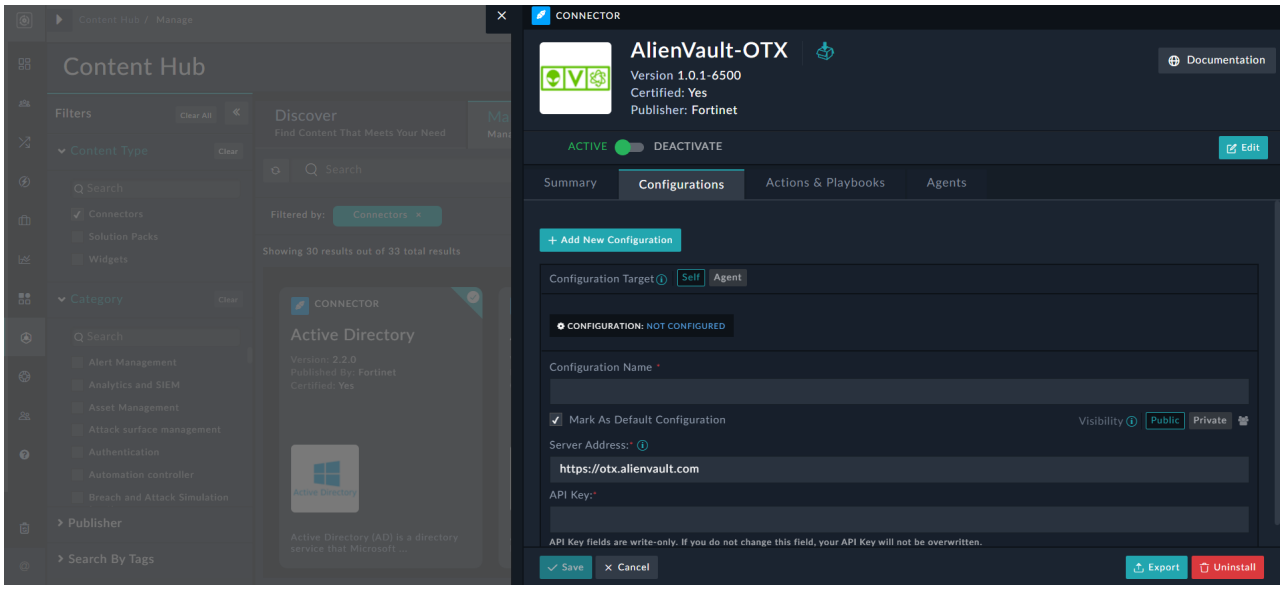
1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Connector Store** > **Discover**.
   On the `Discover` page, you will see all the connectors, both which are installed and which are not installed.

Installed connectors appear with a with a tick on their card. You can search for a connector by its name in the **Search** box and sort the connectors either alphabetically or by date.
To install a connector, click that connector's card, which opens a pop-up with the connector name on which click **Install**. This process is described in the Connector Store section.
Once installation is complete, FortiSOAR displays the "Connector Installed successfully" message, and the connector gets added to the **Manage** page in the 'Active' state; however, you can change the state of the connector from active to inactive by toggling the **ACTIVE** button.
To import a connector (`.tgz`) file into FortiSOAR, click the **Manage** tab and on the `Manage` page, click **Upload** > **Upload Connector** to display the **Upload Connector** pop-up as shown in the following image:

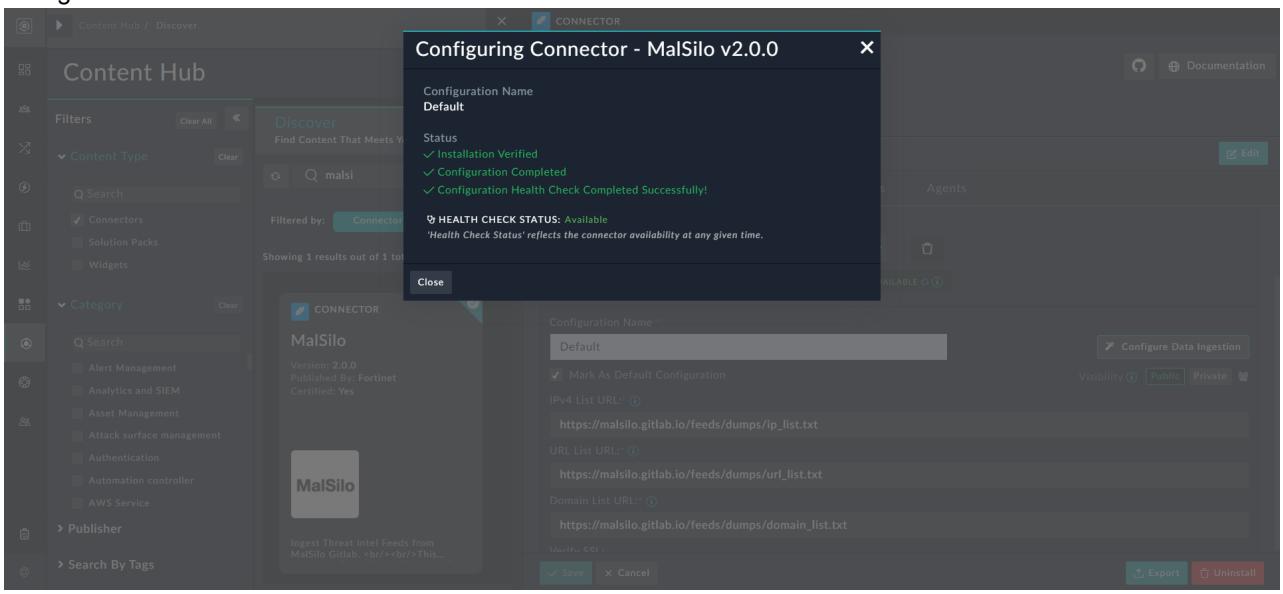


You can drag and drop the connector .tgz file onto the pop-up or browse to the .tgz file to install the connector in FortiSOAR. If you have an existing version of the connector on your system, then you can click the **Replace existing version** checkbox, to replace that version of the connector.
You must check that all the connector dependencies are available or install the additional dependencies to ensure that the connector functions as expected.

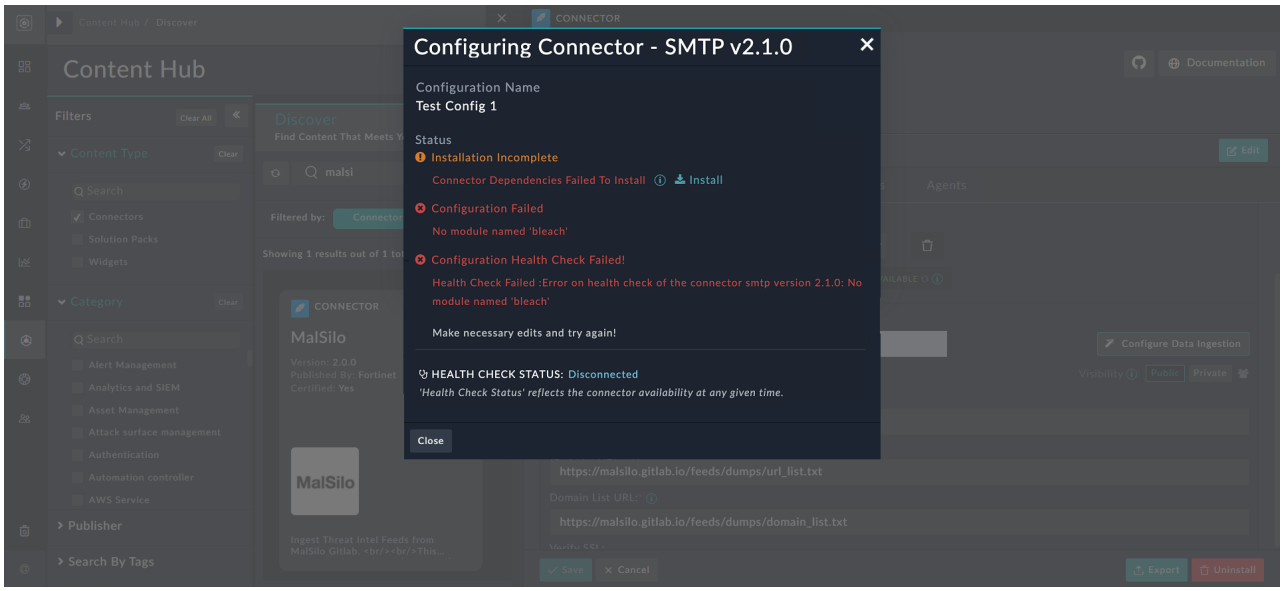
3. To configure a connector, on the `Manage` page, click the connector card to open the **Connector Configuration** pop-up. Enter the required configuration details in the connector configuration pop-up, as shown in the following image:



Once you add the configuration details in the connector pop-up and click **Save**, FortiSOAR opens a modal window that displays the progress of the configuration and the status of the health check while saving the connector configuration:



All errors or warnings related to connector configuration, including missing dependencies, invalid configurations, and health check status, are displayed in the modal window:



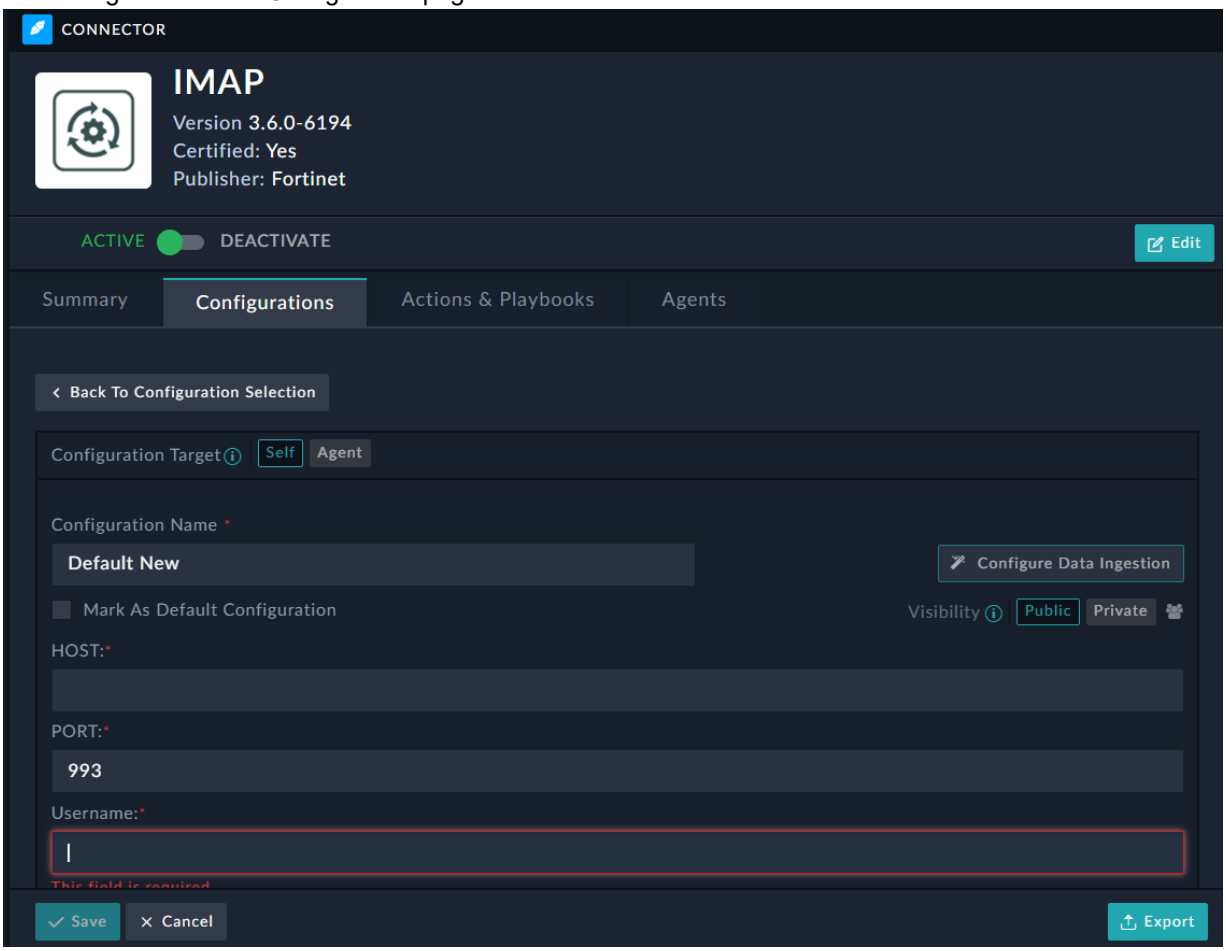
The health check status and missing dependencies are also displayed on the connector configuration pop-up. You can choose to try to reinstall the dependencies by clicking the **Install** link that appears alongside the **Connector Dependencies Failed To Install** message on the modal window or the connector configuration pop-up as described in the Connector Store section.

Note: Once you have installed a connector dependency on a FortiSOAR node using the **Install** link on the connector's Configurations dialog, then that dependency is installed seamlessly on the other nodes of the HA cluster.

Notes on Configuration:

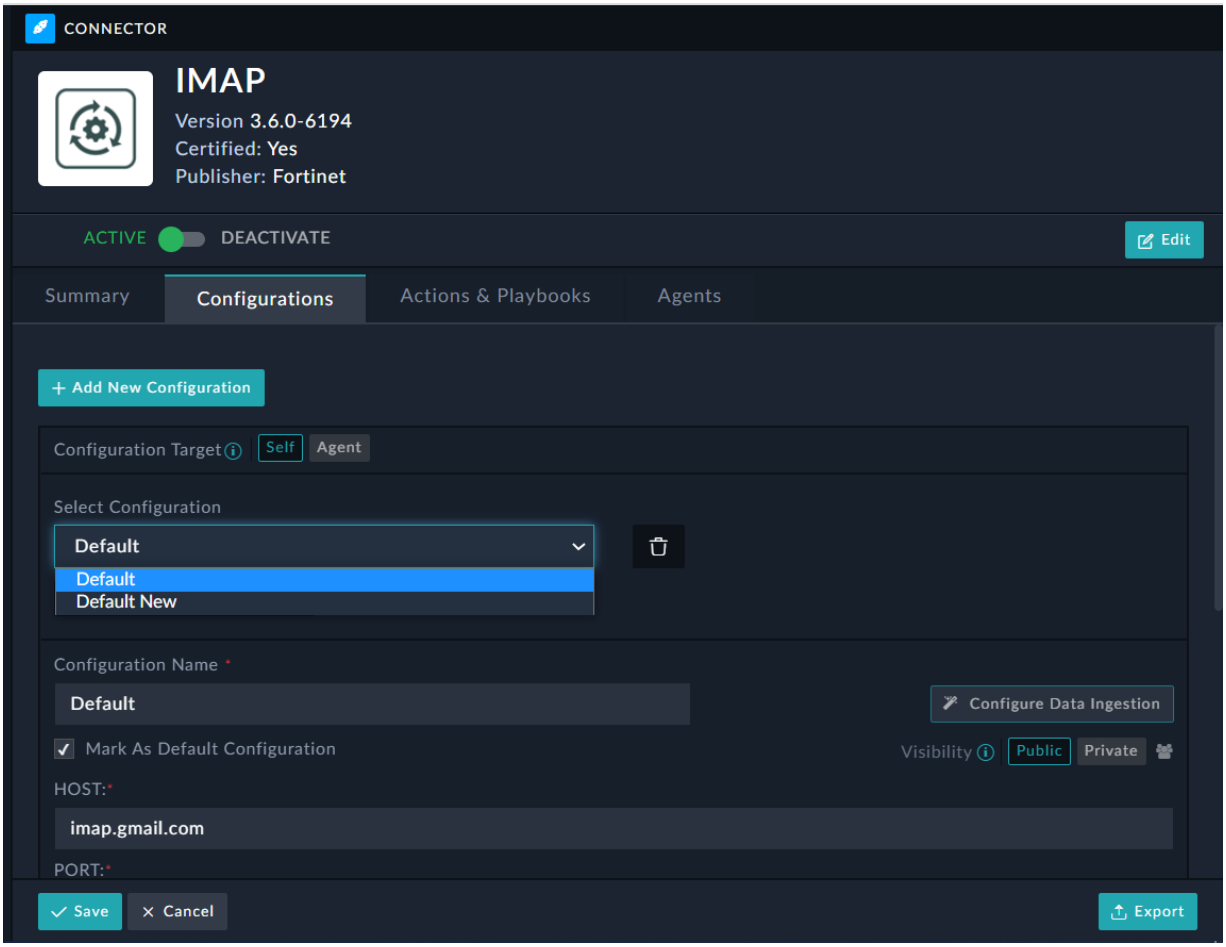
- If you are configuring the connector for the first time, then in the Configuration Name field add a name of the configuration.
  Note: You can add multiple configurations for your connector, therefore, you must add a unique `Name` for each configuration in the **Configuration Name** field.
- If you have previous versions of a connector and you are configuring a newer version of that connector, with the same configuration parameters, then FortiSOAR fetches the configuration and input parameters of the latest available version of that connector. For example, if you have 1.0.0 and 2.0.0 versions of the Database connector and you are configuring the 2.0.0 version of the Database connector, then while configuring the 2.0.0 version, FortiSOAR will fetch the configuration and input parameters from the 1.0.0 version of the Database connector. You can review the configuration and input parameters, and then decide to change them or leave them unchanged.
- To add a new configuration, click the **+Add New Configuration** button, and then add the name of the configuration and specify the configuration parameters. You can click the **< Back to Configuration Selection**

button to go back to the Configuration page:

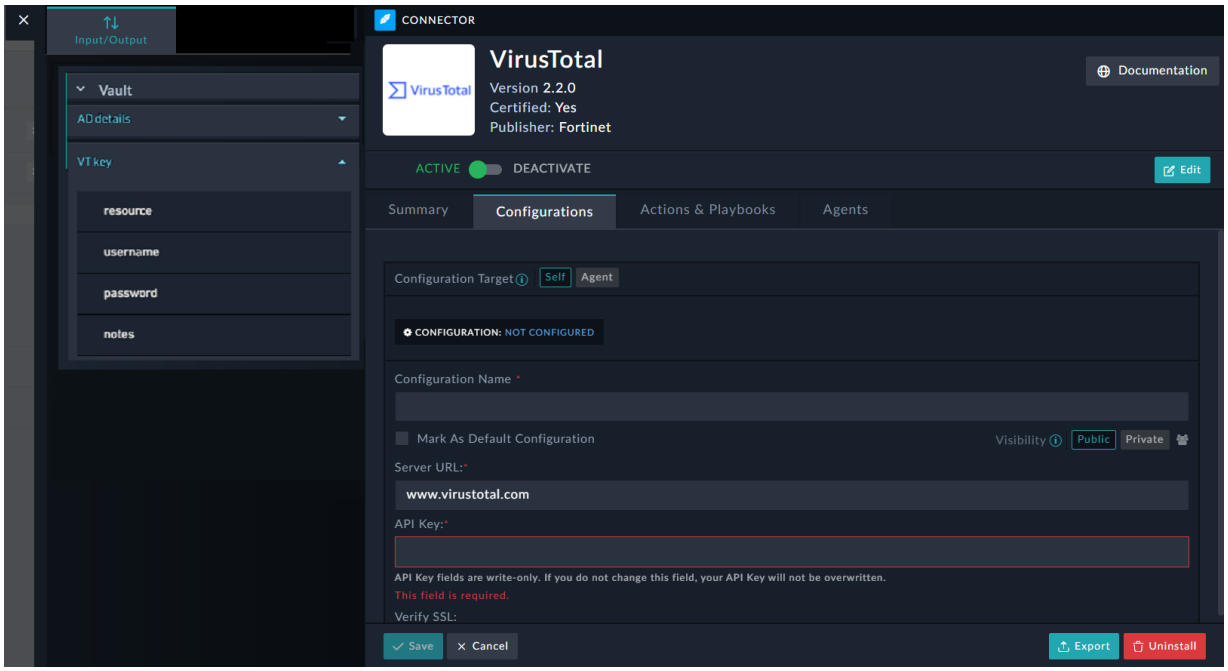


- If you want to update an existing configuration, then select the configuration from the **Select Configuration** drop-down list and update the configuration parameters. If there is only one configuration, then that

configuration will be selected automatically.



- Check the **Mark As Default Configuration** option to make the selected configuration, the default configuration of this connector, on the particular FortiSOAR instance. This connector will point to this configuration by default, and it is important that you mark at least one configuration as default, so that the connector uses that configuration for performing actions.
  Important: In the case of the SMTP connector, you must ensure that this option is selected for the configuration that is to be used for sending system notifications.
- The `password` type fields in FortiSOAR include encryption and decryption. Passwords are encrypted before saving them into the database and decrypted when they are used in actions. In case of an upgrade, connectors that are already installed will work with stored passwords. If your administrator has configured an external vault to securely store your organization's sensitive data and credentials, then you can use the `Dynamic Values` dialog > **Input/Output** tab > **Vault** to enter the credentials for your connector as shown in the following image:



For information on Dynamic Values, see the *Dynamic Values* chapter in the "Playbooks Guide." For information on Password Vault, see the *Security Management* chapter in the "Administration Guide."

- You can also define the ownership of connector configurations by setting the visibility of a connector's configuration to 'Private'. For more information, see the Defining the ownership of a connector's configuration section.
- You can configure connectors for the current FortiSOAR node, an agent, which is used to remotely run actions, or both. For more information on agents and how to run remote actions using agents, see the *Segmented Network support in FortiSOAR* chapter in the "Administration Guide." You can configure on the current node (Self) or on a remote Agent node (Agent) by clicking the **Self**, which is the default, or **Agent** buttons besides `Target`. You can configure multiple configurations for a connector on both the current node and the agent node. To configure and execute connector actions on the "Agent" node, click **Agent**, and from the **Select Agent** drop-down list select the agent on which you want to run the connector actions. If there is only one agent installed, then that agent will be selected automatically.
- Connectors also include a **Verify SSL** field, that specifies whether the SSL certificate for the server is to be verified or not. By default, this option is set as `True`. For more information, see How the connector framework verifies the server certificate when it's self-signed.
- To view the documentation associated with a connector, click the **Documentation** link on the top-right corner of the connector configuration pane.

Points to be considered for connector configurations while upgrading to a newer version of the connector

If you are upgrading a connector to a newer version, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Upgrade` access to the `Connectors` module. For example, if you are upgrading the Symantec Security Analytics connector version from v1.0.0 to v2.0.0, then keep a note of the following points:

- Existing (older) connector configuration fields retain their value, i.e., the value from the older configuration will be displayed in the configuration pane of the newer connector version. New connector configuration field(s), if any, will be added to the connector configuration pane.
- If the newly added configuration field is mandatory, and FortiSOAR has specified its default value (in the `info.json` file of the connector), then the configuration pane of the newer version of the connector will contain the default value for this configuration field. For more information on the connector framework and the `info.json` file, see the Building your own connector chapter.

For information on common connector framework issues, see the *Common connector framework errors* section in the Debugging common playbook and connector issues article present in the Fortinet Knowledge Base.

- If the newly added configuration field is mandatory, and FortiSOAR has not specified its default value (in the `info.json` file of the connector), then the configuration pane of the newer version of the connector will contain a `blank` value for this configuration field. If you also do not specify a value for this mandatory configuration field, then the connector configuration pane will display **Partially Configured**, and an error will also be displayed in the Playbook Execution Log. For more information on the Playbook Execution Log, see the *Debugging and Optimizing Playbooks* chapter in the "Playbooks Guide."
- If the field type of a mandatory configuration field is changed from the older version to the newer version, for example from a text field to a drop-down list, then the value of that field will ***not*** be retrieved from the older version. However, if FortiSOAR has specified its default value (in the `info.json` file of the connector), then that value will be displayed for this configuration field in the configuration pane of the newer version of the connector. If however FortiSOAR has not defined the default value and you also do not specify a value for this mandatory configuration field, then the configuration pane of the newer version of the connector will contain a `blank` value for this configuration field, and the connector configuration pane will display **Partially Configured**. An error will also be displayed in the Playbook Execution Log. For more information on the Playbook Execution Log, see the *Debugging and Optimizing Playbooks* chapter in the "Playbooks Guide."
- If the newly added configuration field is optional, and FortiSOAR has specified its default value (in the `info.json` file of the connector), then the configuration pane of the newer version of the connector will contain the default value for this configuration field. If there is no default value is set, then its value is set as `blank`.

Installing or Updating a FortiSOAR connector using the CLI

All connectors published by FortiSOAR are delivered using a FortiSOAR repository. Use the Connector Store to easily install, update and install connectors that are part of the FortiSOAR repository.

The recommended way to install a connector is by using the Connector Store.

You could also set up your FortiSOAR repository and use the `yum` command to install connectors as a *root* user:

```
# yum install cyops-connector-<connectorname>
```

After you install a connector using the `yum` command the new connector is not reflected until you refresh the `Connectors` page.

To update a FortiSOAR-published connector use the following command:

```
# yum update cyops-connector-<connectorname>
```

To remove a FortiSOAR-published connector use the following command:

```
# yum remove cyops-connector-<connectorname>
```

If you delete a FortiSOAR-published connector using the Connector page in FortiSOAR then you cannot reinstall the RPM of the same connector because the RPM of the connector does not get deleted. Therefore, to remove a FortiSOAR-published connector, you must use the `yum remove cyops-connector-<connectorName>` command.

Some of the connectors have dependencies on additional python packages. During connector installation, these dependencies are also installed using `pip`. The default pip settings point to the pypi.python.org repository for downloading these packages. We have also added an alternate repository on repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com to host the connector dependencies. If your instance restricts access to pypi.python.org, the installer fallbacks to this alternate repository for installing the dependencies. However, the connector installation might take longer if there are multiple dependencies since it first tries to fetch each of those from pypi.python.org. In such a case, it is recommended to switch to repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com as the main repository for the python packages also. You can switch the main repository to repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com so by editing the `pip.conf` file located at: `/opt/cyops-integrations/.env/pip.conf` as follows: `index-url=`https://repo.fortisoar.fortinet.com/connectors/deps/simple/. If some dependencies fail while installing the connector, you can use the connector configuration pop-up to try and reinstall the failed dependencies as described in the Connector Store section.

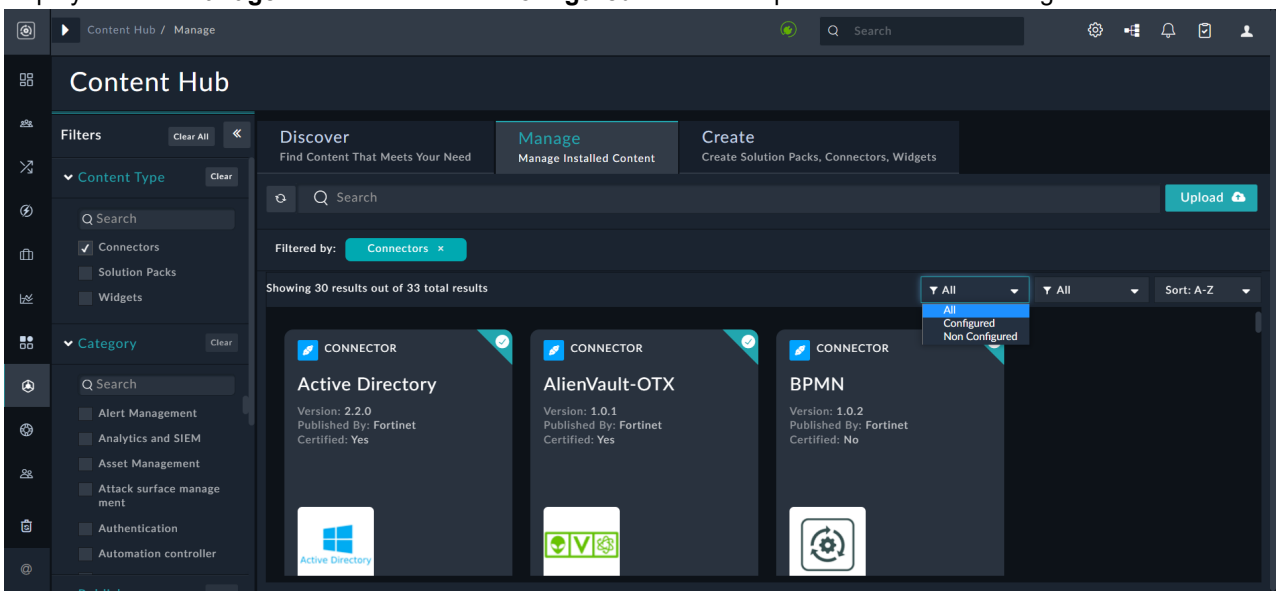
You can also change other relevant pip settings such as altering the timeout or retry count setting. See https://pip.pypa.io/en/stable/user_guide/#config-file for a listing of the relevant pip settings. For example, to increase the timeout value add the following in the `pip.conf` file: `timeout = 60`.

For information on installing connectors on an FSR agent, see the *Segmented Network Support* chapter in the "Administration Guide."

Working with connectors

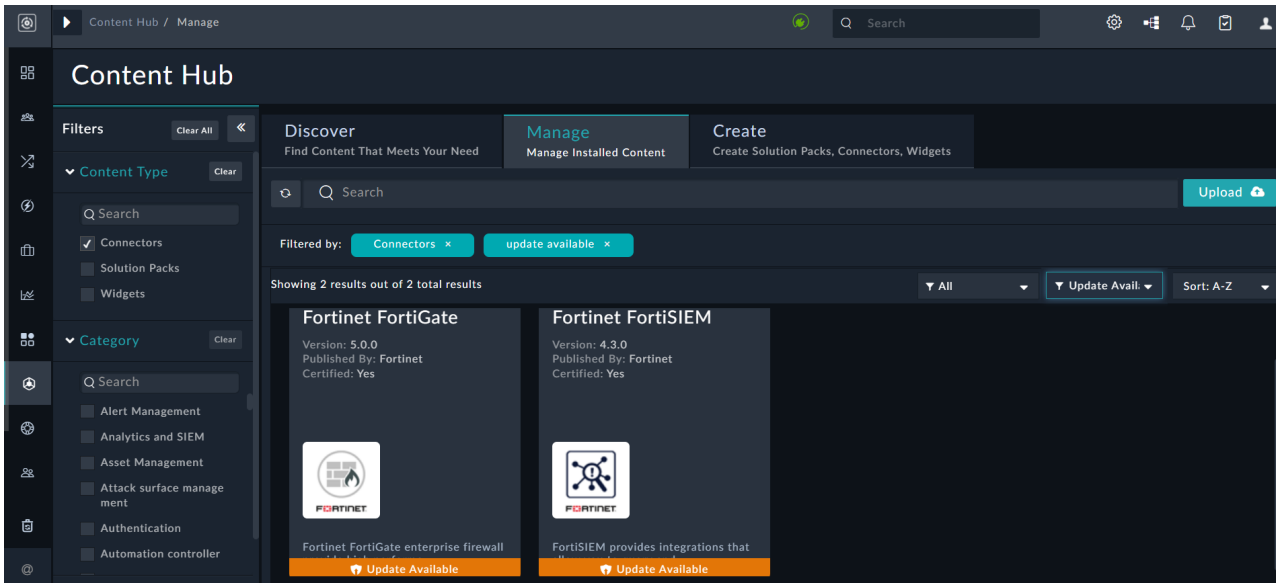
On the `Manage` page, you will see the list of installed connectors in the card view. You can perform the following operations on this page:

- You can search for a connector by its name in the **Search** box and sort the connectors either alphabetically or by date. Also, when you select **Connectors** as the **Content Type** by default, **Non Configured** connectors are displayed in the **Manage** tab. You can select **Configured** from the drop-down to view the configured connectors.

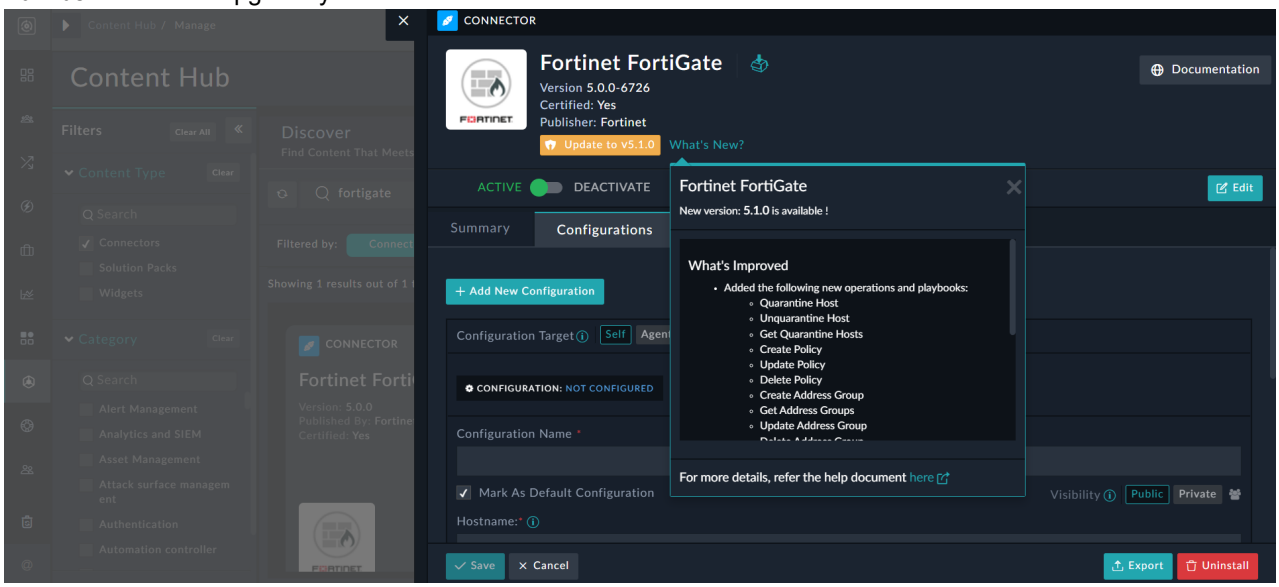


- Similarly, you can filter the installed connectors that have an upgraded version, by selecting **Upgrade Available** from the second drop-down list. For example, version 5.0.0 of the Fortinet FortiGate connector is installed on your system and Fortinet has released a newer version of this connector, then you will see the Fortinet FortiGate connector filtered by the Upgrade Available filter, and you can also see **Update Available** link on the connector's

card:



To update a connector, click the **Update Available** link on the connector card. When you click on a connector that has an updated version, you will see a '**What's new?**' section on the configuration page, besides the **Update to <version number>** button. Clicking the **What's New?** link displays the highlights of the new version, which you can view to understand what you can expect when you upgrade your connector version. Click the **Update to <version number>** button to upgrade your connector.



You can perform the following operations on the connector configuration pop-up (click the connector card in the `Manage` page to open the connector configuration pop-up) of a configured connector:

- To perform a Health Check by clicking the **Refresh** icon that is present in the `Health Check` bar. The Health Check checks if the configuration parameters you have specified are correct and if connectivity can be established to the specified server, endpoint, or API. If all the details are correct and the connectivity to the server can be established, then on the Connectors page, **Available** is displayed in the health check dialog. If any or all the details are incorrect or if the connectivity to the server cannot be established then on the Connectors page, **Disconnected** is displayed in the health check dialog.

- To modify a connector according to your requirements, click the **Edit** on the connector configuration pop-up, which displays the **Edit Connector** dialog, where you can choose **Edit** or **Add Version**. Click **Edit** to directly edit the connector, i.e., opens the code editor interface. Click **Add Version** to display the **Clone Connector** dialog, where users can specify the version, title, and specify a unique API Identifier of the connector, and then click **Create**. This then clones the connector, opens the code editor interface with the specified version, and also saves the connector with the specified version in the **Create** tab. Now, you can make the changes to the connector as per your requirement, and then you can save and publish the connector as defined in the Building your own connector chapter.
- To uninstall a connector, click the **Uninstall** button, in the connector configuration pop-up. FortiSOAR displays a Confirmation dialog, click Confirm to uninstall the connector. FortiSOAR displays the "Connector uninstalled successfully" message and the connector is removed from the Manage page. To uninstall a connector, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Delete` access on the `Connectors` module.
- To export the .tgz file of the connector, click the **Export** button.
- To view the list of actions that can be performed by the connector and the playbook file that is bundled with the connector, click the **Actions & Playbooks** tab. Clicking the 'Actions' option on this tab, you can also restrict specific connector actions to specific roles, i.e., users with only those roles would be able to perform that action. For more information, see the Restricting specific connector actions to specific roles section,
- To view the list of agents on which the connector is installed, click the **Agents** tab. For more information on agents and how to run remote actions using agents, see the *Segmented Network support in FortiSOAR* chapter in the "Administration Guide."

How the connector framework verifies the server certificate when it is self-signed

The connector framework is explained in the Building your own connector chapter.

All connector calls are made by the python requests library reading the certificate from `/opt/cyops-integrations/.env/lib/python3.9/site-packages/certifi/cacert.pem`. Therefore, for any connector, when you set `verify_ssl` to `true`, and it's a self-signed cert, then the `cacert` must be appended to this file. If it's a chain of trust, then you must add the entire chain in the `pem` format. You must also ensure that the server address added in the connector configuration matches the CN in the certificate.

A `.key` file has the path to a PEM encoded file containing the private key. A `.pem` file has the path to a PEM encoded file containing the certificate (or certificate chain) that will be presented when requested.

If you are using the HTTPS proxy for external connections, then you must ensure that the proxy certificate is added here also, if the `Verify SSL` is set to true in the connector configuration.

Some commands that you can use to get the `pem` certificate chain:

```
# openssl s_client -connect {HOSTNAME}:{PORT} -showcerts
```

OR

If you have the certificate already in a `.crt`, `.cer`, `.der` format, then you need to convert to the `pem` format: `# openssl x509 -inform der -in certificate.cer -out certificate.pem`

Role-based Access Control for connector actions

From version 7.0.0 onwards, FortiSOAR introduces Role-based Access Control (RBAC) for connectors, i.e., 'Connector Administrators', i.e., users with `Read` and `Update` permissions on the `Connectors` and `Security` modules can allow access to only certain teams or users, based on roles, to perform certain connector actions. For example, the administrator might want to allow a "Block IP" action to be performed by only certain teams or users in the organization.

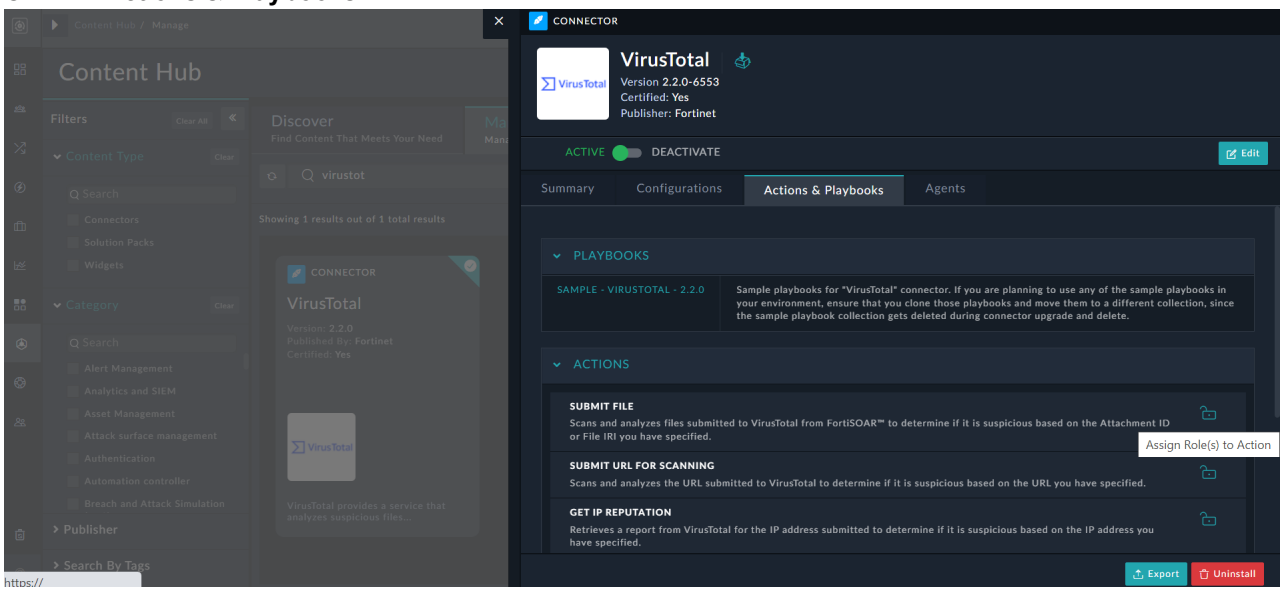
The ownership of connector configurations can also be defined, by marking the connector configuration as 'Private'; thereby, controlling who can view and execute that particular connector configuration.

You must configure access control for connector configurations and actions separately for the tenant nodes. Access control for connector configurations and actions cannot be configured from the master.

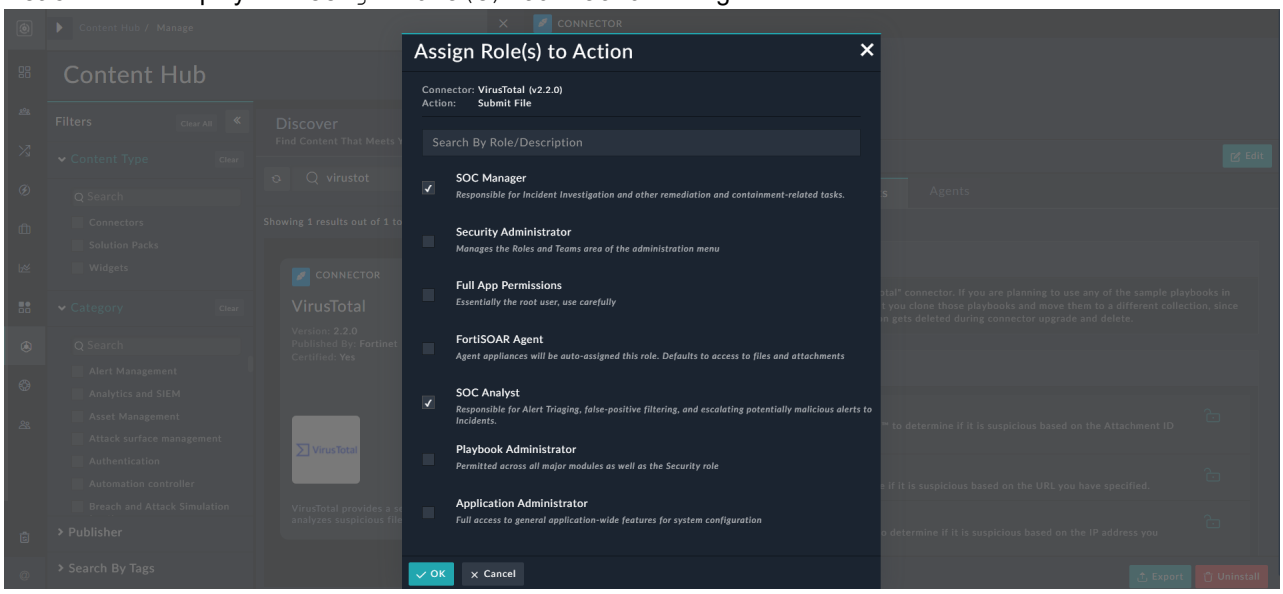
Restricting specific connector actions to specific roles

By default, all users and roles with appropriate permissions, as defined in the Connector Store section, can view and execute all the connector actions; however, 'Connector Administrators', as defined in the Role-based Access Control for connector actions topic can restrict specific actions to specific roles as follows:

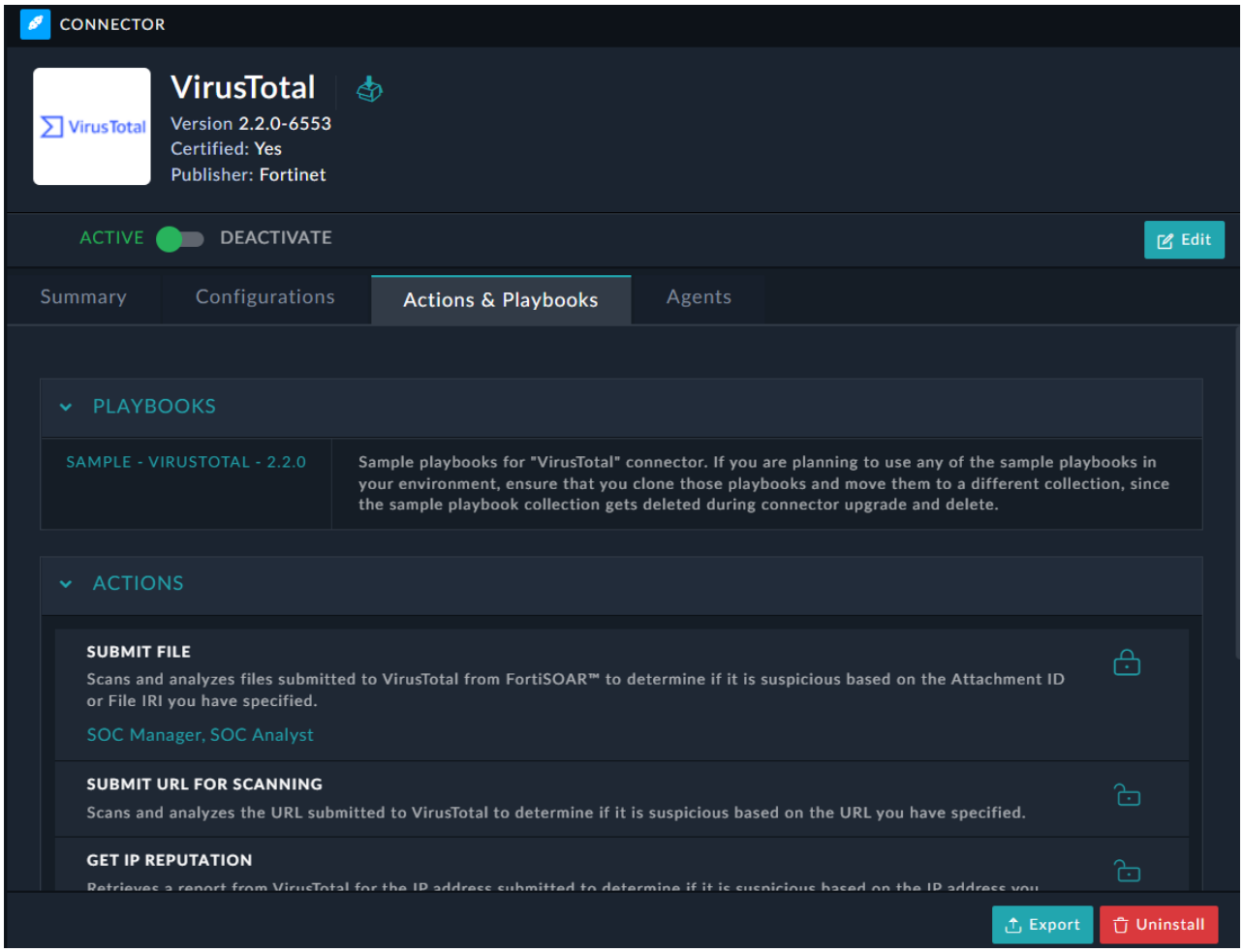
1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Connector Store** > **Manage**.
3. Select the connector whose connector actions you want to restrict to certain users, based on the roles or specific set of roles that have been assigned to open the `Connector Configurations` page.
4. Click the **Actions & Playbooks** tab:



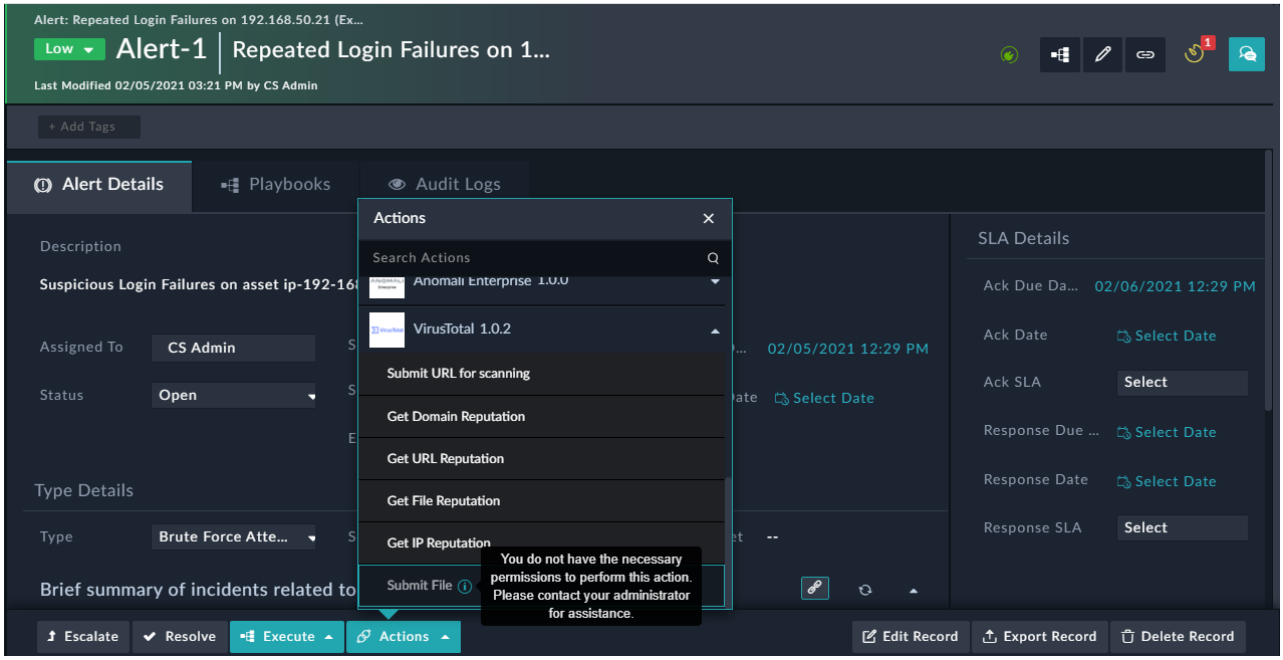
5. From the **Actions** tab, in the row that contains the action that you want to restrict, click the **Assign Role(s) to Action** icon to display the `Assign Role(s) to Action` dialog:



6. Select the roles that would be able to perform this action and then click **OK**.
   Once a particular action is assigned to specific roles, you can see a **Roles Assigned** bar in that action's role, which specifies the roles that the users should be assigned to perform that connector action:



Therefore, in this case, if there are users who are not assigned the 'Full App Permissions', 'Playbook Administrator' or 'SOC Analyst' role, and if they try to invoke this action directly on a record, they will be unable to run that action as the action will be disabled:



Notes:

- When a connector is upgraded to a higher version, if there are any roles defined for any connector action in the previous version of the connector, those roles are carried forwarded to the upgraded version.
- The Playbook designer displays all the connector actions irrespective of the roles of the user creating the playbook. Also, while executing a connector action from the playbook, FortiSOAR does not perform any role check. You can create a playbook as a 'Private' playbook to restrict access. For more information, see the "Playbooks Guide."
- When a connector action is being executed directly on a record, the roles of the logged-in user will be matched against the roles permitted for the action.

Defining the ownership of a connector's configuration

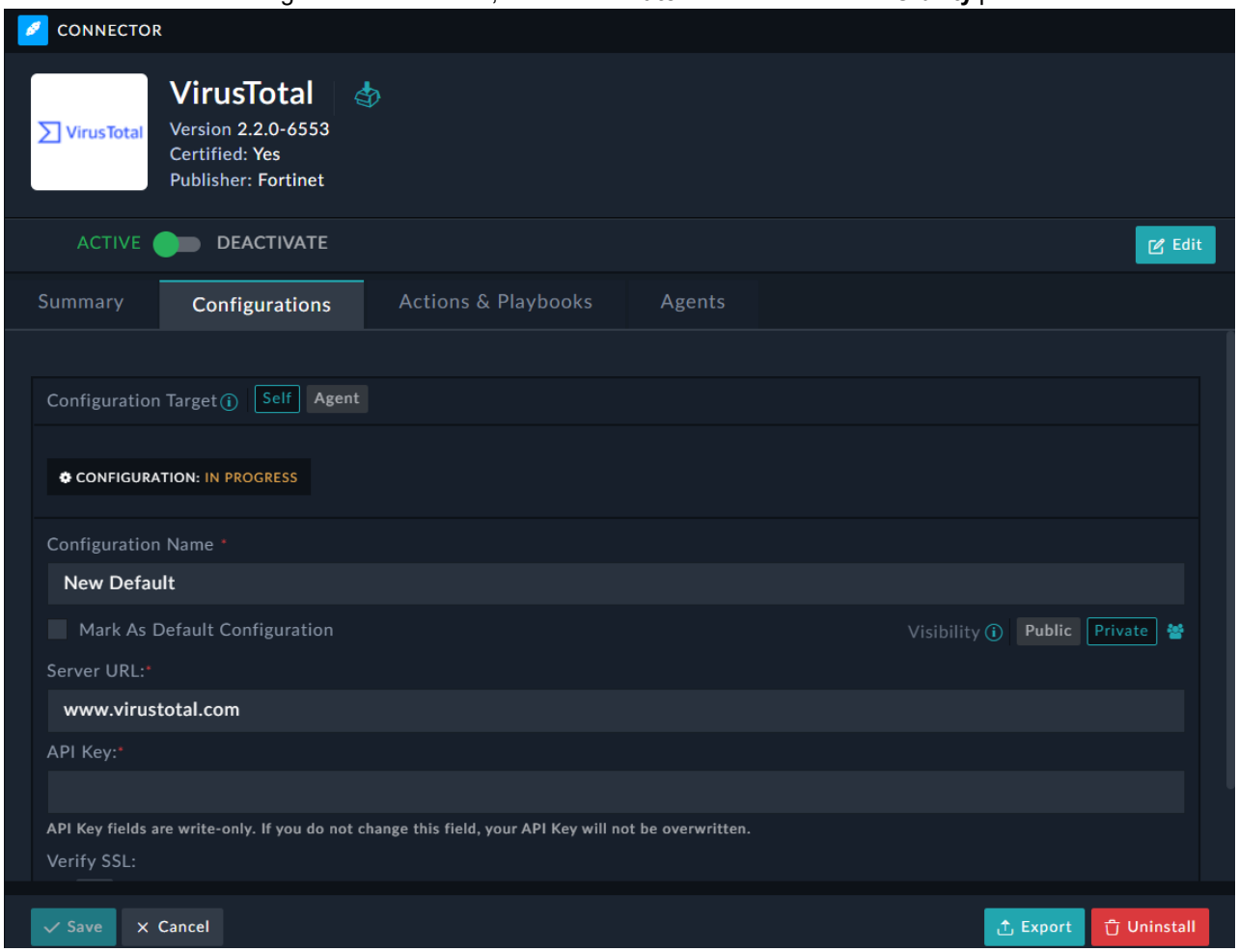
The ownership of connector configurations can also be defined by setting the visibility of a connector's configuration to 'Private'. By default, the connector configuration is set to 'Public', i.e., it can be viewed by anyone who has appropriate permissions, as defined in the Connector Store section. By setting a connector's configuration to 'Private', you are assigning ownership of that connector configuration to particular teams and thereby only allowing the assigned team owners the right to view and execute that particular connector configuration.

You must configure access control for connector configurations and actions separately for the tenant nodes. Access control for connector configurations and actions cannot be configured from the master.

To set the visibility of connector configurations to 'Private' to restrict the teams who can view and execute that particular connector configuration, do the following:

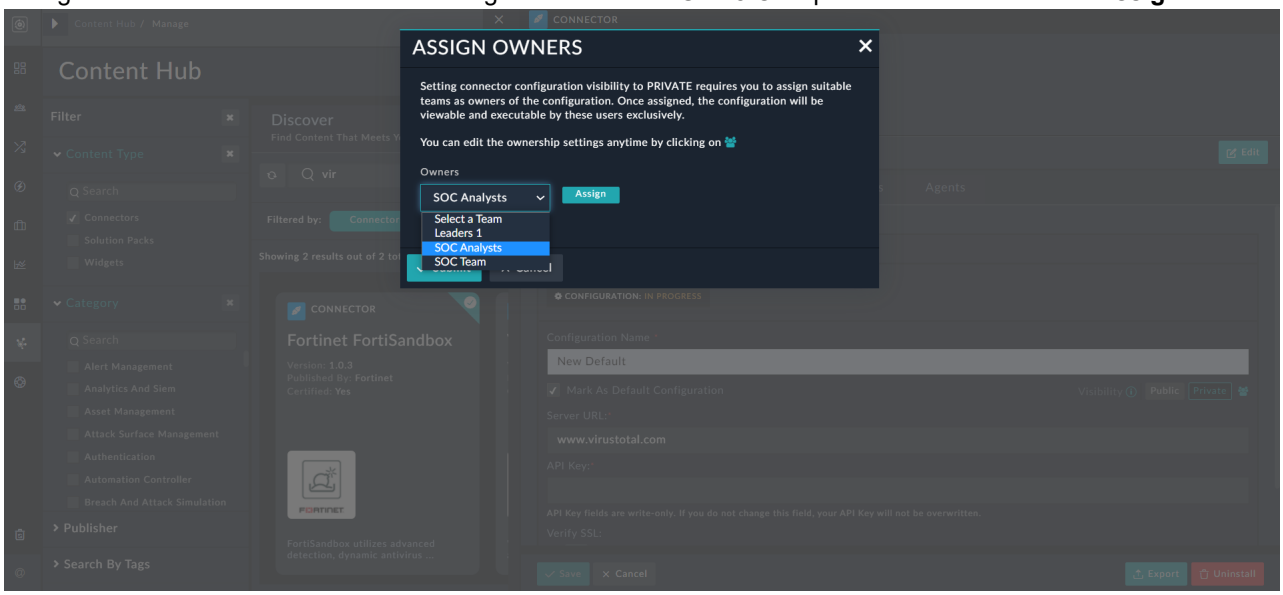
1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Automation** > **Connectors** > **Installed**.
3. Select the connector whose configuration you want to set to 'Private', i.e., whose configuration you want to restrict to certain teams. By default, connector configurations are set to 'Public'.

4. To mark a connector configuration as 'Private', click the **Private** button beside the **Visibility** parameter:

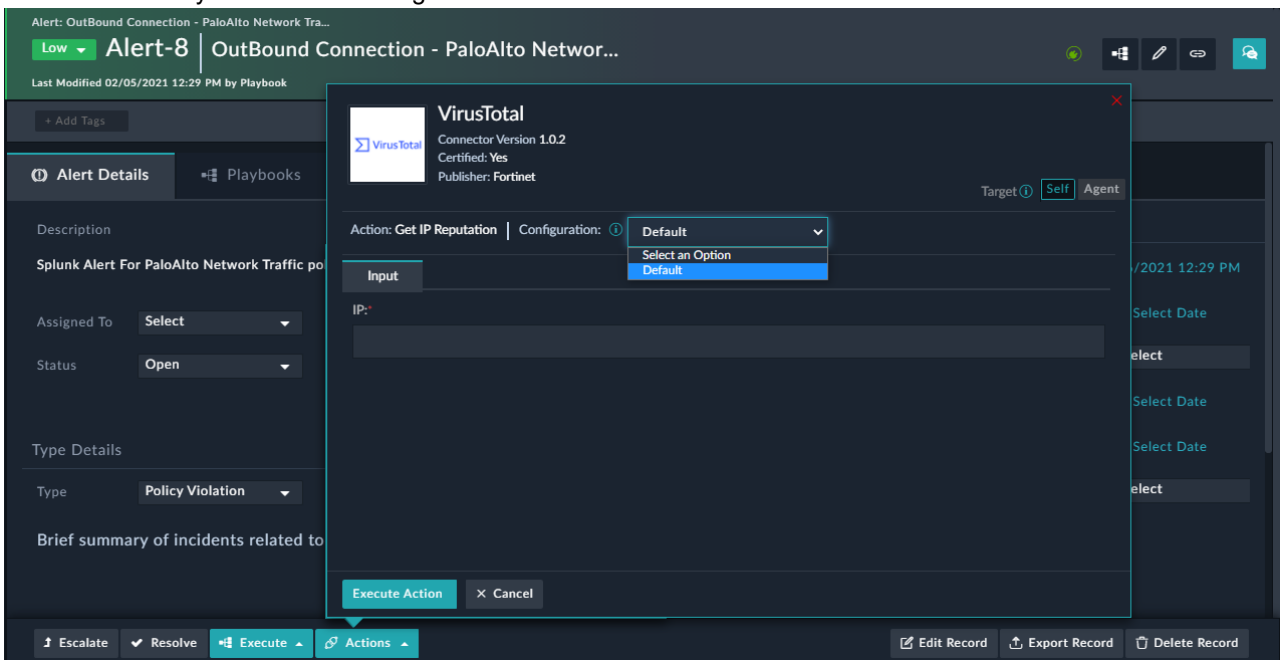


5. To assign the connector configuration to a particular team, once you have clicked **Private**, click the **Teams** ( ) icon to display the `Assign Owners` dialog.
6. In the `Assign Owners` dialog, you will see that the logged-in user's teams are assigned ownership, by default. Click the **Red Cross** beside the teams whose ownership you want to remove, and select the teams that you want to

configure as owners for this connector configuration from the **Owners** drop-down list and then click **Assign**:



7. Click **Submit** to assign ownership of this connector configuration.
Now, in this case, if there are users who are not part of the 'SOC Analysts' team, and if they want to run the actions of the VirusTotal connector on a record, for example, they will observe that the "New Default" configuration will not be visible and only the "Default" configuration is visible:



Therefore, users can see only those connector configurations to which they have access, as is the case with the above example, the 'New Default' configuration is visible only to users that belong to the 'SOC Analysts' team. However, users belonging to teams other than 'SOC Analysts' can execute playbooks containing a connector step with the 'New Default' configuration that has been created by 'SOC Analysts' users.

Troubleshooting

From FortiSOAR release 7.3.0 onwards, PIP dependencies packages for connectors are located at `/opt/cyops/configs/integrations/packages/lib/python3.9/site-packages/`

Troubleshooting connector installation issues

Issues uninstalling integrations pip dependencies

This topic uses an example of the `tzlocal` package and demonstrates uninstalling this package. You can replace `tzlocal` with the name of the package that you want to uninstall.

Run the following command to uninstall integrations pip dependencies (the `tzlocal` package):
`# sudo -u fsr-integrations /opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/pip uninstall tzlocal`

The following message get returned:

```
Found existing installation: tzlocal 4.2
Not uninstalling tzlocal at
/opt/cyops/configs/integrations/packages/lib/python3.9/site-packages, outside
environment /opt/cyops-integrations/.env
Can't uninstall 'tzlocal'. No files were found to uninstall.
#
```

Resolution:

If you want to uninstall the pip (`tzlocal`) package, do the following:

1. Run the following command to find the files that are part of the pip package:
   `find /opt/cyops/configs/integrations/packages/lib/python3.9/site-packages -name tzlocal*`
2. Manually remove files that are listed as the output of previous '`find`' command.

Issues downgrading integrations pip dependencies

Usually, you should not be required to downgrade the integrations pip dependencies; however, if after debugging you require to downgrade, then use the following steps.

Resolution:

1. Remove the pip dependencies files that are already installed.
   For example if you want to downgrade `tzlocal`, first find the files that are already installed for `tzlocal` and then remove those files:
   a. Run the following command to find the files that are part of the pip package (`tzlocal`):
      `find /opt/cyops/configs/integrations/packages/lib/python3.9/site-packages -name tzlocal*`
   b. Manually remove files that are listed as the output of previous '`find`' command.

2. Install the required version using the following command:
   `sudo -u fsr-integrations /opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/pip install tzlocal==<required-version-here>`

Troubleshooting connector usage issues

Handling rounding of large integer values

You might find that fields with large integer values get round-off causing issues while working with connectors. For example, when you submit a URL or file to FortiSandBox, a SID (Session ID) gets created. This session is further used to get job id "JID", using which indicator information can be retrieved. However, due to the large integer values getting rounded-off, FortiSOAR replaces the last four digits of the "JID" to 0000. Due to this you would be unable to retrieve the information for submitted indicator from FortiSandBox. This issue occurs as JavaScript lacks an explicit integer type in JavaScript; and instead represents all numbers in double-precision 64-bit floating-point format as defined by the IEEE 754-2008 standard. Under this standard, very large integers that cannot be exactly represented are automatically rounded. To be precise, the Number type in JavaScript can only safely represent integers between -9007199254740991 (-(253-1)) and 9007199254740991 (253-1). Any integer value that falls out of this range might lose precision.

Resolution

As a workaround to these limitations, large integers can be represented using the 'String' type, i.e., instead of passing integers directly such as, 123456, pass integers in a single quote such as, '123456'. The Twitter API, for example, adds a string version of IDs to objects when responding with JSON. For now, such a large number must be returned as a 'String' in the response to the connector action.

Building your own connector

You can write a custom connector that can retrieve data from custom sources. You can then use the connector either standalone or within FortiSOAR playbooks and perform automated operations. You can develop your own custom connector using the following methods:

- Connector Wizard
- FortiAI
- Manually
- FortiSOAR Rapid Development Kit

The process of installing, configuring, and using FortiSOAR-provided connectors is defined in the respective connector-specific documentation.

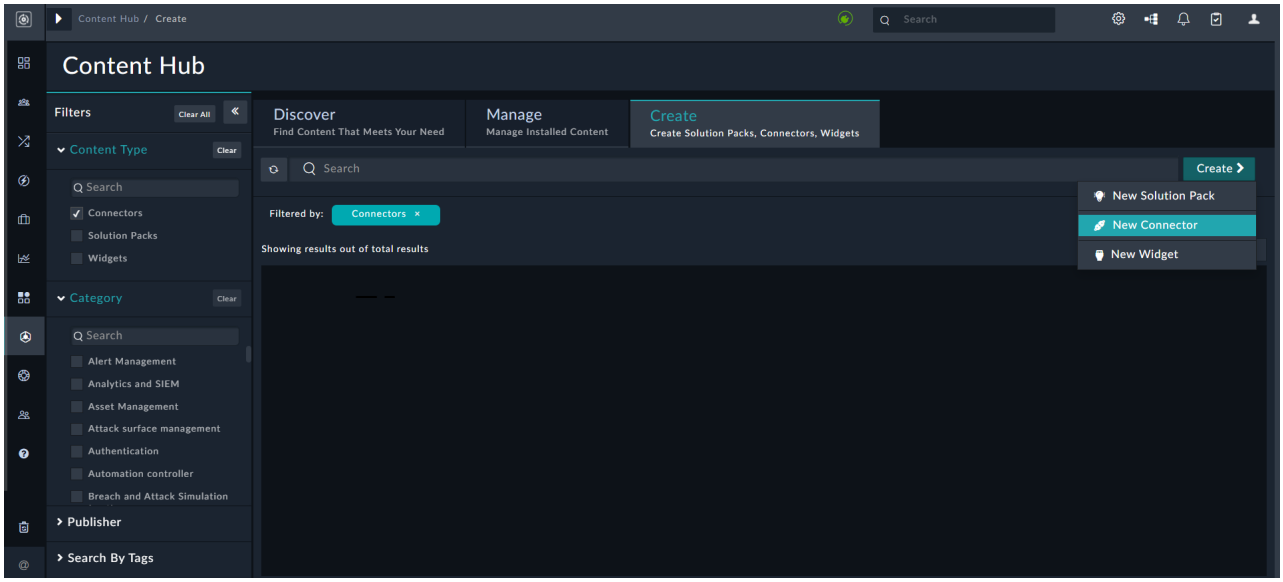
For permissions required to build a connector, see the Introduction to Connectors chapter.

Building a connector using the Connector Wizard

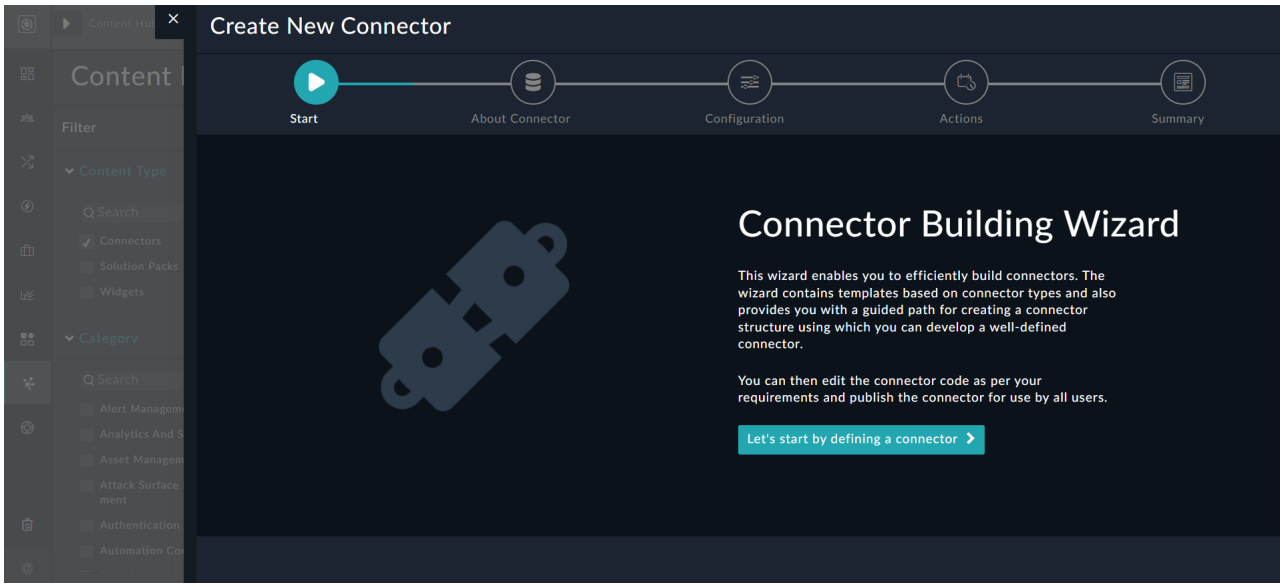
Use the Connector wizard to create a new connector. You can also edit an existing connector according to your requirements by clicking **Edit** on a connector card in the **Manage** tab.

To create a new connector, do the following:

1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Content Hub** > **Create** or **Automation** > **Connectors** > **Create**.
3. To create a new connector, click **Create** > **New Connector:**

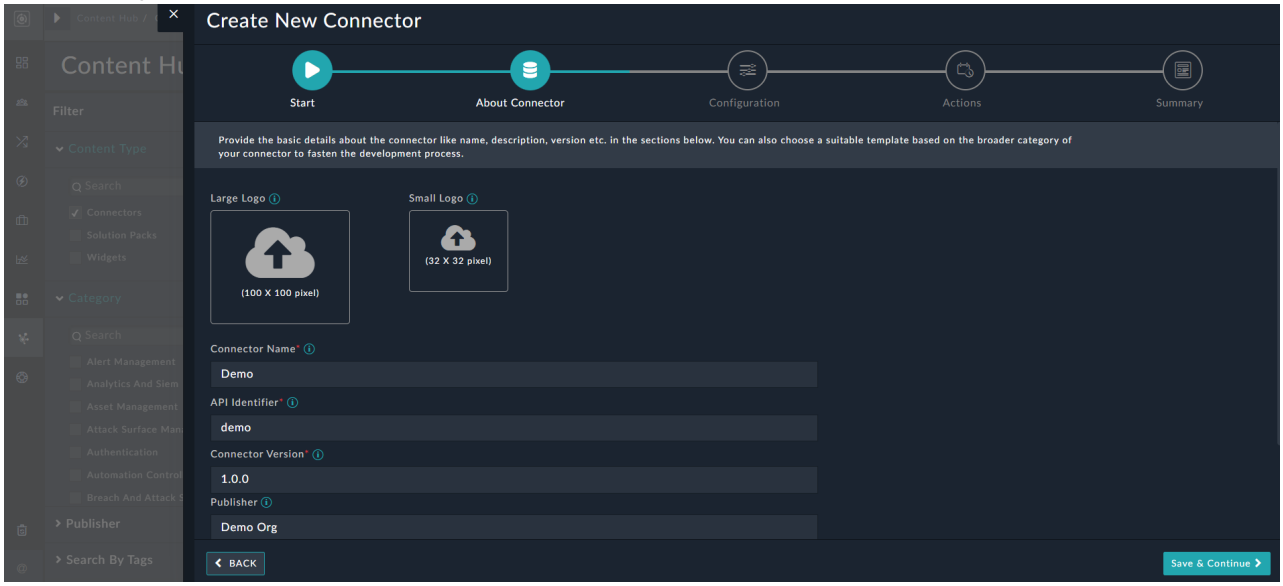


This opens the "Connector Wizard":



Click the **Lets's start by defining a connector** button to start building your connector.

4. In the Connector Wizard, in the **About Connector** screen, you need to provide the basic details such as name, description, etc. of the connector that you want to create, as well as, upload a logo for the connector, and choose a suitable template for the connector:



You need to add the following details on this screen:

a. Click the **Upload** icons buttons to upload large, medium, or small logos for your connector. Clicking the upload button opens the **Upload Connector Logo** dialog, where you can drag-and-drop your logo, or browse to the logo on your disk and import the logo.

b. In the **Connector Name** field, add the name of the connector that you want to create.
It is a good practice to include both the name of the organization and the name of the product in the connector name, for example, Fortinet FortiSOAR.

c. In the **API Identifier** field, enter a name that would be used as a variable in the connector code to reference this connector. The variable that you use here can be alphanumeric; however, it should not contain any special characters and it must not start with a number.
Also, note that the value that you enter in this field must not match the name of any other connector that is available in the Connector Store or Content Hub. For example, you cannot enter '`virustotal`' in this field,

since the VirusTotal connector is available in Content Hub.
Note: You cannot change the 'name' and 'version' of a connector once it is set.

d. In the **Connector Version** field, enter the version of the connector in the x.y.z format. For example, 1.0.0.
Note: It is recommended that you increase the version number if you are making any changes to an installed connector.

e. (Optional) In the **Publisher** field, enter the name of your organization as the publisher of this connector. The publisher of the connector is responsible for maintaining and supporting the connector.
If you want to keep the connector anonymous, then you can add the "Community" keyword. If this field is left blank, again the connector's publisher is automatically set to "Community".
Note: Do not enter "Fortinet" in this field.

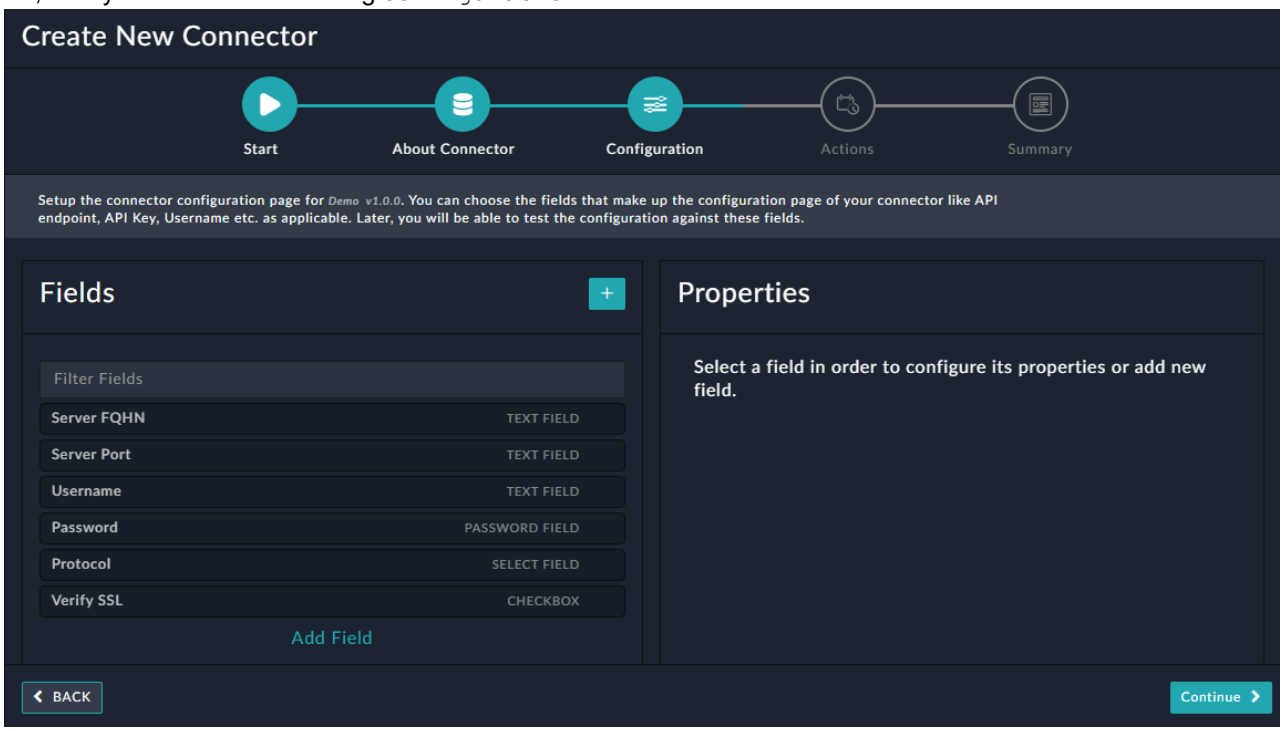
f. In the **Description** field, you can optionally enter information for the connector that you are creating. The Description is displayed on the Connector card on the Connector Store or Content Hub's listing page and enables users to understand more about the Connector.

g. From the **Category** list, select the categories in which you want to place this connector. For example, Analytics and SIEM, Case Management, Logging, Vault, etc.

h. From the **Select Template** drop-down list, select the template that you want to apply to the connector that you want to create.
Templates are based on the broader category of connectors, for example, Threat Intelligence connectors, Ticketing connectors, etc. Templates automatically add suggestive actions, configuration details, and other connector details based on the type of connector you want to create, which helps to speed up the development process.

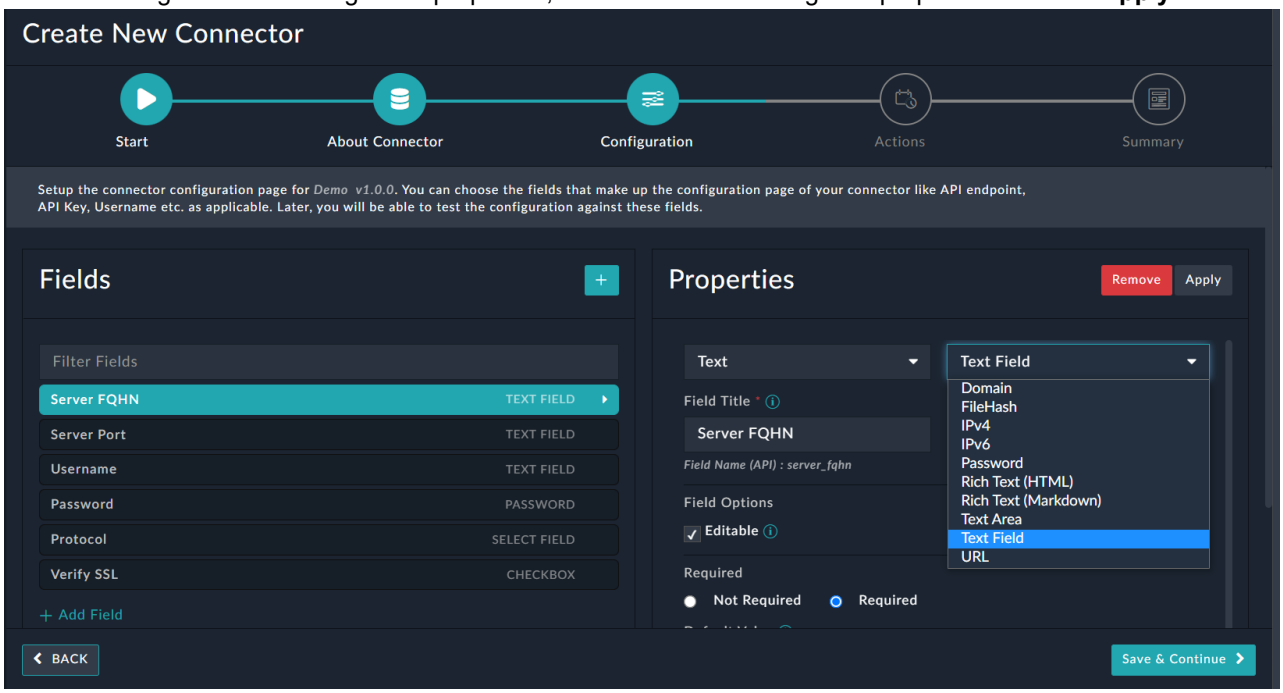
i. Once you have completed entering all the details, click **Save & Continue**, to go to the `Configuration` screen.

5. Use the **Configuration** screen to set up the connector configuration page. If you have specified a template in the **About Connector** screen, then you will see that some suggestive configuration fields are added based on the selected template, else you will not see any configuration fields and you require to add all the required configuration fields.
If, for example, in the **About Connector** screen, the **Threat Intel** is selected from the **Select Template** drop-down list, then you will see the following `Configuration` screen:



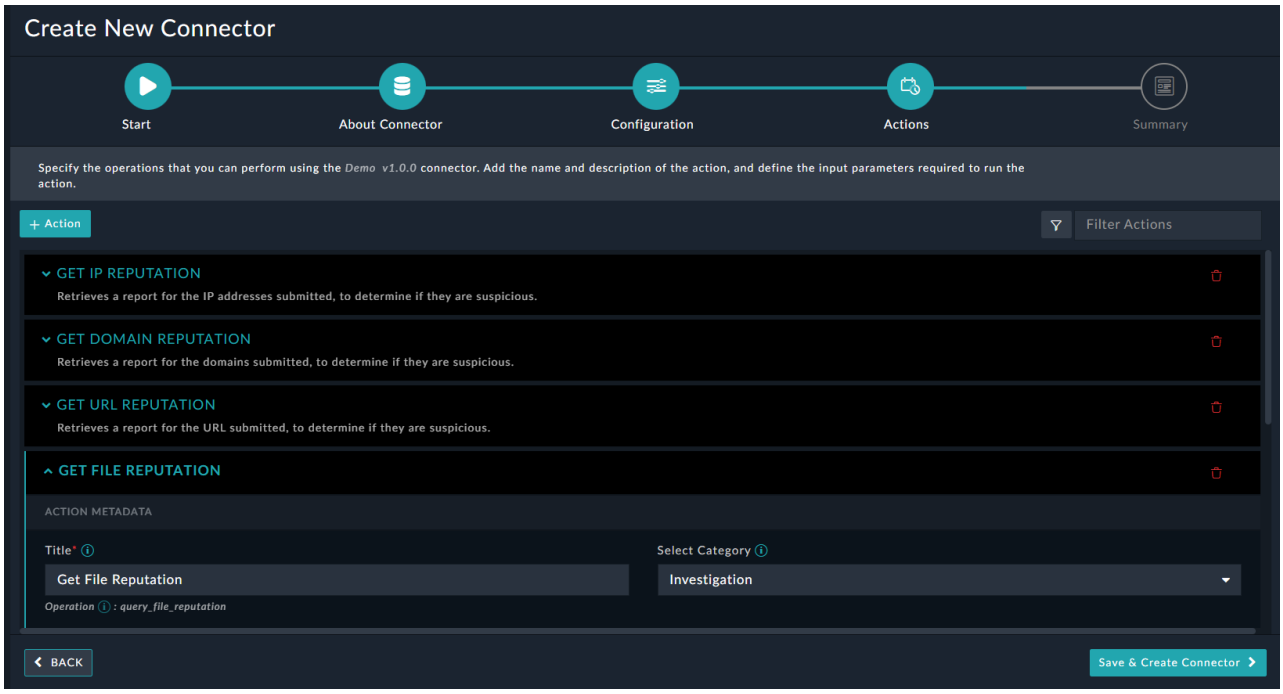
To add fields to the connector configuration, click **+** button alongside **Fields** or click the **Add Field** link and can

easily add properties to that field, like selecting the type of field you want to add such as Text, Integer, Email, etc., and even a sub-type of `Text` fields such as URL, Filehash, etc., all of which help you in ensuring that the user enters appropriate values in the field. You can also set other properties such as visibility and a default value of the field, whether it is required or not, etc.
Important: You cannot add fields that are named 'name' and 'default' to the connector configuration since 'name' and 'default' are reserved keywords.
To edit existing fields and change their properties, select the field to change the properties and click **Apply**.



Once you have completed entering all the details, click **Save & Continue**, to go to the `Actions` screen.

6. Use the **Actions** screen to set up the connector actions. From version 7.0.2 onwards, you can define the actions that the connector should perform in the form view, instead of having to edit a raw JSON file. If you have specified a template in the **About Connector** screen, then you will see that some suggestive actions are added based on the selected template, else you will not see any actions and you require to add all the required actions to the connector. If, for example, in the **About Connector** screen, the **Threat Intel** is selected from the **Select Template** drop-down list, then you will see the following `Actions` screen:



To add actions, click the **+ Action** button, to edit an action click the down (**v**) arrow to display the metadata and parameters for the action, and click the **Delete** icon to remove the action. You can also type a keyword in the **Filter Actions** field to filter the actions of the connector.

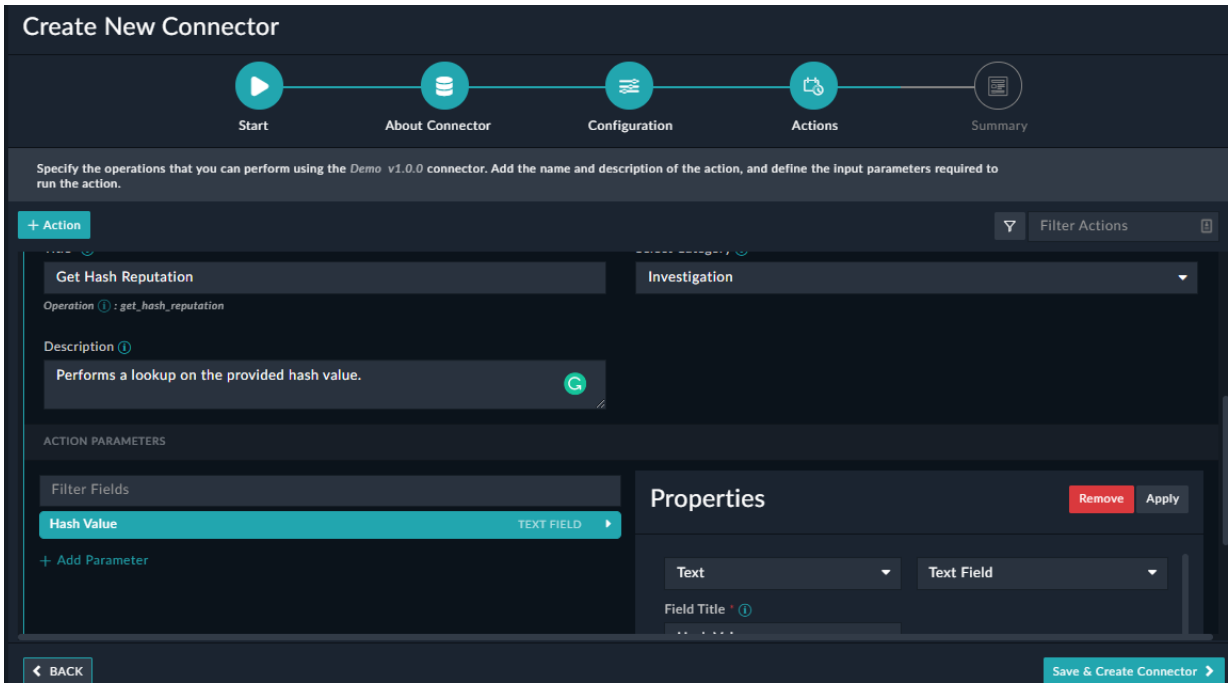
To add a new operation to the connector, click **+ Action**, and enter the following details for the action:

a. In the `Action Metadata` section, enter the following metadata details for the action:

- **i.** In the **Title** field, enter a suitable name for the action that would explain the purpose of the action. For example, if you want to perform a lookup for a specific domain, then you can enter *Lookup Domain* in the Title field.
- **ii.** From the **Select Category** drop-down list, select a suitable category for the action from options such as Investigation, Remediation, Utilities, etc. For example, select *Investigation*.
- **iii.** In the **Description** field, enter a description that explains the action and the utility of the action.

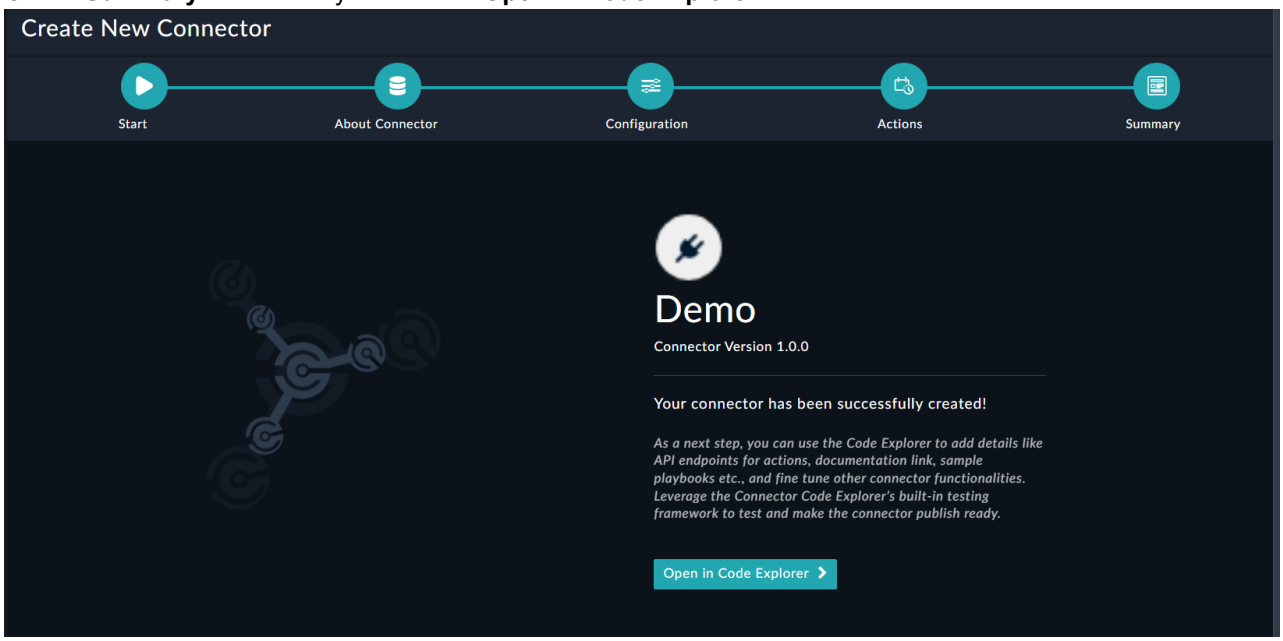
b. In the `Action Parameters` section, define the parameters associated with the action. If your action does not need any input parameters to work, you do not need to add any parameters in this section. To add parameters, click the **Add Field** link and define its properties.

You need to specify the type of field, its field name and title, and other properties such as visibility and required field or not, a default value of the field, etc.



Once you have completed editing the connector configuration and adding the actions to the connector, click **Save & Create Connector**, which displays the **Summary** screen.

7. On the **Summary** screen and you can click **Open in Code Explorer** to edit and test the connector.



The created connector also gets saved in the **Create** tab, from where you also edit the connector. For more information, see the Editing a connector section.

Editing a connector

You can use the connector's code editor interface to edit existing connectors and build new connectors for custom use cases.

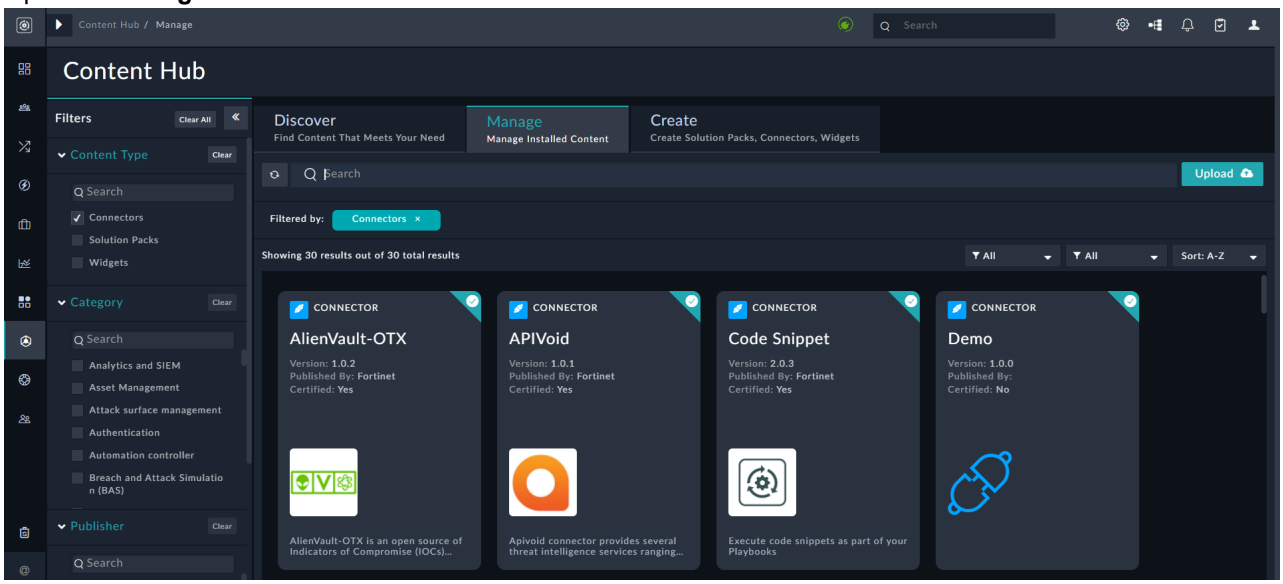
You cannot change the API identifier of the connector once it is set.

If a connector is published and is being used by other users, it is recommended that you add a version to the connector before editing the connector code, so that the changes you make do not cause any issues to existing operations done using the connector.

Once you have created and published a connector using the "Connector Wizard", or if you are editing an installed connector, then those connectors are present in the **Manage** tab from where you can edit the connector.

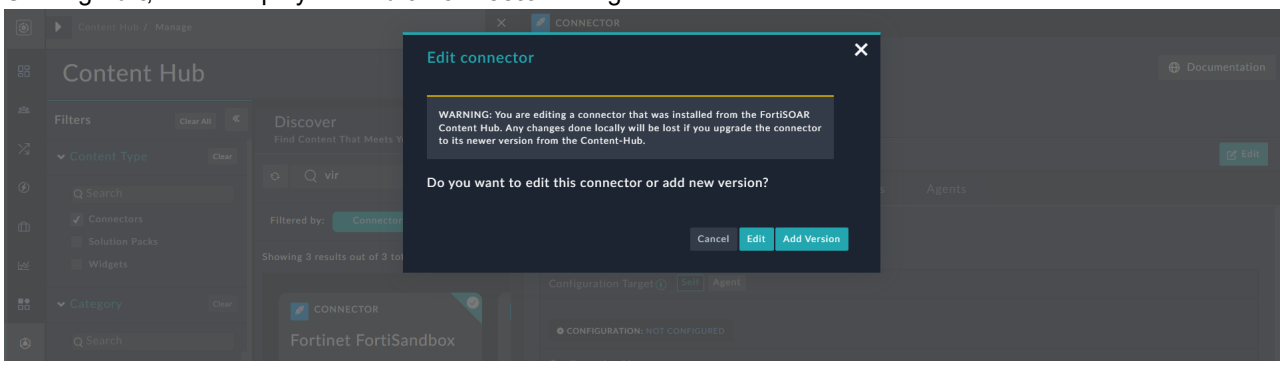
To edit a connector, do the following:

1. Open the **Manage** tab:



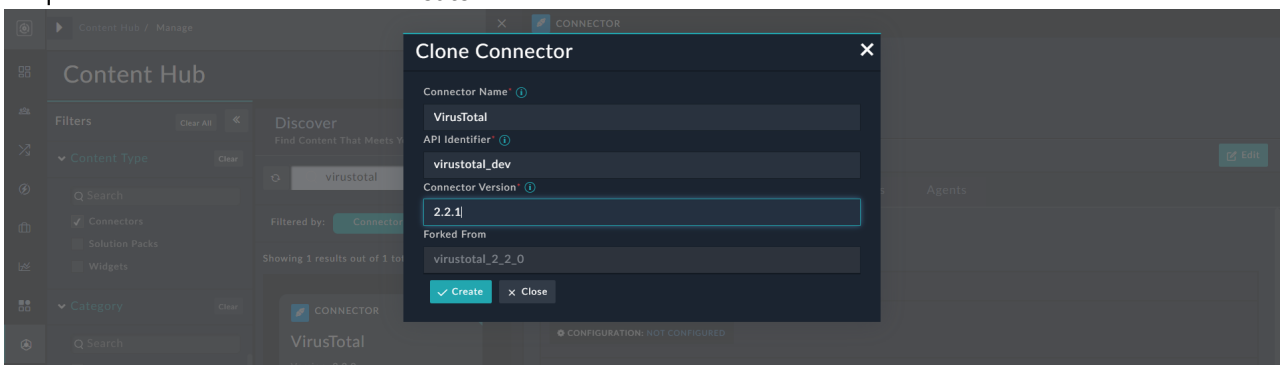
   In the **Manage** tab, you will see connector cards with their details such as the connector name, version, publisher name, etc. The card also contains a tick on a green background that indicates that the connector is installed.
   You might see more than one version of the connector if you are working on multiple versions of the connector, also when you publish a connector a working copy of that version of that installed connector is maintained in the **Manage** tab.

2. On the **Manage** tab, click the connector card to open the connector pop-up, and click **Edit**.
   Clicking **Edit**, which displays the **Edit Connector** dialog.

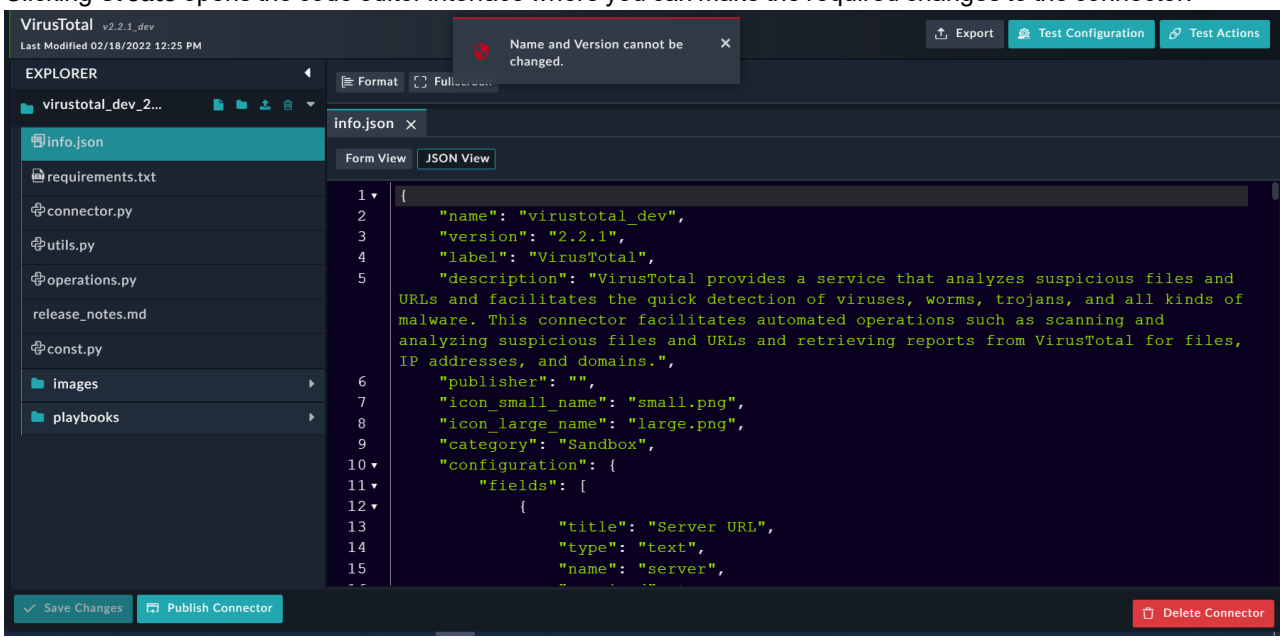


   On the **Edit Connector** dialog, you can choose **Edit** if you want to directly edit the connector, i.e., opens the code

editor interface, or **Add Version**, which displays the **Clone Connector** dialog. In the **Clone Connector** dialog, users can specify the version, title, and specify a unique API Identifier of the connector, and then click **Create**. This then clones the connector, opens the code editor interface with the specified version, and saves the connector with the specified version in the **Create** tab.
For example, clicking **Edit** on the *VirusTotal* connector, displays a `Edit Connector` dialog, and clicking **Add Version** displays the `Clone Connector` dialog, where you update the connector name, version, and specify a unique API Identifier and then click **Create**:

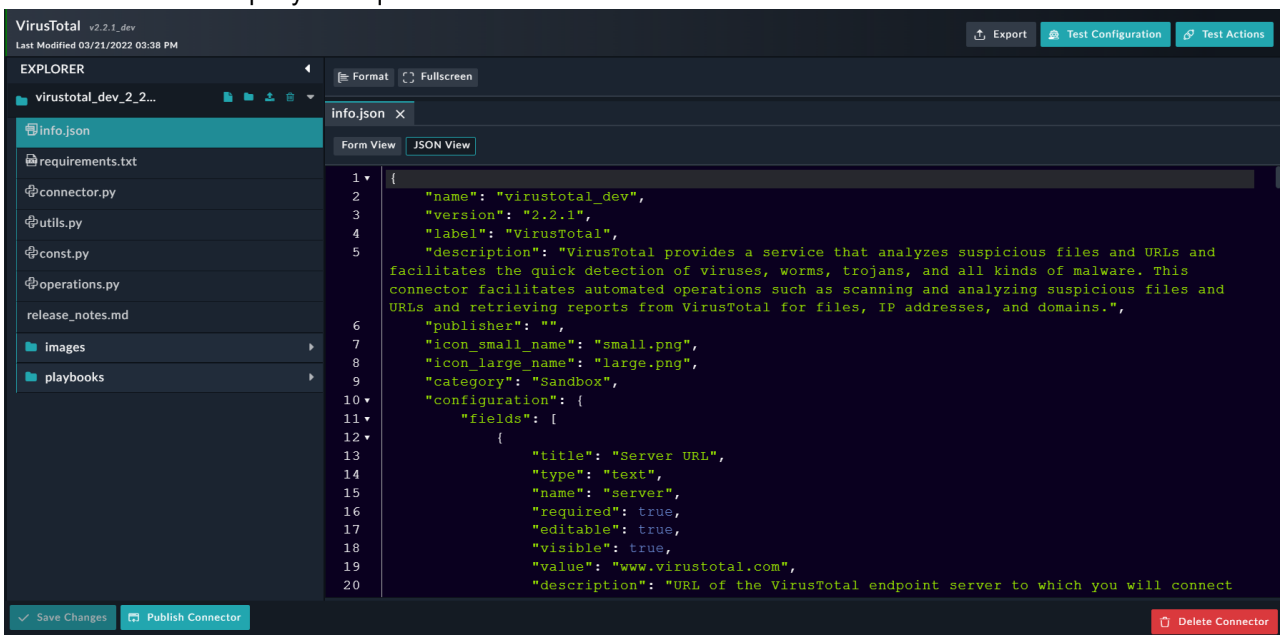


Clicking **Create** opens the code editor interface where you can make the required changes to the connector.



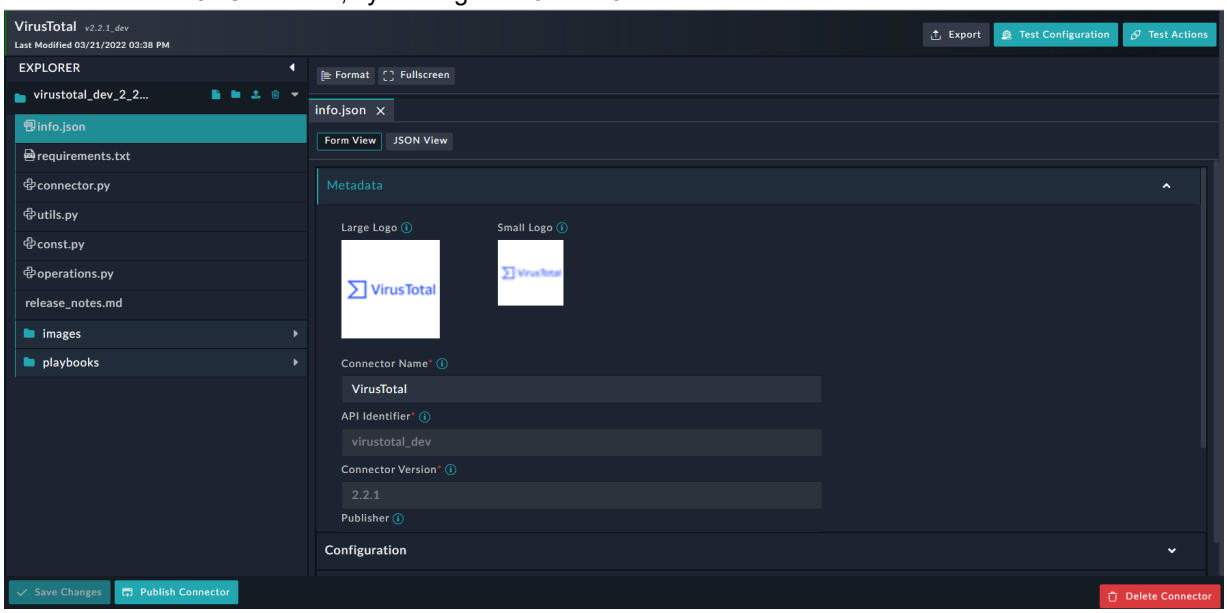
It also saves the cloned connector in the **Create** tab, with the name that is specified in the **API Identifier** field, i.e., '*VirusTotal v2.2.1_dev*'.

3. Edit the connector as per your requirement in the code editor interface:



The files and folders that are present are similar to what is described in the Writing a custom connector manually section. A brief description of these files and folders follows:

- The `info.json` file contains information about the name and version of the connector, logo image file names, the configuration parameters, the set of functions supported by the connector, and their input parameters. The name of all the fields in the `info.json` file must be unique.
  From version 7.0.2 onwards, you can choose to edit the `info.json` file in the **Form** view, instead of editing the file in the raw JSON format, by clicking the **Form View** button:

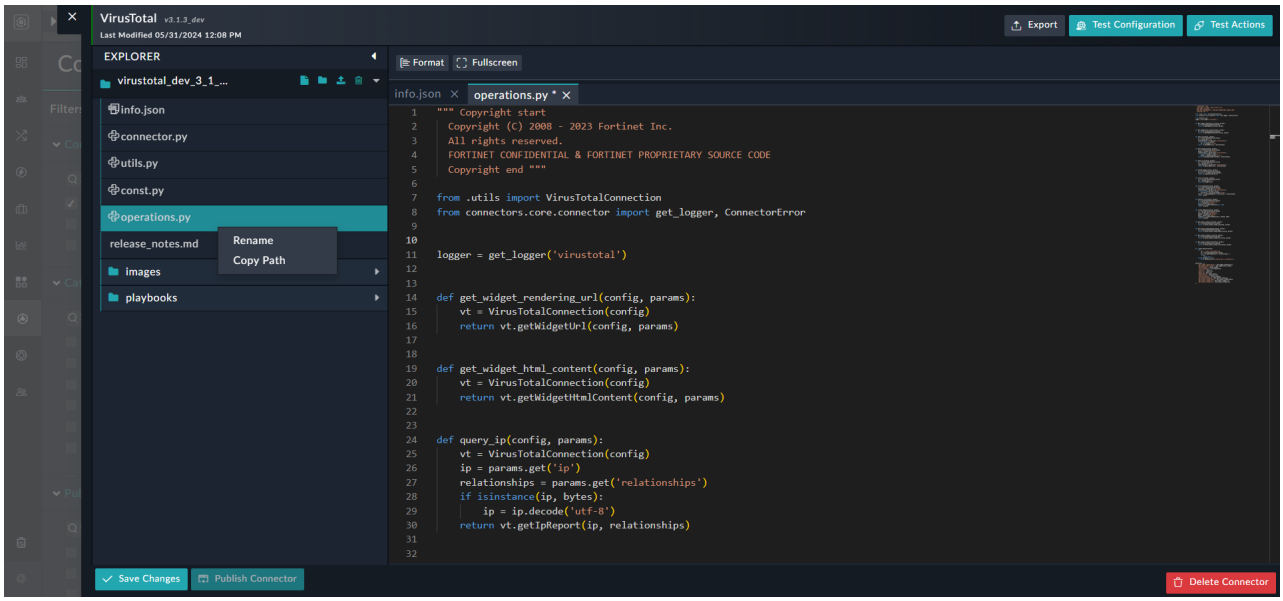


  The **Form View** of the info.json file, contains Metadata, Configuration, and Actions information for the connector. Click the down (**v**) in the respective row to add or edit the information for each of these items.
  - **Metadata**: Contains information about the connector, including the name, version, logo, etc. of the connector.
  - **Configuration**: Contains the configuration parameters for the connector that is used to set up the connector configuration page.

- **Actions**: Contains the actions that the connector can perform and its associated Metadata and parameters.
  For more information on editing these items in the Form View, see the Building a connector using the Connector Wizard section.

- From version 7.0.2 onwards, you can use the connector wizard to add actions to the connector or you can also use the **Form View** of the `info.json` file. In case you want to manually add an action to a connector, i.e., edit the raw JSON file, then you must add the operation parameters in the `info.json` file, and this in turn, creates a `.py` file per operation. Each operation `.py` file contains the default template format for the operation. Once the `info.json` is updated with the operation it is mapped in the `builtins.py`.
- The `connector.py` file extends the base connector class and implements the `check_health` and `execute` functions.
  Note: The `connector.py` template file provides an additional function called `dev_execute` that can be used during the development phase of the connector. Code changes do not always reflect without a service restart; therefore `dev_execute` reloads the function definition at every 'execute' call to ensure that the changes made at every save in the code get immediately reflected. You can change the `execute` function in `connector.py` as follows to call the `dev_execute` function instead:
  ```
  def execute(self, config, operations, params, *args, **kwargs):
        return self.dev_execute(config, operation, params)
  ```
  However, note that reloading the function at every function call is slow and performance-intensive. So, once the development is complete and the connector is ready to use, you must revert the code to the original. For more information on `connector.py`, see the connector.py section.
- The **images** directory contains the connector logo files.
- The **playbook** directory contains the `playbook.json` file, which contains the playbook collection that you want to include with your connector.
- The `requirements.txt` file lists the additional python libraries that are required by the connector. However, the connector dependencies are not installed by default when the connector is created. If you want to test the connector that is being developed, you must manually install the connector dependencies.
- The `release_notes.md` file (present for connectors that have released versions) contains information such as what's new and what's fixed, in a particular release of a connector.

4. Apart from the above files, it is recommended that you maintain a file (`utils.py`) that contains common functions such as DateTime conversion, str to list, etc., which can be used by multiple actions in the connector.
5. Edit the existing connector as required, and click **Save Changes**.
   The connector is saved in the "Draft" state.
   The left-pane of the code editor interface contains the name of the connector along with various icons using which you can perform actions such as creating new files and folders, and also uploading or deleting selected files or folders:

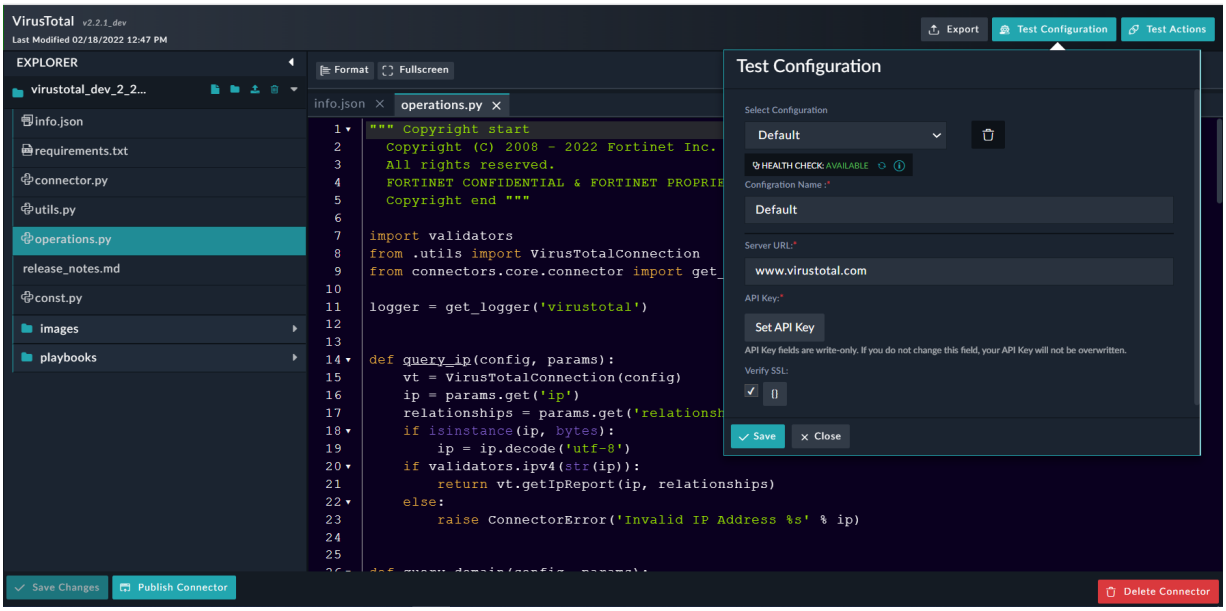


You can also rename connector files and folders or copy its path, by right-clicking the selected file or folder row and selecting **Rename** or **Copy Path**.

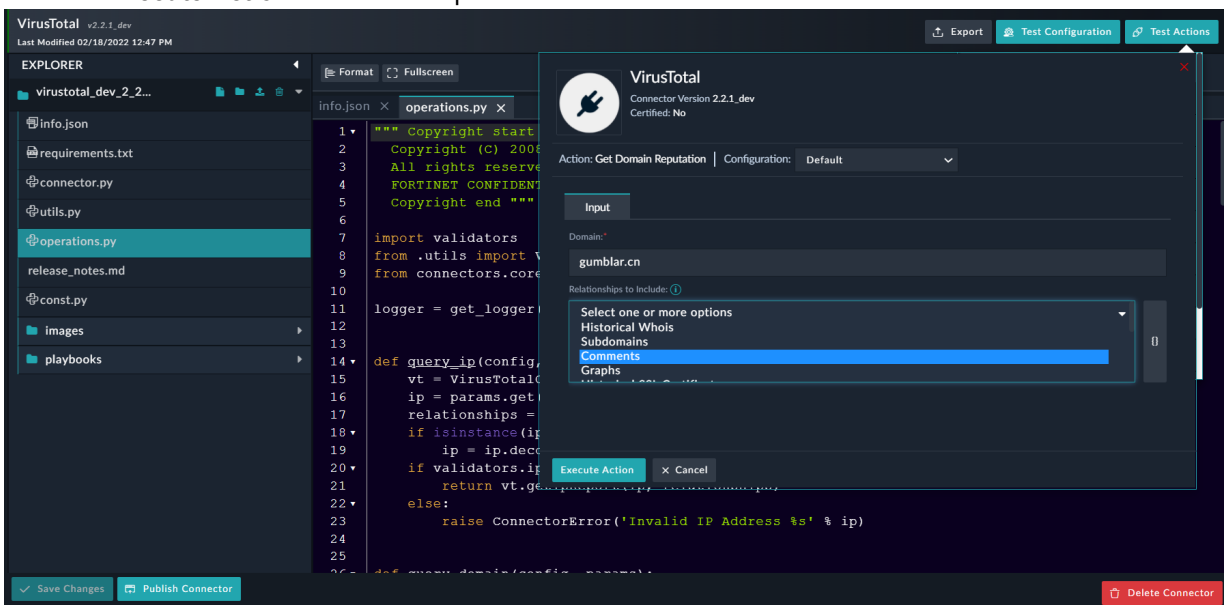
From release 7.6.0 onwards, IntelliSense support has been integrated into the editor used for developing connectors and widgets. For details see the Code Editor with IntelliSense support topic. Additionally, you can also perform the following operations on the code editor interface:

- **Code Formatting**: To automatically lint your code and make it more human-readable and error-free (syntax and programming errors), click the **Format** button. To format a specific section of the code, select the code, right-click, and choose the **Format Selection** option.
- **Full Screen**: To get a better working view and make the editor go full-screen, click the **Fullscreen** button. To exit the full screen, press `ESC`.
- **Export**: To export the connector as a `.tgz` file, click the **Export** button. You might want to import the exported connectors' `.tgz` file into another system.
- **Testing the configuration**: While developing a connector, you can perform a health check operation on the connector. Clicking the **Test Configuration** button opens a dialog containing the specified configuration parameters, where you can input the values, save the configuration, and perform the health check. If the configuration is valid, i.e., the configuration parameters and values specified are correct, then the health check

will appear as "Available", else it will appear as "Disconnected".

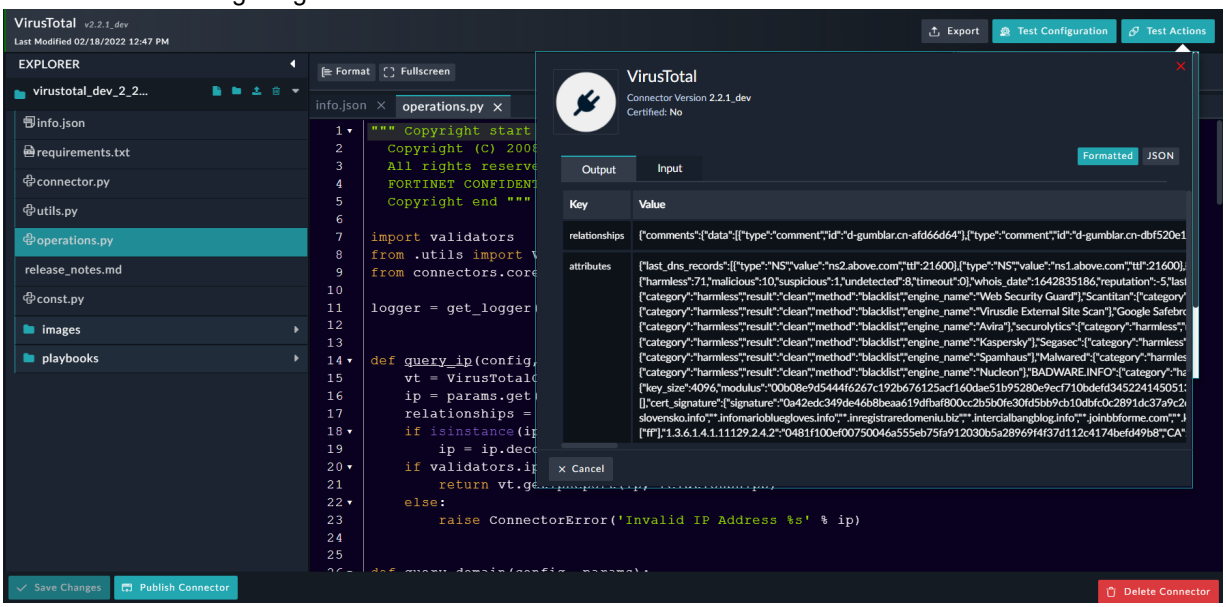


- **Testing the actions**: You can use the saved configuration for testing connector actions for their output/errors. Clicking the **Test Actions** button displays a list of actions for that connector. Click the action that you want to test to display a dialog containing the input parameters for that action. Enter the values for the input parameters and click **Execute Action** to view the output for that action.



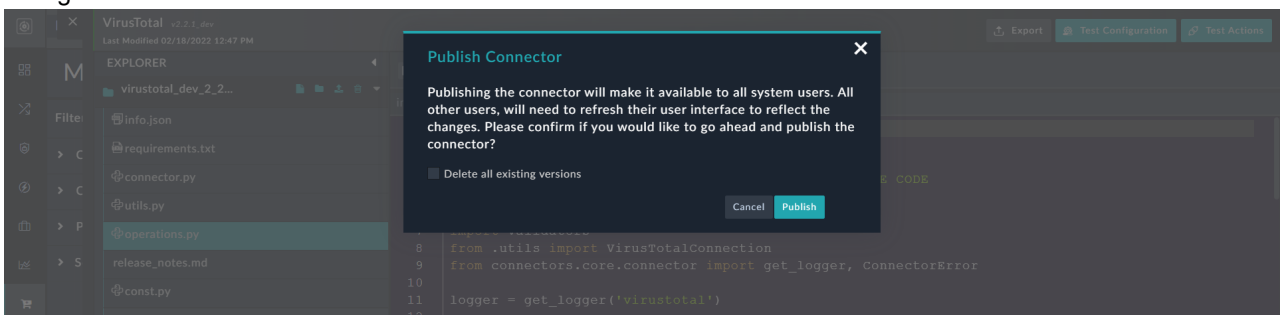
Once the connector action is executed, you can see the formatted output of the action, in a tabular format, as

shown in the following image:



- **Deleting the Connector**: To delete the connector, click the **Delete Connector** button.

6. Once you have completed making the changes, click **Publish Connector** to display the `Publish Connector` dialog:



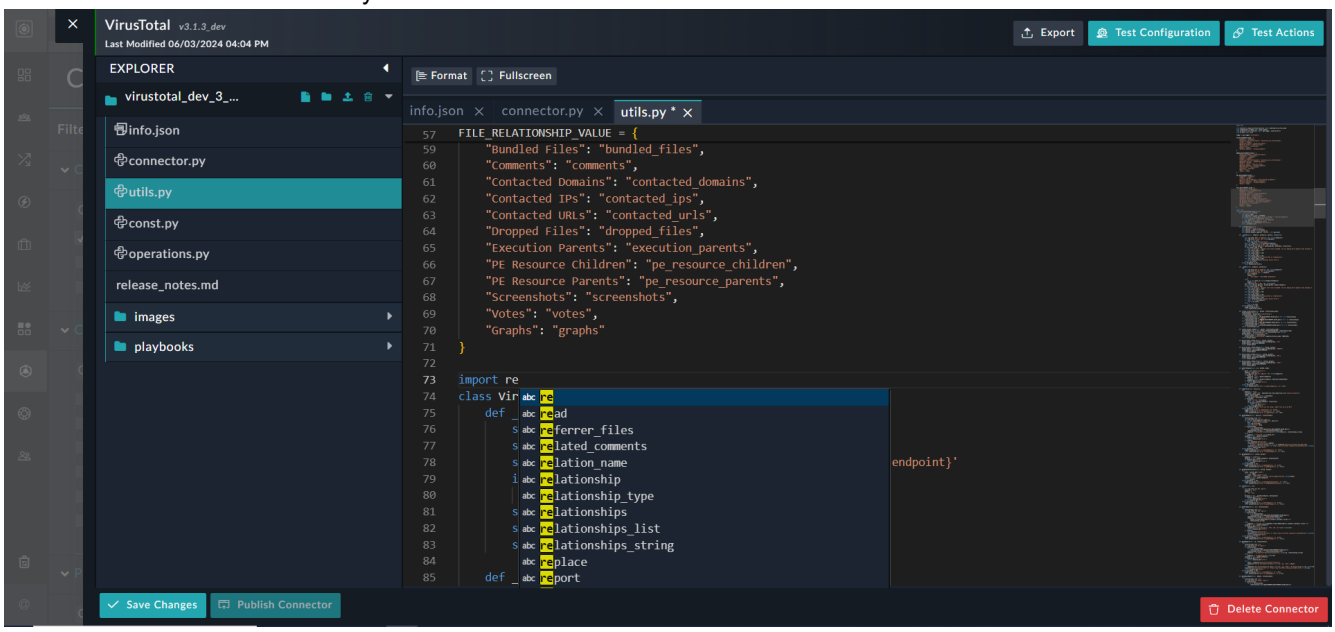
Click **Publish** to publish the connector and make it available on the **Discover** tab for all the users of the system and use it in playbooks or run directly on records. However, a working copy for the same is also maintained in the **Create** tab.
To delete all existing versions of the connector from your system, select the **Delete all existing versions** checkbox.

Code Editor with IntelliSense support

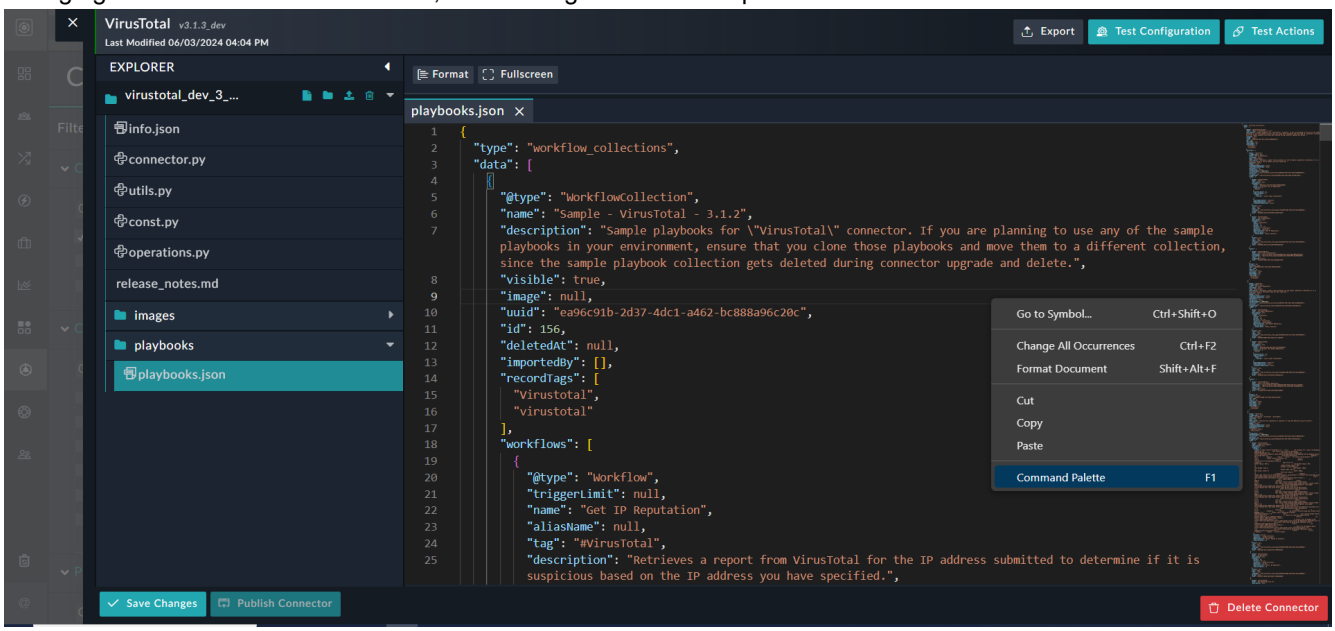
IntelliSense aids in code or text completion, offering features such as listing members, providing information about parameters, completing words, and keeping track of the parameters users are typing. From release 7.6.0 onwards, IntelliSense support has been added for multiple languages, including JavaScript, Python, JSON, CSS, and HTML. This enhancement improves the user experience by providing a more intuitive and responsive interface for coding.
IntelliSense support is available in the following areas:

- In the editor used for developing connectors and widgets.
- In Code Snippet connectors within playbooks when entering Python code. For more information about the Code Snippet connector, see the Code Snippet Connector document.
- In the editor for JavaScript files, that are primarily used for widget development, IntelliSense for FortiSOAR UI services is also added. For more information, see the *Widgets Library* chapter in the "User Guide."

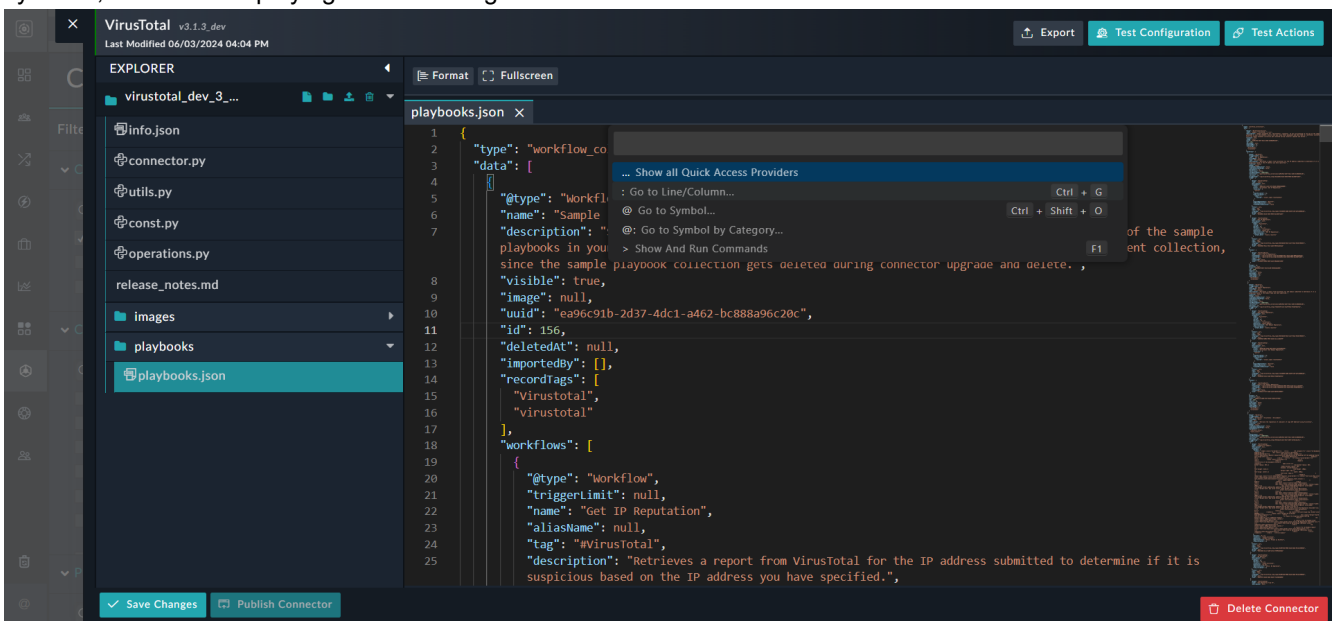
IntelliSense functionality is available in editors on the FortiSOAR UI. This includes a minimap on the right side, function descriptions displayed on cursor movements, language-specific IntelliSense support, syntax error highlighting, and search in documents functionality:



Additionally, right-click options are enabled for formatting the document, performing cut, copy, and paste operations, changing occurrences in the document, and viewing the command palette:



You can use the command palette for quick access to operations such as navigating to specific lines, columns, or symbols, as well as displaying and executing commands:



Creating custom functions and function references using connectors

You can add custom functions or function references to your custom connector, edit an existing connector to add custom functions, or expose an action of a connector as a function. The following benefits to users are brought about by this improvement:

- Export/Import of custom functions using the Export and Import Wizards.
- Jinja2/Ansible/YAQL or simple python function references can be easily added to the Functions tab in Dynamic Values, making them usable in playbooks and the Jinja Editor.

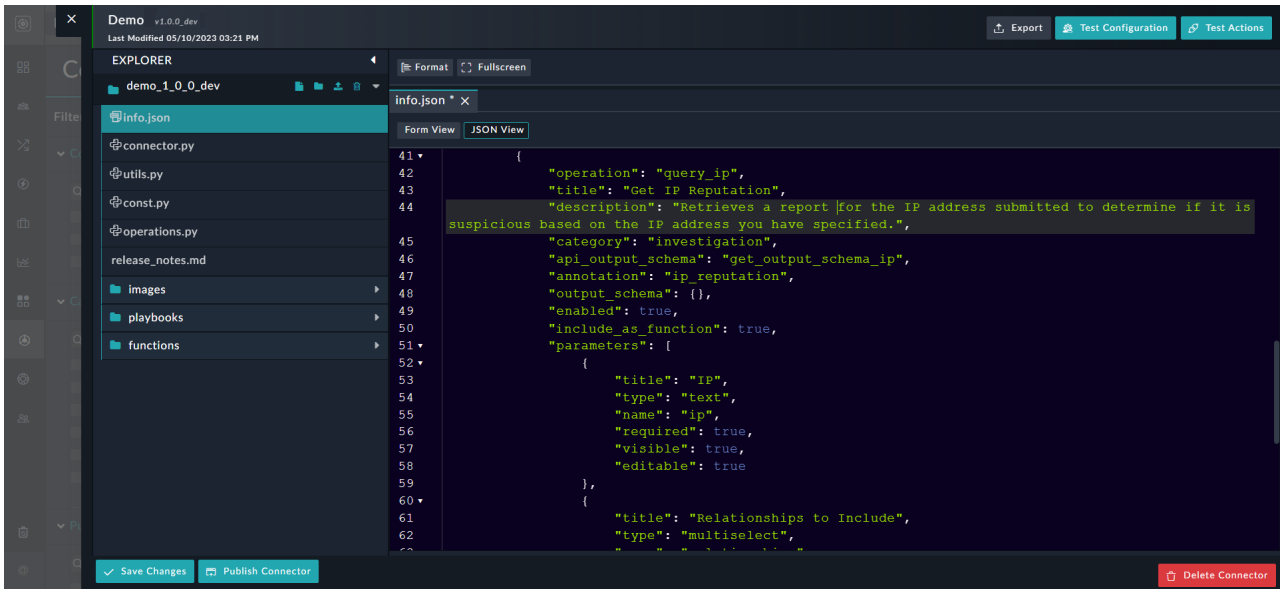
Creating custom functions using connectors

You can add custom functions to your custom connector, edit an existing connector to add custom functions, use or expose an action of a connector as a function in Dynamic Values, etc.

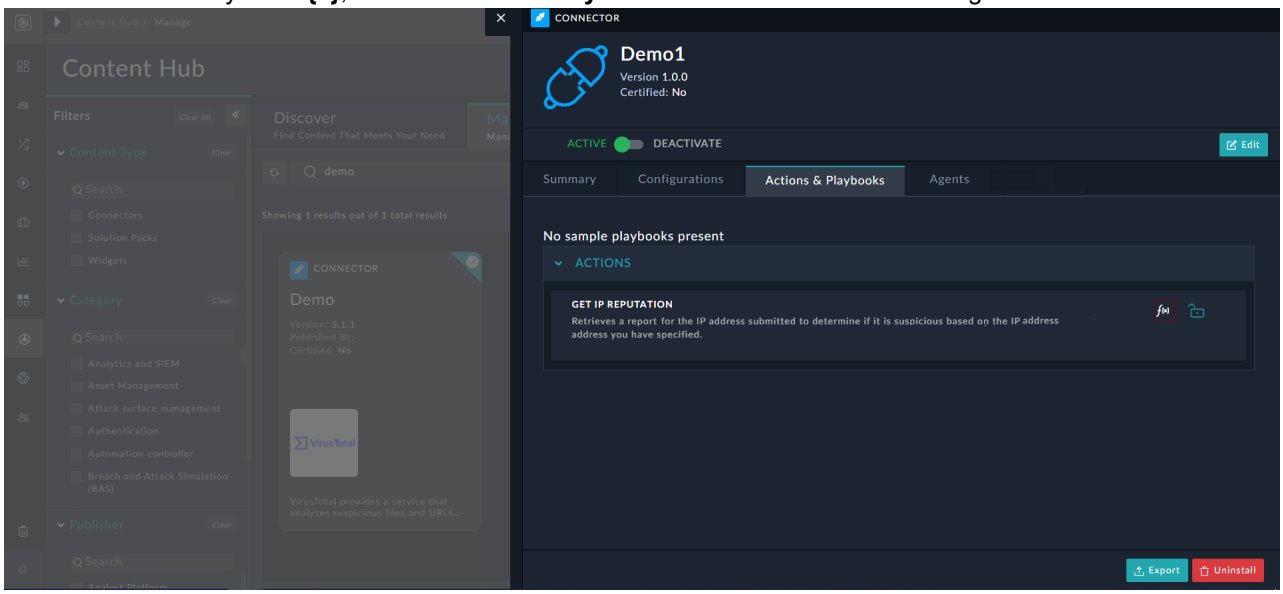
To expose an action of your connector for example, Demo v1.0.0, as function in the 'Custom' section in the **Functions** tab of Dynamic Values, do the following:

1. Click **Content Hub** > **Manage**.
2. Click the **Demo** connector card to open the Connector Configuration pop-up and click **Edit**.
   On the `Edit Connector` dialog, click **Edit**, or click **Add Version** if you want to add a new version of the Demo connector.
3. Open `info.json` in the JSON view and in the 'operations' section, add the operation that you want to use as a function. For example, add a 'Get IP Reputation' action.

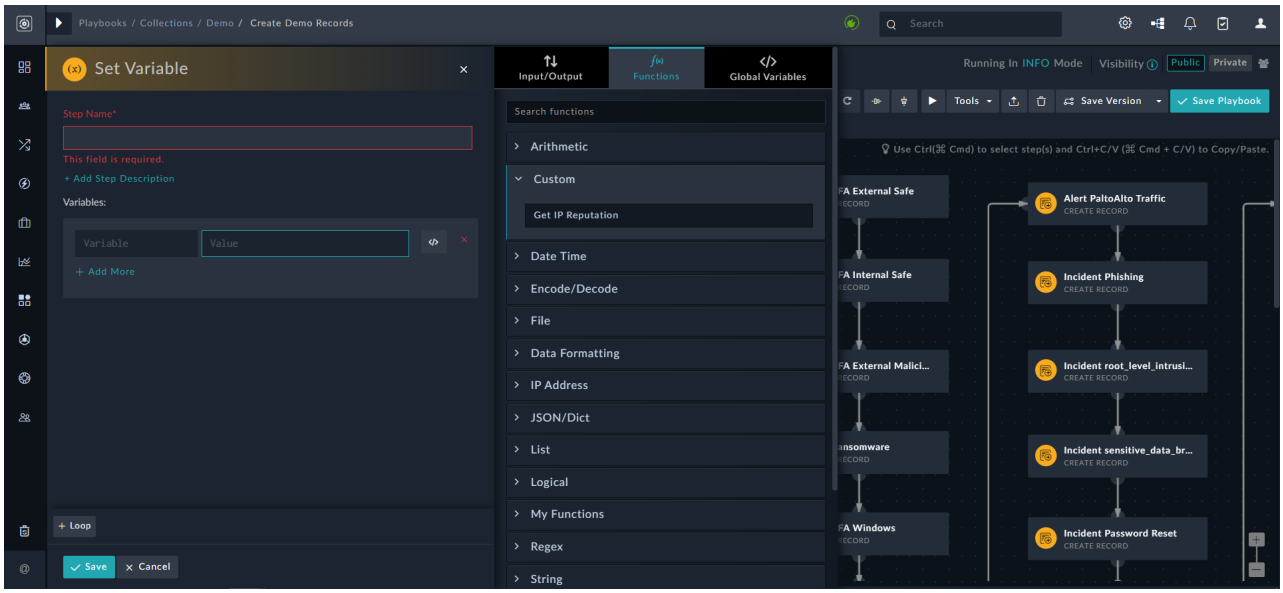
4. To expose the added action as a function, you must add `"include_as_function": true` to the operation definition:



5. Click **Save Changes** and **Publish Connector**.
This adds function symbol **f{x}**, to the **Actions & Playbooks** tab of the Connector Configuration:



Also, a 'Custom' section is added to the **Functions** tab in Dynamic Values:

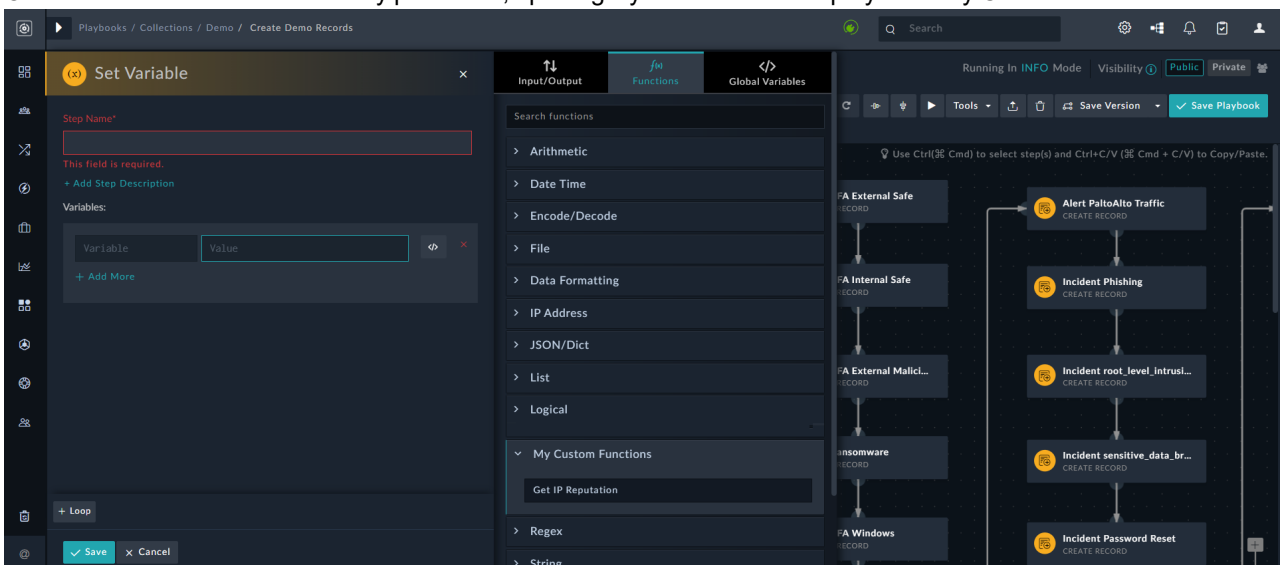


Optionally, if you want to rename the 'Custom' section to for example, My Custom Functions in Dynamic Values, add the following to the operation definition in the `info.json` file:

`"function_category": "My Custom Functions"`

Once the changes are done, click **Save Changes** and **Publish Connector**.

Once the connector is successfully published, opening Dynamic Values displays the 'My Custom Functions' section:



If there are many connectors that have actions with the same name, then only one action can be exposed as a function.

For example, both the VirusTotal and Anomali Threatstream connectors contain the 'Get IP Reputation' action. Now, if you have exposed VirusTotal's Get IP Reputation action as the function, then you cannot expose Anomali Threatstream's Get IP Reputation action as a function.

Creating a function reference using connectors

Jinja2/Ansible/YAQL or simple python function references can be created using connectors, which can be further used in playbooks or the Jinja Editor.

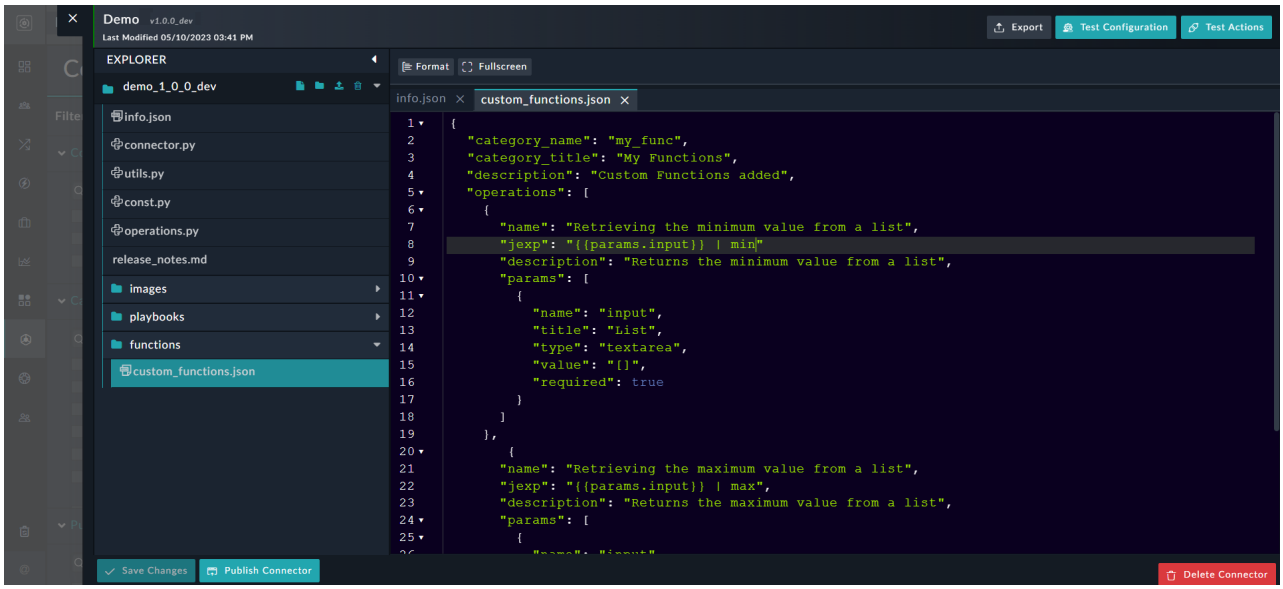
To create a function reference, do the following:

1. Click **Content Hub** > **Manage**.
2. Click the **Demo** connector card to open the Connector Configuration pop-up and click **Edit**.
   On the `Edit Connector` dialog, click **Edit**, or click **Add Version** if you want to add a new version of the Demo connector.
3. In the connector code, add a folder named **functions**.
4. In the functions folder, add a `.json` file, for example `custom_functions.json`.
5. In the `custom_functions.json` file, add the definition of the function (s), with the following format:

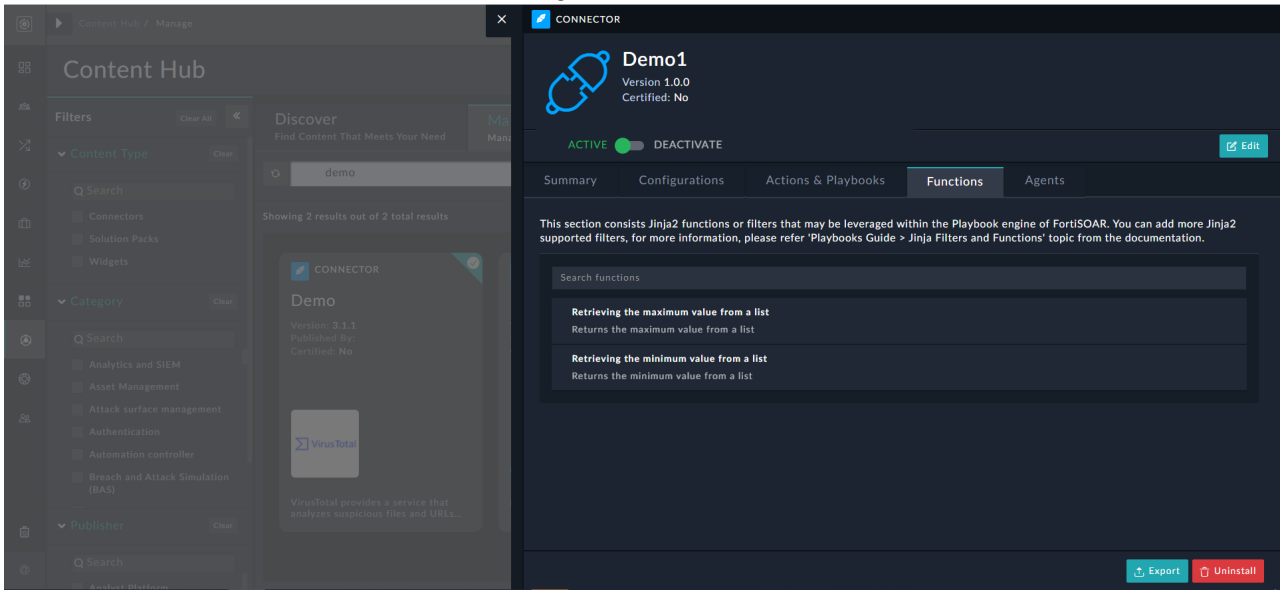
```
{
  "category_name": "<Name of the section>",
  "category_title": "<Title of the section to be displayed in Dynamic Values>",
  "description": "<Description of the section to be displayed in Dynamic Values>",
  "operations": [
    {
      "name": "<Name of the function>",
      "jexp": "<Definition of the function>",
      "description": "<Description of the function>",
      "params": [
        {"<Parameters of the function>"}
       ]
     }
    ]
}
```

For example, to get a minimum value from a list you can define a function such as:

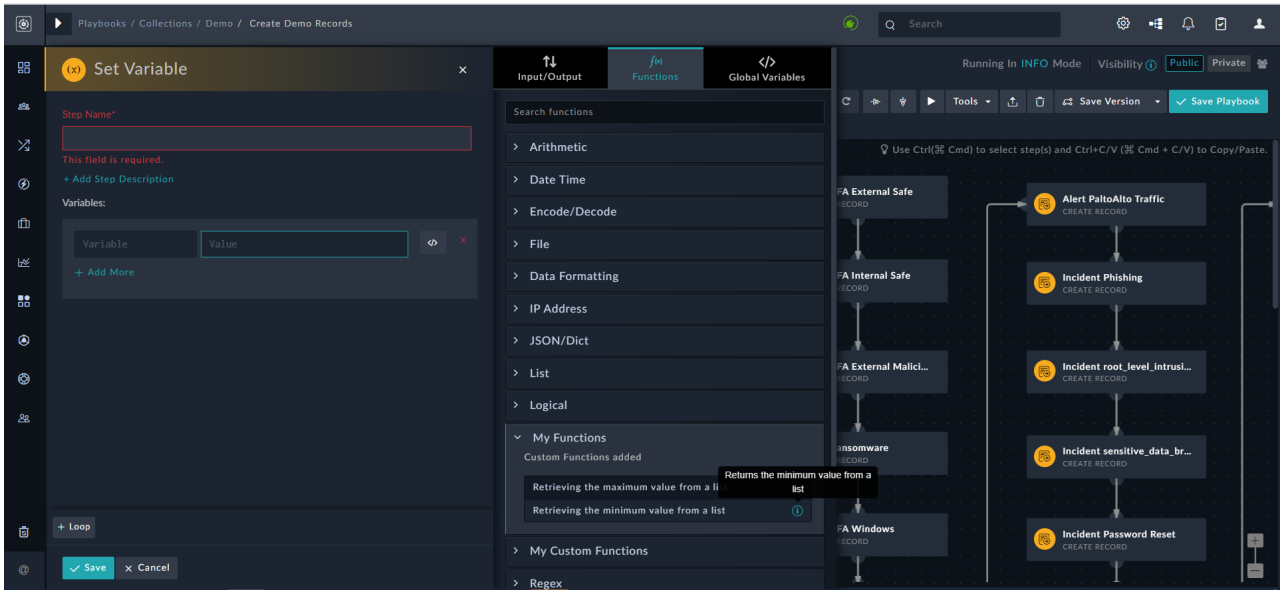
```
{
  "category_name": "my_func",
  "category_title": "My Functions",
  "description": "Custom Functions added",
  "operations": [
    {
      "name": "Retrieving the minimum value from a list",
      "jexp": "{{params.input}} | min",
      "description": "Returns the minimum value from a list",
      "params": [
        {
          "name": "input",
          "title": "List",
          "type": "textarea",
          "value": "[]",
          "required": true
        }
       ]
     }
   ]
}
```



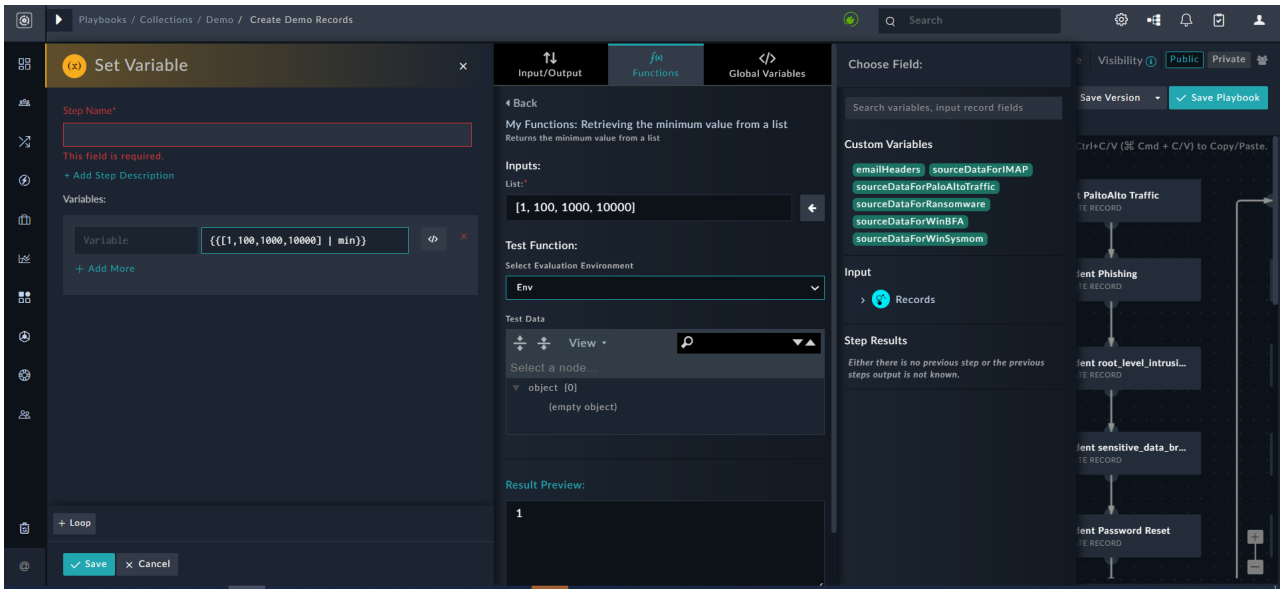
6. Click **Save Changes** and **Publish Connector**.
This adds a **Functions** tab to the Connector Configuration:



Also, the 'My Function' section is added to the **Functions** tab in Dynamic Values:



You can now use this function to know the minimum value in a list:



Now, you can use these function references within a playbook and the Jinja Editor; can also export-import these functions using the Connectors option in the Export/Import Wizards.

Custom functions can be tested using playbooks or the Jinja Editor only after publishing the connector. There is no separate way available to test the custom function before the publishing process.

Removing images of a connector installed from the Content Hub

If you are editing a connector that is part of the Content Hub, for example 'VirusTotal' and you want to remove the images of such a connector, do the following:

1. Open the connector in the code editor interface, and click the **images** folder.
2. Select the image that you want to delete and then click the **Delete** icon, then click **Delete** on the confirmation dialog.
3. In the code editor interface, click **info.json** and edit the `info.json` file to remove the file references of the deleted image. For example, if you have deleted the large logo for the connector (`large.png`), then in the `info.json` file, remove its reference:
   `"icon_large_name": "large.png"`
4. To save your changes, click **Save Changes**.

Debugging connectors

- You can add logger statements to test your connector's code paths. Use the `get_logger` utility function to initialize the logger. You can import `get_logger` from `connectors.core.connector`, and then declare the logger as `logger = get_logger('<connector name>')`. Then you can add `logger.error('<logger_message>')` to the `operation.py` file that you want to debug.
- If your connector's configuration or action fails, you can check the connector logs. All the connector logs are written to the `/var/log/cyops/cyops-integrations/connectors.log` file and follow the format: `%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(name)s %(module)s %(funcName)s(): %(message)s`
  The default log level is `WARN`, however, you can change it to `INFO` or `DEBUG`.
  For example, to change the log level to `INFO`:
  Open the `/opt/cyops-integrations/integrations/configs/config.ini` file and set `connector_logger_level = 'INFO'`, and then restart the `uwsgi` service.

Building a connector using FortiAI

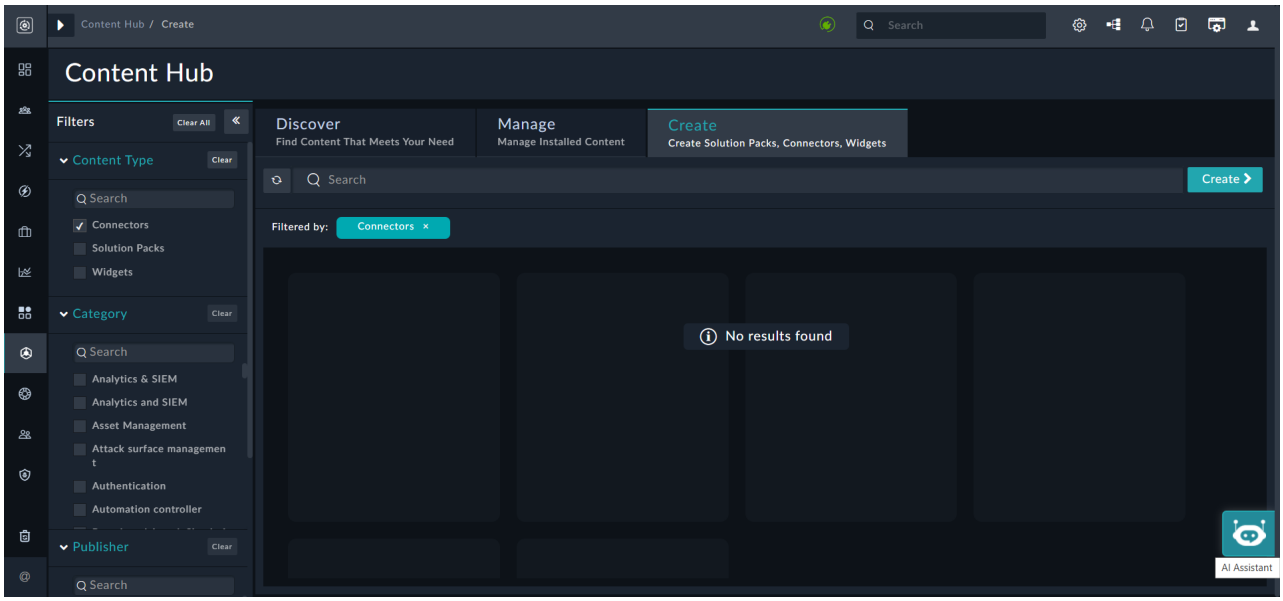
Starting with release 7.6.2, FortiAI allows you to automatically generate a customized connector, complete with a set of API actions based on your specified API endpoints. This simplifies the connector creation process, reducing both time and effort.

To use FortiAI, you must install the FortiAI Solution Pack and ensure that the necessary prerequisites are met. These include having an OpenAI account and a valid project-level API key to access the OpenAI APIs. For detailed setup instructions, see the FortiAI document.

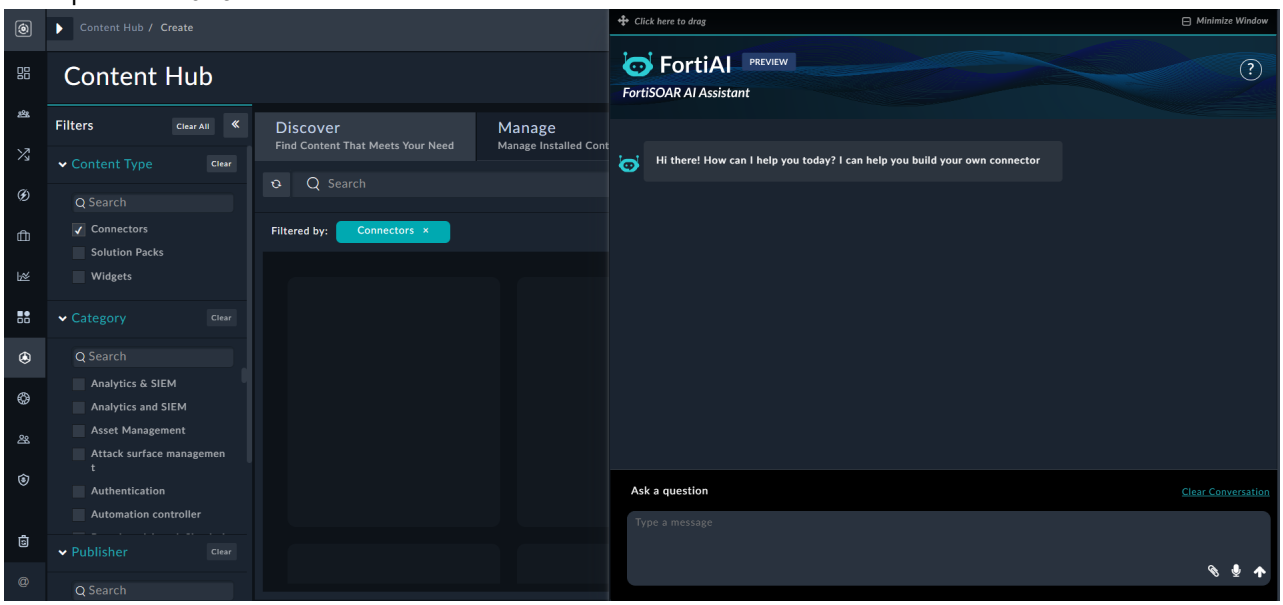
Once the prerequisites are in place, follow these steps to create a connector:

1. In your FortiSOAR instance, navigate to **Automation** > **Connectors** or **Content Hub**. In `Content Hub`, select **Connectors** as the content type.

2. Click the **Create** tab, and then click the **AI Assistant** icon:



This opens the `FortiAI` window:

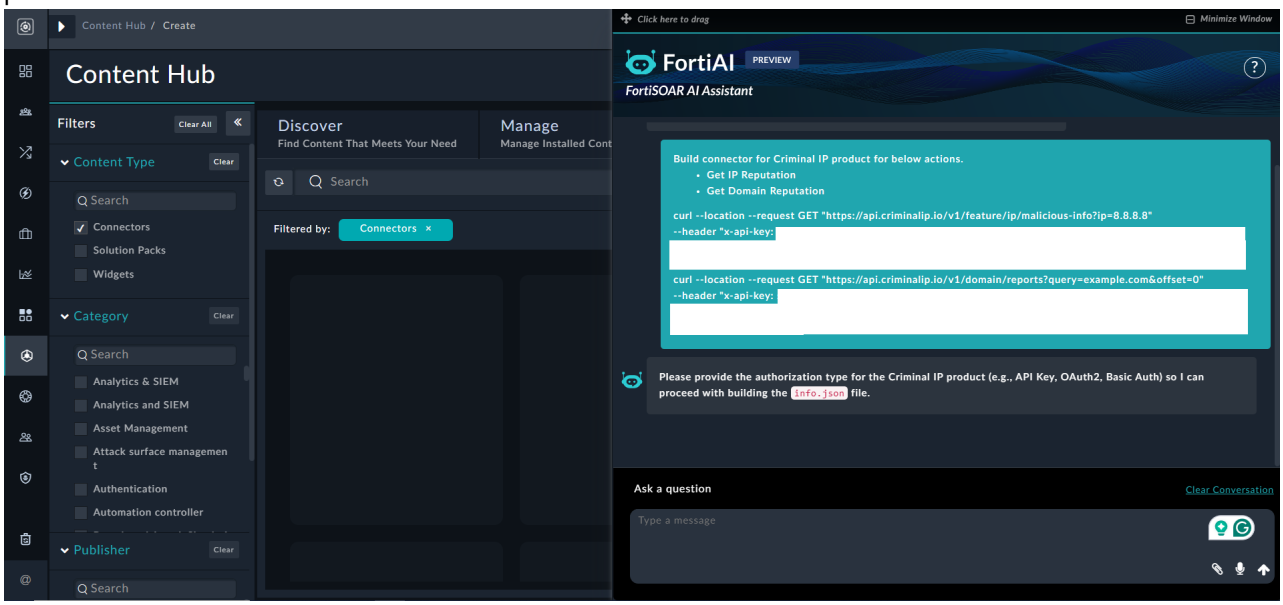


3. In the `FortiAI` window, enter the appropriate prompt to generate a connector. The prompt must include the connector's purpose, the actions it has to perform, and the API endpoint. The API endpoint can be provided in several formats, including curl commands, JSON data, or attachments in the following formats: `.json`, `.yml`, `.txt`, or `.pdf`.
Example Prompt: To create a connector for a Criminal IP product with actions such as, 'Get IP Reputation' and 'Get Domain Reputation', use the following prompt:

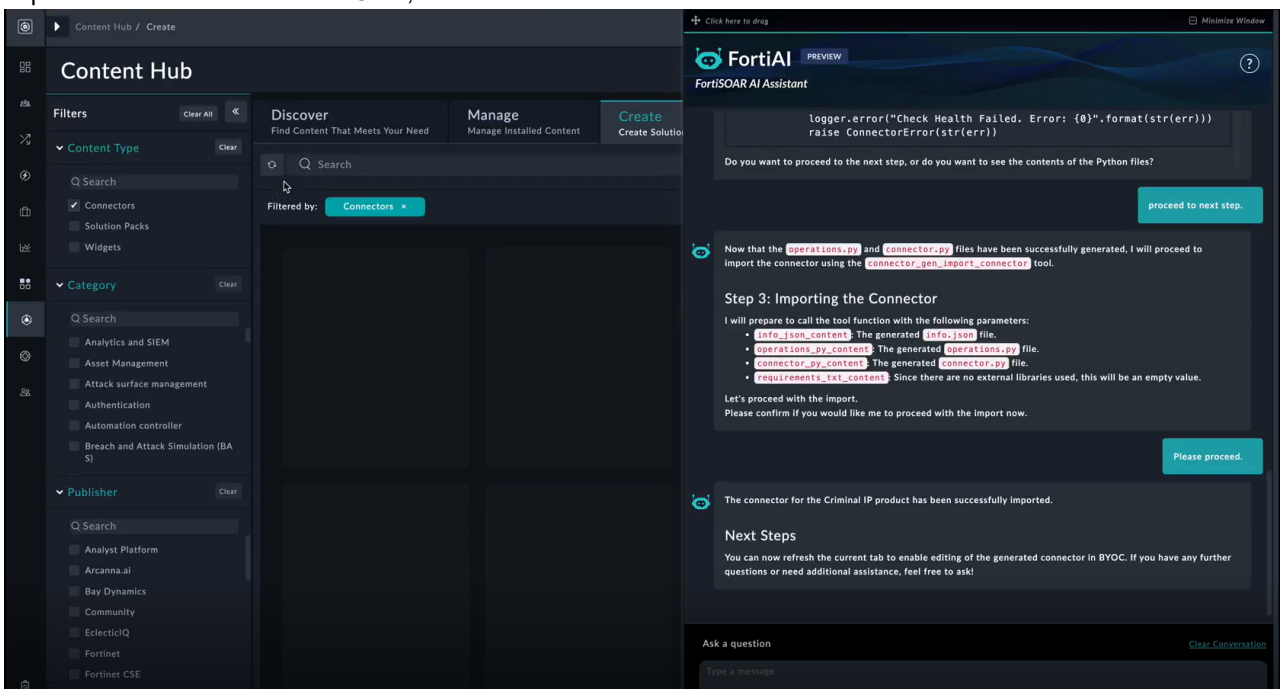
```
Build connector for Criminal IP product for below actions.
- Get IP Reputation
- Get Domain Reputation

curl --location --request GET "https://api.criminalip.io/v1/feature/ip/malicious-
info?ip=8.8.8.8" --header "x-api-key: <YOUR_OpenAI_API_KEY>"
```

```
curl --location --request GET
"https://api.criminalip.io/v1/domain/reports?query=example.com&offset=0"--header "x-api-
key: <YOUR_OpenAI_API_KEY>
```

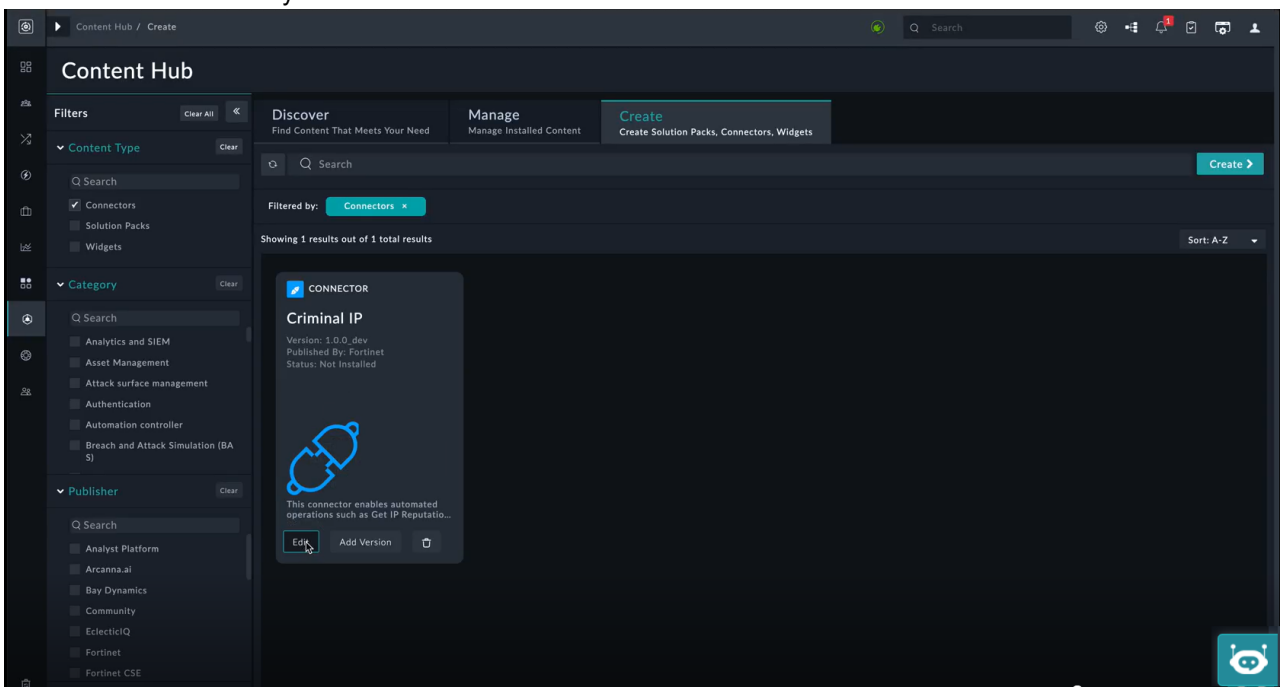
4. After entering your prompt, press *Enter* to submit your inputs:
5. FortiAI analyzes the provided inputs and prompts you for additional details, such as the authorization type for the product:



FortiAI also displays information about the generated files, including a summary of the `info.json` file along with the creation of `operations.py` and `connector.py`. At each stage, you can view the generated files by using commands like `show operations.py`. Once the connector files are generated, a prompt lays out the steps to import the connector into FortiSOAR, and asks for confirmation:



6. After importing, refresh the **Create** tab to view the generated connector's card, you can then click **Edit** on the connector's card to modify the connector as needed:



7. Once satisfied with the connector, **Publish** it to make it available to all users in the system. The published connector will appear in the **Manage** tab in Content Hub, and associated sample playbooks will be added to the `Playbooks` page.

For detailed information on using FortiAI, including sample prompts, usage examples, etc., see the FortiAI documentation.

Writing a custom connector manually

Perform the following steps to writ a custom connector manually:

1. Create a Connector Template Directory Structure with the required files.
2. Import the connector into FortiSOAR.
3. Check the health of the connector.
4. Add a connector operation to a playbook.

Connector Template Directory Structure

Create the following folder structure, with a folder with the connector name at the top and files within it:

connectorname folder

```
--+ playbooks
---+ __init__.py
---+ playbooks.json
--+ connector.py
--+ info.json
```

```
--+ images
--+ requirements.txt
--+ packages
---+ <package_name>
```

Python 3 is required for developing your connectors.

info.json

The `info.json` file contains information about the name and version of the connector, logo image file names, the configuration parameters, the set of functions supported by the connector, and their input parameters. The name of all the fields in the info.json file must be unique.

Ensure that the name of the connector in the `info.json` and the name of the connector folder matches exactly.

You can configure the following parameters, fields, and operations while writing connectors: description of connector and actions, tooltip, placeholder, conditional fields, backward compatibility (using visible_onchange parameter), validation using regex, label, apioperations, and grouping of fields. These parameters are explained in the **Notes** following the sample info.json file.

Following is an example of an `info.json` file:

```
{
 "name": "sampleConnector",
 "label": "sampleConnector",
 "description": "sampleConnector connector description",
 "publisher": "publisherName",
 "cs_approved": true/false,
 "cs_compatible": true/false,
 "version": "1.0.0",
 "category": "categoryType",
 "icon_small_name":"small_icon.jpeg",
 "icon_large_name":"large_icon.jpeg",
 "configuration": {
   "fields": [
     {
       "title": "fieldname",
       "required": true/false,
       "editable": true/false,
       "visible": true/false,
       "type": "text",
       "description": "text",
       "name": "user",
       "tooltip": "text for the tooltip",
       "placeholder": "placeholder text",
       "validation":{
            "pattern":"regex pattern for validation",
            "patternError":"text for the error message if validation fails"
```

```
            }
        }]
    },
    "operations": [
      {
        "operation": "function_template",
        "title": "Sample Function",
        "description": "description of the operation",
        "category": "categoryType",
        "annotation": "sample_annotation",
        "parameters": [{
          "title": "Sample Input1",
          "required": true/false,
          "editable": true/false,
          "visible": true/false,
          "type": "text",
          "name": "input1",
          "description": "text",
          "value": "default value1"
          "tooltip": "text",
        },
        {
          "title": "Sample Input2",
          "required": true/false,
          "editable": true/false,
          "visible": true/false,
          "type": "text",
          "name": "input2",
          "description": "text",
          "tooltip": "text",
          "value": "",
          "options": ["A", "B"],
          "onchange": {
               "A": [{
                 "title": "User2",
                 "required": true/false,
                 "editable": true/false,
                 "visible": true/false,
                 "visible_onchange":false,
                 "type": "text",
                 "name": "user2",
                 "description": "text",
                           "tooltip": "text",
                 "value": "admin1"
               }],
               "B": [{
                 "title": "User2",
                 "required": true/false,
                 "editable": true/false,
                 "visible": true/false,
                 "type": "integer",
                 "name": "user2",
                 "description": "text",
                           "tooltip": "text",
                 "value": 12345
               },{
```

```
            "title": "Comment1",
            "required": true/false,
            "editable": true/false,
            "visible": true/false,
            "type": "text",
            "name": "comment1",
            "description": "text",
                       "tooltip": "text",
            "placeholder": "Add comment1",
            "value": "",
            "onchange": {
              "placeholder attribute": [{
                "title": "placehoder attribute title",
                "required": true/false,
                "editable": true/false,
                "visible": true/false,
                "type": "checkbox",
                "name": "placehoder attribute name",
                "description": "text",
                           "tooltip": "text",
                "value": false
              }
            ]}
          }]
    }
  }],
  "enabled": true,
  "output_schema": {"key1": "", "key2": []}
},
{
          "operation": "Sample Operation 2",
          "category": "containment",
          "annotation": "sample_op",
          "title": "title of the operation",
          "description": "description of the operation",
          "is_config_required": true/false,
          "parameters": [
              {
                  "title": "title of list",
                  "type": "text",
                  "name": "sample_list",
                  "required": true/false,
                  "editable": true/false,
                  "visible": true/false,
                  "description": "description of the operation",
                  "tooltip": "text"
    },
              {

                  "type": "label",
                  "label": "label text",
                  "visible": true
    },
              {
                  "title": "title of list",
                  "type": "text",
```

```
                    "name": "sample_list",
                    "description": "description of the operation",
                    "required": true/false,
                    "editable": true/false,
                    "visible": true/false,
                    "class": "group-element",
                    "tooltip": "text"
        },
                {
                    "title": "title of list",
                    "type": "text",
                    "name": "sample_list",
                    "description": "description of the operation",
                    "required": true/false,
                    "editable": true/false,
                    "visible": true/false,
                    "class": "group-element",
                    "tooltip": "text"
        },
                {
                    "title": "title of list",
                    "type": "text",
                    "name": "sample_list",
                    "description": "description of the operation",
                    "required": true/false,
                    "editable": true/false,
                    "visible": true/false,
                    "class": "group-element last",
                    "tooltip": "text"
        }
       ],
             "enabled": true,
             "output_schema": {}
    }
 ]
},
"ingestion_supported": true,
"ingestion_modes": [
        "scheduled"
],
"ingestion_preferences": {
        "modules": [
                "indicators"
        ],
        "launch_name":"DI Configuration"
},
"help_online": "link to online documentation"
```

Notes:

- The version of the connector must be in the **x.y.z** format, for example, **1.0.0**. The version must consist of valid integers, for example, "1.15.125" is a valid version.
- The `output_schema` defines the keys that are present in the output json on the execution of an operation. The `info.json` contains some common keys. However, the output json can have additional keys based on the input parameters. You can use these json keys to set the input for subsequent Playbook Steps, using the Dynamic Values window. For more information, see the *Dynamic Values* section in "Playbooks."

- To support data ingestion, the `"ingestion_supported"` key must be set to `true`. You must also specify the ingestion method(s) that are supported by the connector using the `"ingestion_modes"` key. FortiSOAR supports the following ingestion methods: `"ingestion_modes": ["scheduled", "notification", "app_push"]`
  You can also customize the label of the button that is used to open the 'Data Ingestion Wizard'. By default, the label is set to "**Configure Data Ingestion**," which might not be appropriate in some cases, where the "Data Ingestion Wizard" must be run per configuration. If you want to change the default label, then add the `"launch_name"` parameter and its value in the `"ingestion_preferences"` key in the connector's `info.json` file. If the `"ingestion_preferences"` key is not present in the connector's `info.json` file, then you must first add the `"ingestion_preferences"` key, and then add the `"launch_name"` parameter and its value. For example:
  ```
  "ingestion_preferences": {
      "launch_name": "DI Configuration"
  }
  ```
- If you want to add online and/or offline documentation for your connector, add the following to your info.json:
  ```
  help_file: "name of pdf file in the connector folder"
  help_online: "link to the online documentation for the connector"
  ```
- Input types supported: text, password, checkbox, integer, decimal, datetime, phone, email, file, richtext, json, textarea, image, select, and multiselect.
  For `select` and `multiselect`, you can provide the list of inputs using the `options` key.
  For example,

  ```
  {
        "title": "Sample Field",
        "name": "sample",
        "required": "true",
        "editable": "true",
        "visible": "true",
        "type": "select",
        "options": ["A","B","C"]
  }
  ```
- `category` and `annotation` within *operations*: The category defines the category for the connector that you are adding, and it must be one of the following: investigation, remediation, containment, and miscellaneous.
  The annotation defines the operation or function that will be performed. An annotation is unique and belongs to only one category, i.e., you must not add an annotation to multiple categories.
  If you do not define any category in the `info.json` file, then by default, the annotation is added to the miscellaneous category.
  The category name must contain only lower-case alphabets. The annotation name must contain only lower-case alphabets, underscores, and numbers.
  Category and annotations must always come together.
  Multiple operations within a connector can use the same annotation.
- `description`: You can add a description for the connector, which will be visible on the connector page in FortiSOAR and you can also add a description for the action or operation, which will be visible on the connector step page in the Playbook Designer.
- `is_config_required`: By default, the `is_config_required` key is set to `true` (default), which means that the connector uses the configuration specified in the connector configuration to execute an action. If you set the `is_config_required` key to `false`, then configurations are not required to execute an action and in this case, you can use dynamic fields to specify the configurations.
  Note: This key is applicable at the action level, i.e., limited to a single action.
- `tooltip`: You can add the tooltip parameter to any field to display information about that particular field. Note that if you do not want a tooltip against any field, then you must remove the tooltip parameter from that field in the `info.json`. You must not pass `""` or `null` as values to the tooltip parameter.
- `placeholder`: You can add the placeholder parameter for text and select fields, which will display placeholders for those fields on the connector step page in the Playbook Designer.

- conditional fields (`onchange`): You can add the `onchange` parameter to fields, which you can use to display other fields or subfields conditionally based on the user input for that field. For example:

```
{
  "options": ["Now", "Yesterday"],
  "onchange": {
                "Now": [{
                  "title": "Comment3",
                  "required": true,
                  "editable": true,
                  "visible": true,
                  "type": "text",
                  "name": "comment3",
                  "value": ""
                }],
                "Yesterday": [{
                  "title": "Comment4",
                  "required": true,
                  "editable": true,
                  "visible": true,
                  "type": "text",
                  "name": "comment4",
                  "value": ""
                }]
  }
}
```

- `visible_onchange`: For backward compatibility of the connector you can use the `visible_onchange` parameter for conditional fields (`onchange` parameter).
  If you set `visible_onchange` to `false`, then this field will be hidden in FortiSOAR UI, and if you set `visible_onchange` to `true`, or if it is not present for any field, then this field is visible in FortiSOAR UI.
- `validation`: You can add regex validation to `text` and `textarea` fields. You can also add the error that will be displayed in case the validation fails. For example:

```
{
 "validation":{
            "pattern":"\\d+",
            "patternError":"this is not a number"
          }
}
```

- `label`: You can add the label field to display text on the connector UI. For example:

```
{
"type": "label",
"label": "this is my label",
"visible": true
}
```

- `grouping`: You can group fields based on your categorization using `"class": "group-element"`. For the last field in the group, use `"class": "group-element last"`.
  For example:

```
{
       "operation": "block_applications",
       "parameters": [
          {
```

```
                "type": "label",
                "label": "this is my label",
                "visible": true
        },
            {
                "title": "Applications Names(List Format)",
                 "type": "text",
                 "name": "app_list",
                 "required": true,
                 "editable": true,
                 "visible": true,
                 "class": "group-element",
                 "tooltip": "Block Applications Names (List Format)"
        },
            {
                "title": "Applications Names(List Format)",
                "type": "text",
                 "name": "app_list",
                 "required": true,
                 "editable": true,
                 "visible": true,
                "class": "group-element last",
               "tooltip": "Block Applications Names (List Format)"
        }
      ]
  }
```

- `apiOperations`: You can fetch options for the `select` and `multiselect` fields from the API that you have defined in your operation. The parameters to this operation will be what users have entered in the configuration of this operation and the target field. apiOperations is not supported for the connector configuration.
  Note: To hide this operation in the from the **Actions** drop-down list in the Playbook Designer set `"visible": false` for this operation.
- `supports_remote`: Some connector actions cannot work when run on agents in a segmented network. Therefore, parameters of those actions must be marked as `"supports_remote": False`. For example:

  ```
  "title": "Enable abc service",
  "name": "abc_service",
  "supports_remote":  False
  ```

- `conditional_output_schema`: Support for multi-option or dynamic output schema in connectors. In every operation that requires the dynamic output schema, you must add `conditional_output_schema` as a *key* in an array of objects. Each object will contain the condition, which you should add within `{{ }}` and then you must add the corresponding output schema for each condition. It is recommended that you add a default schema, using `"condition": "{{true}}"`, at the end of the defined conditions. The default schema will be used if none of the defined conditions are met.
  Notes:
  a. If you are using multiple conditions for evaluation such as a combination of `&&` and `||`, then you must wrap the whole condition within `()`.
  For example, `{{(command === 'ls' || command === 'ssh' )}}`
  `{{(command === 'ls' && port === 5895 )}}`
  b. If you are using the condition with the checkbox field, add the condition as:
  `{{ checkbox === true}}`
  c. If you are using the condition with the multi-select field, add the condition as:
  `{{multsel.toString() === (['option1','option2']).toString()}}`
  d. If you are using the condition with the `json` field, add the condition as:
  `{{jsonfieldname === '{\"key\":\"value\"}'}}`

For example, `{{jsonfieldname === '{\"name\":\"fortinet\"}'}}`
Important: To support versions earlier than the 4.12.0 release, `output_schema` will also always be present.
Example of a `conditional_output_schema` definition:

```
{
       "conditional_output_schema": [
          {
                  "condition": "{{command === 'ls'}}",
                  "output_schema": {
                      "op_result": "",
                      "op_status": ""
                  }
              },
              {
                  "condition": "{{command === 'ssh'}}",
                  "output_schema": {
                      "result": "",
                      "status": ""
                  }
              },
              {
                  "condition": "{{true}}",
                  "output_schema": {
                      "result_default": "",
                      "status": ""
                  }
              }
      ]
 }
```

connector.py

The `connector.py` class extends the base connector class and implements the `check_health` and `execute` functions. Following is a skeleton of this class:

```
from connectors.core.connector import Connector, get_logger
logger = get_logger('<connector_name>')

class Template(Connector):
   def execute(self, config, operation, params, **kwargs):
       supported_operations = {'operation_1': function_template}
       return supported_operations[operation](config, params)

   def check_health(self, input):
       return True
```

Notes:

- All imports for the connector files should be relative. For example, if your `util.py` is parallel to `connector.py` and you want to import `util.py` then you must import it as: `import .util`.
- `get_logger` is a utility function to initialize the logger. You can import `get_logger` from `connectors.core.connector`, and then declare the logger as `logger = get_logger('<connector name>')`. All the connector logs are written to the `/var/log/cyops/cyops-integrations/connectors.log` file and follow the format: `%(asctime)s %(levelname)s %(name)s %(module)s %(funcName)s(): %(message)s`.

- In addition to the `execute` and `check_health` functions, the following optional and additional functions are also available:
  `on_add_config(self, config)`: Invoked when a new configuration is added to the connector. This is an optional function that can be overridden while setting up a new configuration.
  `on_update_config(selfself, old_config, new_config)`: Invoked when a configuration is updated for the connector. This is an optional function that can be overridden while setting up a configuration edit function.
  `on_delete_config(self, config)`: Invoked when a configuration is deleted from the connector. This is an optional function that can be overridden while setting up a configuration teardown function.
  `on_activate(self, config)` : Invoked when a configuration is activated.
  `on_deactivate(self, config)` : Invoked when a configuration is deactivated.
  `on_teardown(self)` : Invoked when a configuration is deleted. This is an optional function that can be overridden for dismantling a connector.
  You can use these functions to perform specific operations such as starting or stopping services at the relevant events. For example, you can use the `on_add_config()` function to start and stop a service when a configuration is added.

playbooks.json

The `playbook.json` file contains any playbook collection that you want to include with your connector. This could be a set of playbooks that demonstrate the usage of your connector.

images

The images directory must have the connector icon files. The 'icon_small_name' and 'icon_large_name' keys in the `info.json` must match the names of these icon files inside the `images` folder. Icon files can be in the `.jpg` or `.png` formats.

Once you have created all the files, bundle them into a *.tgz* file. For example, `tar -czvf sampleConnector.tgz sampleConnector/`.

requirements.txt and packages

If a connector requires additional python libraries, specify the libraries in the `requirements.txt` file.

If there is a dependency on any custom packages or if your instance does not have internet access to download packages from the internet, you can add the packages to the `packages` directory in the connector folder.

During a connector import, the framework first runs `pip install -r requirements.txt` followed by `pip install <package>` for every package in the `packages` directory. The commands are run in a separate thread and import is marked successful even when the dependency installation is still in progress. The dependency install logs are available at `/var/log/cyops/cyops-integrations/pipinstall_<timestamp>.log` on the FortiSOAR instance. If more than five *dependency* install log files get accumulated, the log files that are older than a day get deleted.

If the installation of a dependency, then you can install them again by invoking the REST APIs directly. Contact FortiSOAR Support for more details on the APIs.

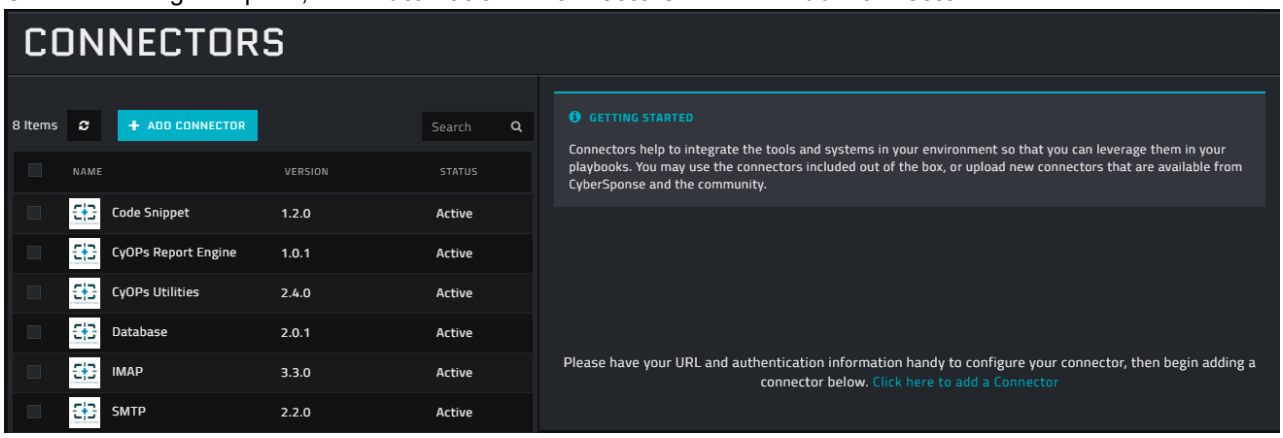
Importing a connector into FortiSOAR

Use the "**Content Hub**" or "**Connector Store**" to install and configure connectors in FortiSOAR 5.0.0 and later. To install a connector, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Create` access to the `Connectors` module. To

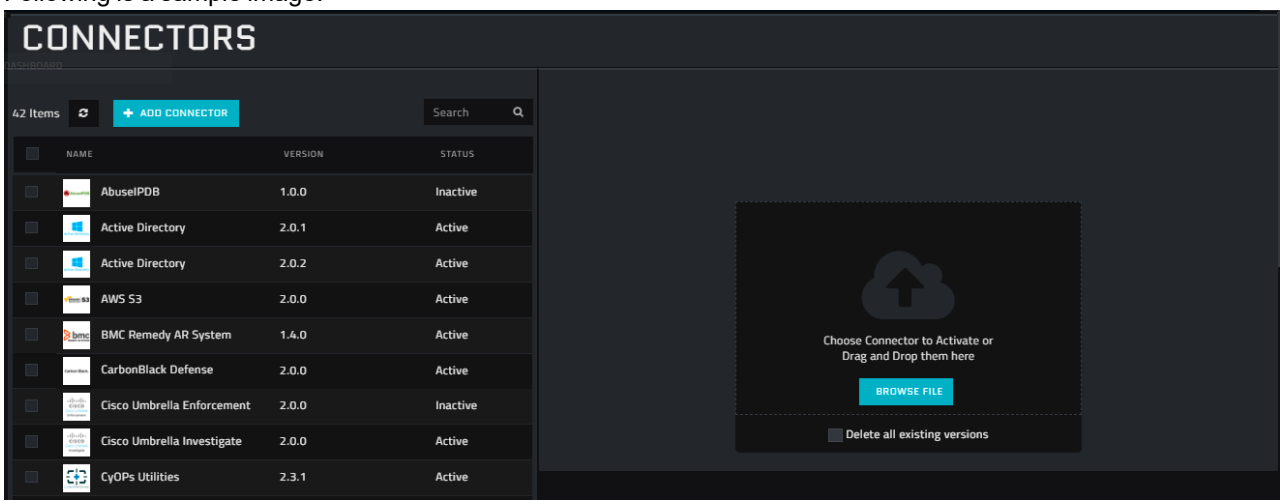
configure connectors into FortiSOAR, you must be assigned a role that has a minimum of `Update` access to the `Connectors` module. For more information about the Content Hub, Connector Store, and the process of importing connectors into FortiSOAR, see the Introduction to connectors chapter.

Importing a connector into FortiSOAR prior to release 5.0.0

1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Automation** > **Connectors** and click **Add Connector**.



3. Drag-and-drop the connector package file or click **Browse File** to import the *connector.tgz* file.
   FortiSOAR will prompt you to enter the configuration inputs that you have defined in the `info.json` file.
   Note: You can install different versions of a connector, enabling you to reference a specific version of a connector from a playbook. If you want to replace all previous versions of the connector, ensure that you click the **Delete all existing versions** checkbox while importing the new version of the connector. If you do not click the **Delete all existing versions** checkbox, then a new version of the connector is added. You must ensure that your playbooks reference a correct and existing version of the connector.
   Following is a sample image:



   FortiSOAR displays the `Uploading Connector` message and then displays the Connector Configuration pop-up.
4. To configure the connector, enter the required configuration details in the `Connector Configuration` pop-up.
   The configuration details and the details of the connector specified in the `info.json` file are stored in the FortiSOAR database.
   Note: You can add multiple configurations for your connector if you have more than one instance of your third-party server in your environment. You must, therefore, add a unique `Name` for each configuration.
   If you have previous versions of a connector and you are configuring a newer version of that connector, with the

same configuration parameters, then FortiSOAR fetches the configuration and input parameters of the latest available version of that connector. For example, if you have 1.0.0, 2.0.0, and 2.3.0 versions of the Fortinet FortiSIEM connector and you are configuring the 2.3.0 version of the Fortinet FortiSIEM connector, then while configuring the 2.3.0 version, FortiSOAR will fetch the configuration and input parameters from the 2.0.0 version of the Fortinet FortiSIEM connector. You can review the configuration and input parameters, and then decide to change them or leave them unchanged.
You can activate or deactivate a configured connector by clicking on the **Activate Connector** or **Deactivate Connector** Link.
You can check the **Mark As Default Configuration** option to make the selected configuration, the default configuration of this connector, on the particular FortiSOAR instance.
The `password` type fields in FortiSOAR include encryption and decryption. Passwords are encrypted before saving them into the database and decrypted when they are used in actions. In case of an upgrade, connectors that are already installed will work with stored passwords.

5. To save your configuration, click **Save**.
   To view the list of actions that can be performed by the connector, click the **Actions** tab.
   To view the playbook file that is bundled with the connector, click the **Playbooks** tab.
   You can optionally perform a Health Check by clicking the **Refresh** icon that is present in the `Health Check` bar. The Health Check checks if the configuration parameters you have specified are correct and if connectivity can be established to the specified server, endpoint, or API.
   If all the details are correct and the connectivity to the server can be established, then on the Connectors page, **Available** is displayed in the health check dialog.
   If any or all the details are incorrect or if the connectivity to the server cannot be established then on the Connectors page, **Disconnected** is displayed in the health check dialog.
   You can also click the **Refresh** icon that is present in the `Health Check` bar to perform the health check at any time.

Reimporting a connector

After importing a connector, any changes done in the python files of the connector automatically get reflected the next time you run a command on the connector. However, if changes are made in the `info.json`, then you need to reimport the connector, using the following command, for the updates to take effect:

```
/opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/python /opt/cyops-integrations/integrations/manage.py reimport_connector -n <connector_name> -cv <connector_version> -migrate
```

If you only want to update the `info.json` changes and not retain the previous connector configuration, then you can omit the `-migrate` attribute as follows:

```
/opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/python /opt/cyops-integrations/integrations/manage.py reimport_connector -n <connector_name> -cv <connector_version>
```

You can also reimport all connectors at a single time using the following command by omitting the `-n <connector_name>` and `-cv <connector_version>` attributes as follows:

```
/opt/cyops-integrations/.env/bin/python /opt/cyops-integrations/integrations/manage.py reimport_connector -migrate
```

Check_Health function

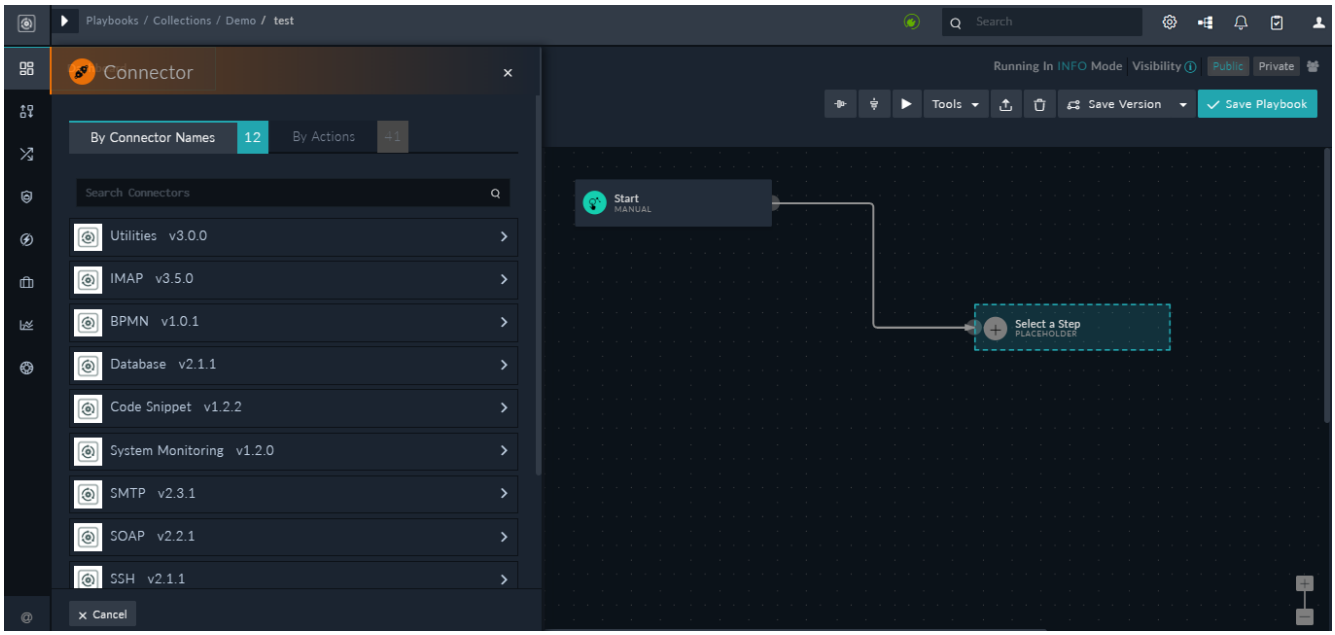
The `check_health` function of the connector is invoked when you click the **Refresh** icon. This function takes the dictionary of the configuration parameters as the input. For example: `{'url': 'https://xyz.com', 'user': 'admin', 'password': 'password'}`.

You must throw the `ConnectorError` from the function if you want the `check_health` function to fail in a given scenario, such as issues with connectivity or with the provided credentials. To throw the `ConnectorError`, you must import it from the `connectors.core.connector` module as follows:

```
from connectors.core.connector import ConnectorError
```

Add connector operation to a playbook

Once you have completed configuring and deploying your connector, you can add a connector operation to a playbook, by adding the connector as a step in the playbook, as shown in the following image:



You can install different versions of a connector, and while adding a connector operation, you specify a specific version of a connector within a Playbook. In case you have installed multiple connectors, and if the version of the connector specified in the playbook is not found, then the playbook by default uses the latest version. FortiSOAR checks for the latest version of the connector in the format "major version.minor version.patch version". For example, version 2.0.2 is a later version than 1.2.0.

The `execute` function of `connector.py` is called when an operation on the connector is invoked. This function takes the dictionary containing the `config`, `operation` and `params` fields. For example:

```
{'config': {'password': password, 'server_url': 'https://xyz.com', 'user': 'admin'},
'params': {'input1': 'value1', 'input2': 'value2'},
'operation': 'function_template'}
```

The return from the `execute` function is set in the `results.data` variable of the playbook step. A sample `execute` function is present in the connector.py section.

The `info.json` contains `output_schema`, which defines the keys that are present in the output json on the execution of an operation. The `info.json` contains some common keys. However, the output json can have additional keys based on the input parameters. You can use these json keys to set the input for subsequent Playbook Steps, using Dynamic Values. For more information, see the *Dynamic Values* section in the "Playbooks Guide."

Configuring a connector to return a response

If you want to return a response from any action of a connector, then you can import the `Result` class from the connectors framework to your `connector.py`, and then you can set message attributes such as status, message, etc.

Following is the `python` snippet for the same:

```
from connectors.core.connector import Result

def action(input, *args, **kwargs):
    # Do some operation
    response = api_Call(input())

    # prepare result
    result = Result()
    result.set_status('Successful')
    result.set_message('Any message you want to return')
    result.set_data(response)
    return result
```

Updating a connector configuration using the update_connnector_config() function

The `update_connnector_config()` function can be internally called from any connector to update the configuration of any connector by providing the name and version of that connector. Steps to be followed for updating a connector configuration:

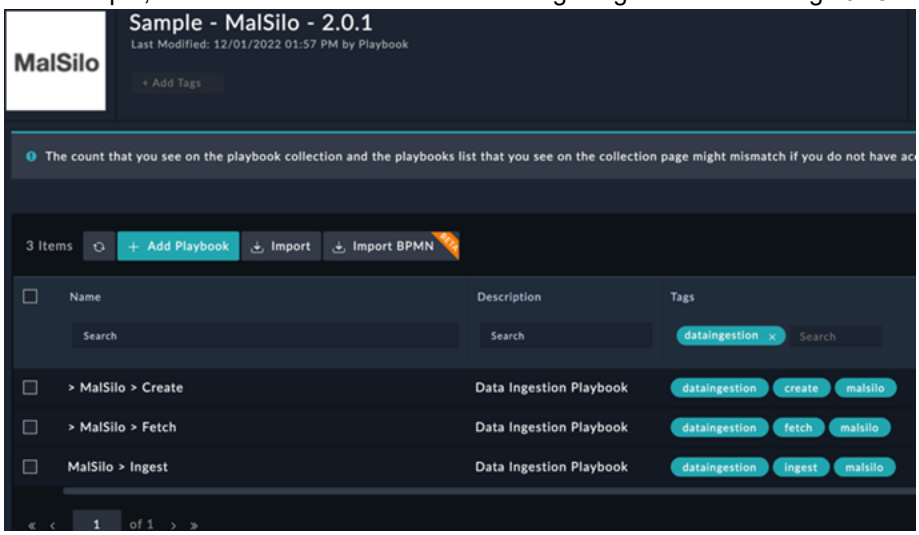
1. Import the `update_connnector_config()` function from `/opt/cyops-integrations/integrations/connectors/core/utils.py`.
2. Call the `update_connnector_config` function with the following parameters: `<connector_name>`, `<connector_version>`, `<update_config>`, and `<config_id>`.
   `update_connnector_config(<connector_name>,<connector_version>,<update_config>,<config_id>)`
   For example, `update_connnector_config("imap","3.2.0", {"username":"csdamin","password":"csadminpwd"},"5785130913212321")`
   Notes:
   If you do not provide the `<config_id>`, then the connector configuration that you have marked as default configuration will be updated.
   If you have not marked any connector configuration as the default configuration, and you have also not provided the `<config_id>`, then the following error is raised: `No configuration found to update. Please add a config_id or mark a configuration as the default.` in the `/var/log/cyops/cyops-integrations/connectors.log`. To resolve this error, either mark a connector configuration as the default configuration or provide the `<config_id>`.

Configuring a custom connector to support data ingestion

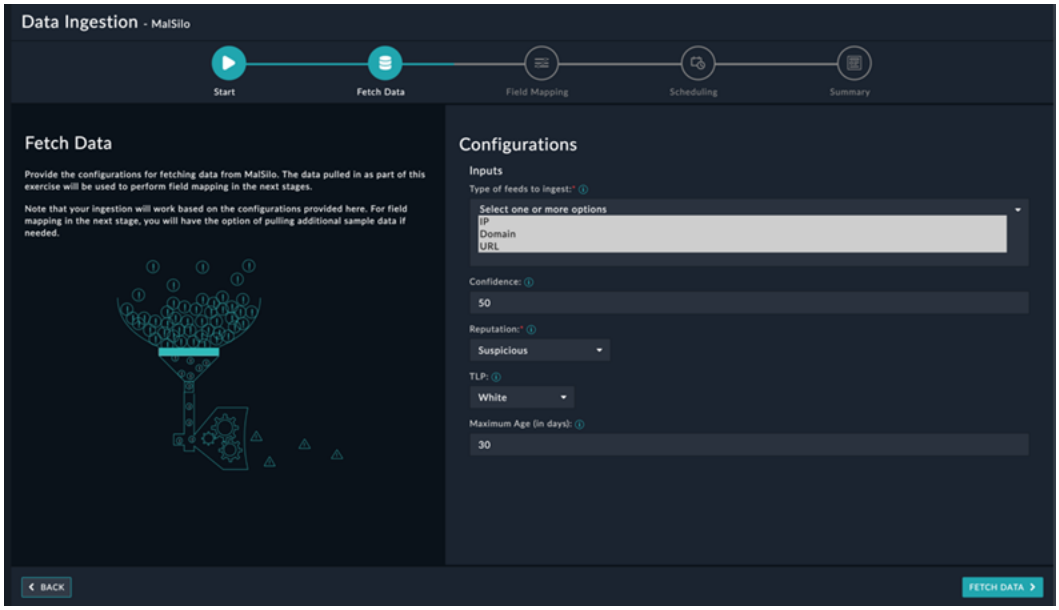
If your custom connector also supports data ingestion, you must make the following updates so that your connector works with the ingestion wizard in the FortiSOAR:

1. Update the `info.json` file as follows:
   a. `"ingestion_supported": true`
   This is a required parameter; if not included, the "Data Ingestion" button will not be displayed in the connector configuration.
   b. Specify the ingestion mode(s) to be used by your custom connector:
   `"ingestion_modes": ["scheduled", "notification", "app_push"]`
   This is a required parameter, and the value of "`ingestion_modes`" must be a list containing one or more of the following three elements:
      i. "`scheduled`": Specify this value if you want to setup ingestion on a schedule. The “Scheduling” page gets displayed in the Data Ingestion Wizard only if you add "`scheduled`" in "`ingestion_modes`".
      ii. "`notification`": Specify this value if the connector supports a listener for real-time ingestion. The 'Exchange' connector is an example of a connector that supports a listener.
      iii. "`app_push`": Specify this value if the connector's ingestion is based solely on a push from the integrating application. The 'Splunk Add-on' is an example of an app_push integration.
   c. Specify additional preferences for your custom connector using the "`ingestion_preferences`" parameter:
   For example, in the Data Ingestion Wizard, to limit the module selection to specific modules only instead of all modules present on the instance, specify the list of supported modules explicitly using the “`modules`” key:
   `"ingestion_preferences": {"modules": ["threat_intel_feeds", "indicators"]`
   Or, to give a custom name to the launch button ("**Configure Data Ingestion**") used to open the 'Data Ingestion Wizard', use the "`launch_name`" key.
   For example:
   `"ingestion_preferences": {"launch_name": "My Custom Label"}`
2. Update the playbooks.
   The data ingestion process is essentially the running of a FortiSOAR playbook. The ingestion flow is comprised of two phases termed as "Fetch" and "Create". You can refer to the sample collection of ingestion-enabled connectors, such as FortiAnalyzer and FortiSIEM, which are included with FortiSOAR.
   All playbooks that contribute to the flow must adhere to the following conventions:
   a. They must be added as a part of the 'Sample Collection' shipped with the connector.
   b. All playbooks contributing to ingestion must contain the following tags:
   `<connector_name>`, `dataingestion`

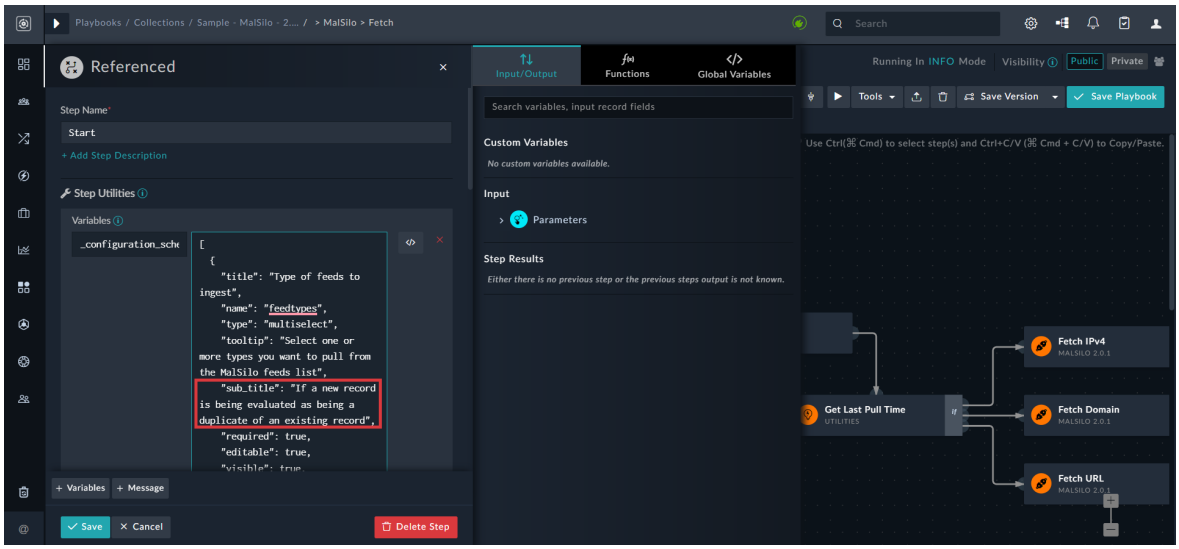
For example, the MalSilo connector in the following image contains the tag `malsilo` and `dataingestion`:



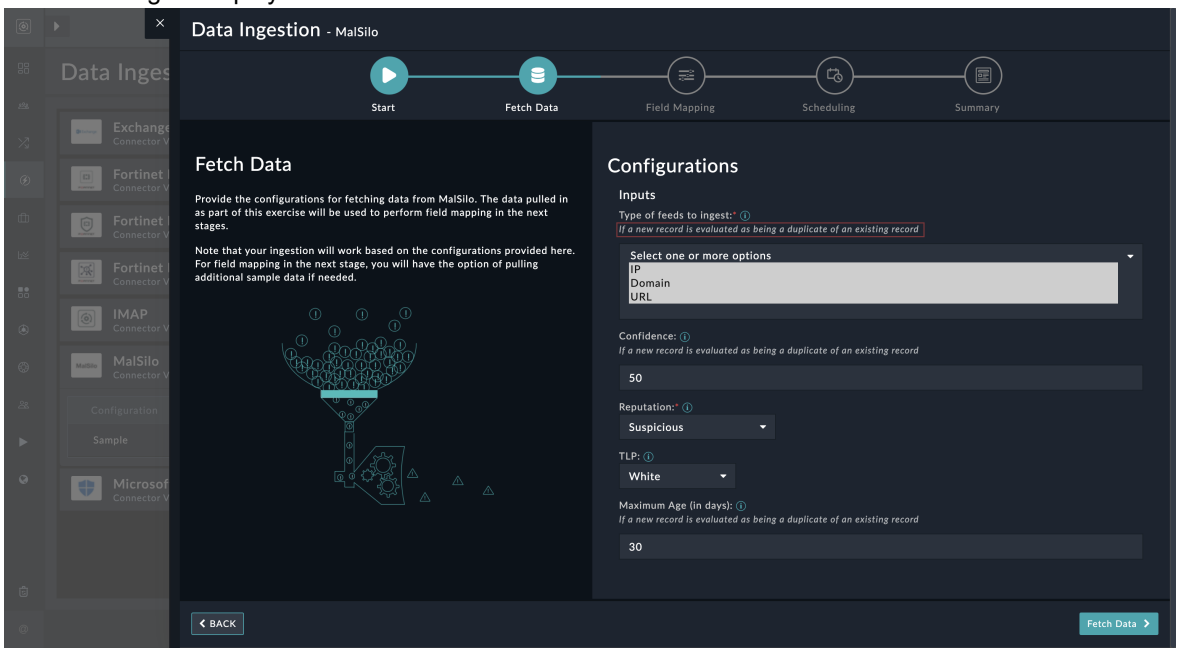
c. **Fetch Playbook**: This playbook pulls data from the ingestion source.
   i. Must have an additional tag named "`fetch`"
   ii. The connector action step responsible for fetching the data must be named "**Fetch**". The data ingestion wizard looks for a step with this name and displays its inputs as 'inputs' on the "Fetch Data" page of the Data Ingestion Wizard:



   iii. If the inputs onthe "`Fetch Data`" page of the Data Ingestion Wizard are different from the inputs on the connector configuration step, then you need to add a "variable" called "`_configuration_schema`" to the "`Start`" step and define the "Fetch Data" inputs in the JSON format. The format of the JSON is the same as that for a connector action input. This variable, if present, is given preference over the '`Fetch`' step.
   NOTE: From release 7.6.0 onwards, you can add include a "`sub_title`" attribute to provide extra information about parameters on the "Fetch Data" screen.
   An example of the "`_configuration_schema`" variable including the `sub_title` attribute with JSON values:

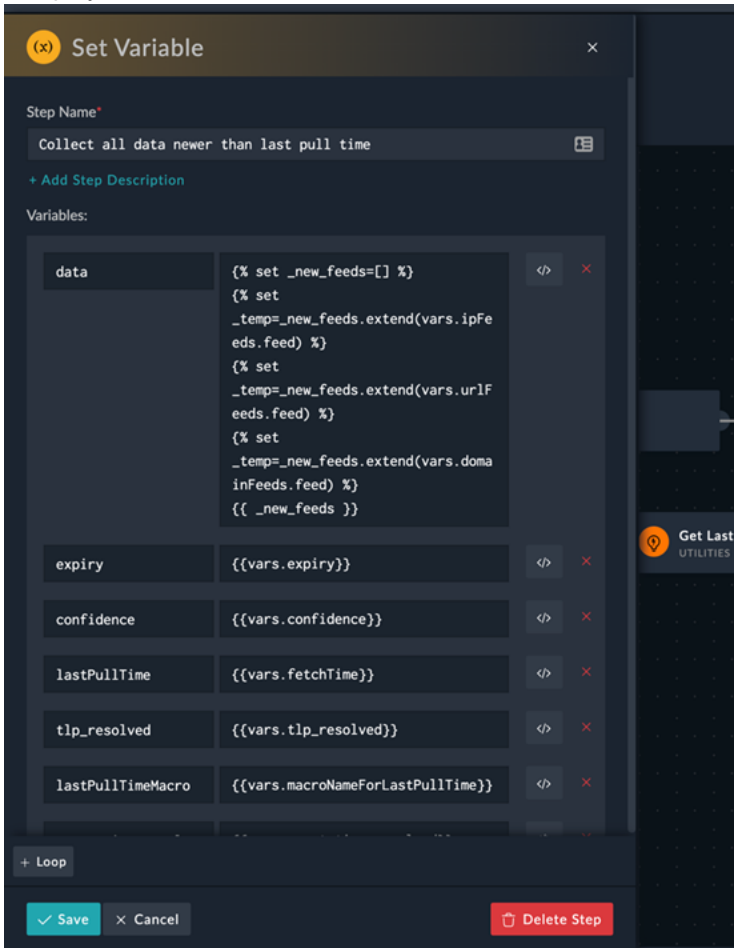


The sub-title gets displayed on the "Fetch Data" screen as follows:

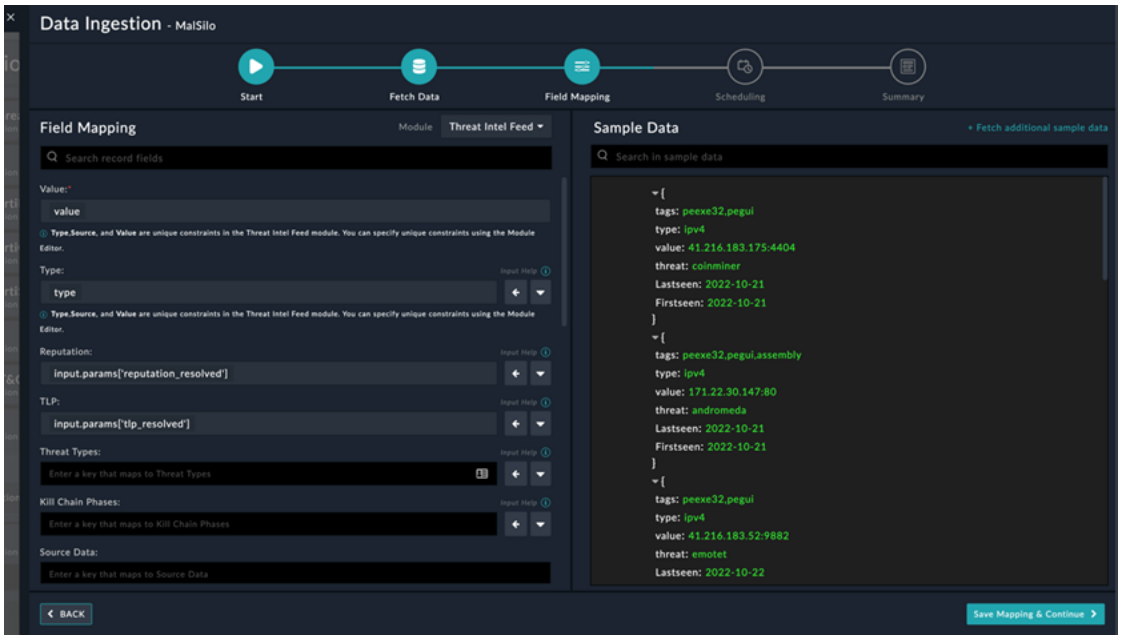


iv. Must have a `Set Variable` step named "**Configuration**" as the second step of the playbook. All inputs provided by users in the "Fetch Data" step are saved in this playbook step.

v. The playbook must return data in a variable named "**data**" as the last step of the playbook.



`{{ vars.steps.<step_name>.data }}` of this playbook is what is presented in the "`Field Mapping`" screen of the Data Ingestion Wizard, and it is also used for record creation during the scheduled runs.

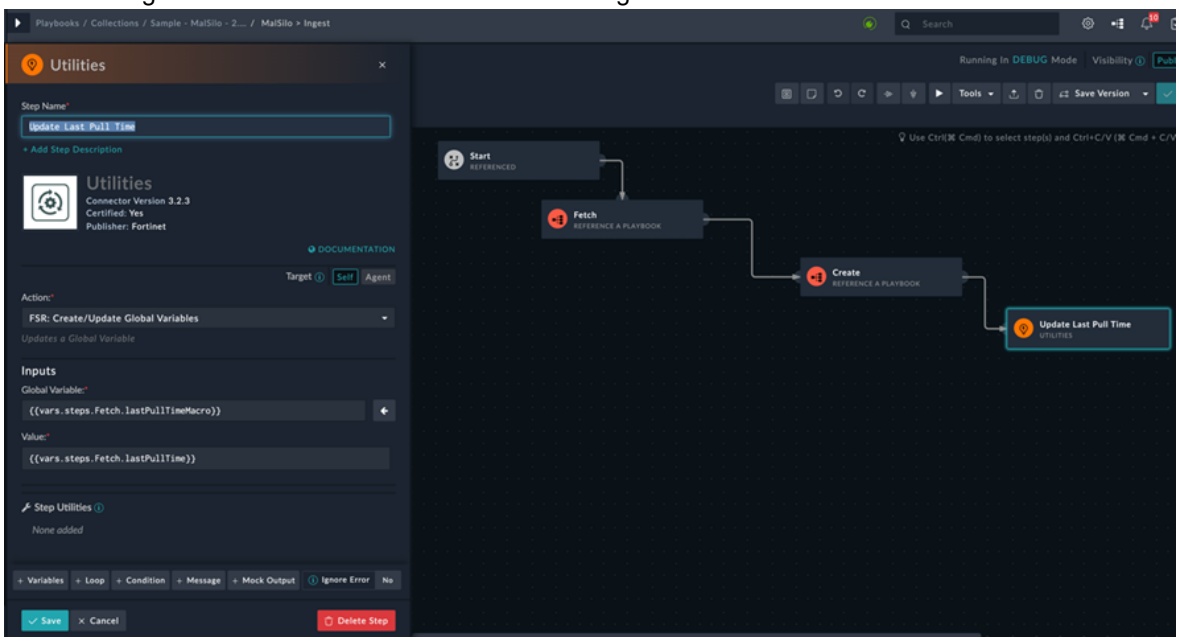


d. **Create Playbook**: This playbook creates FortiSOAR records for every data element fetched from the data source.
   i. Must have an additional tag named "`create`".
   ii. Must have a "Create Record" step named "**Create**". The Data Ingestion wizard displays all the data mapping rules using this step. Any changes to the mapping done by the user are also saved back to this step in the playbook.

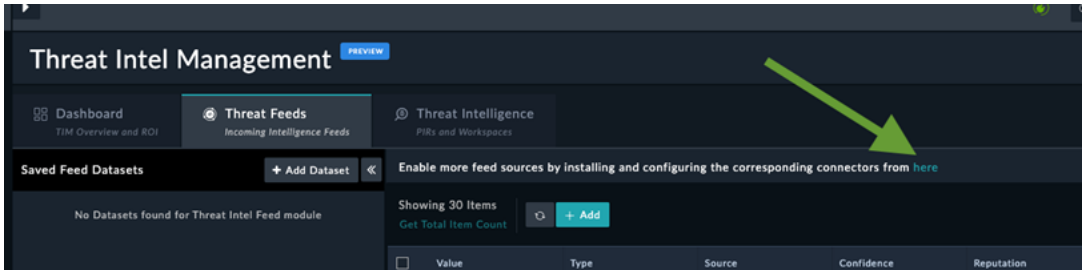
e. **Ingest Playbook**: This is a parent playbook that combines both the "Fetch" and "Create" phases.
   i. Must have an additional tag named "`create`".
   ii. Must invoke the "fetch" and "create" playbooks as "Reference Playbook" steps. The data returned from the "fetch" step must be passed as input to the "create" step.
   iii. For schedule-based ingestions, you can set the last successful pull time as the last step of this playbook, marking the successful completion of one cycle of ingestion. This ensures that subsequent runs pulls data created or modified after this time. This value can be stored as a FortiSOAR Global Variable. To make a global variable unique per configuration of the ingestion, you can append the `config_id` to the variable by using the following Jinja expression:
   `<Source>_ {{vars['audit_info']['cyops_playbook_iri'].split('/')[-1].replace('-','_')}}`

You can refer to any data ingestion collection, for example, the "Sample-MalSilo" data ingestion to see

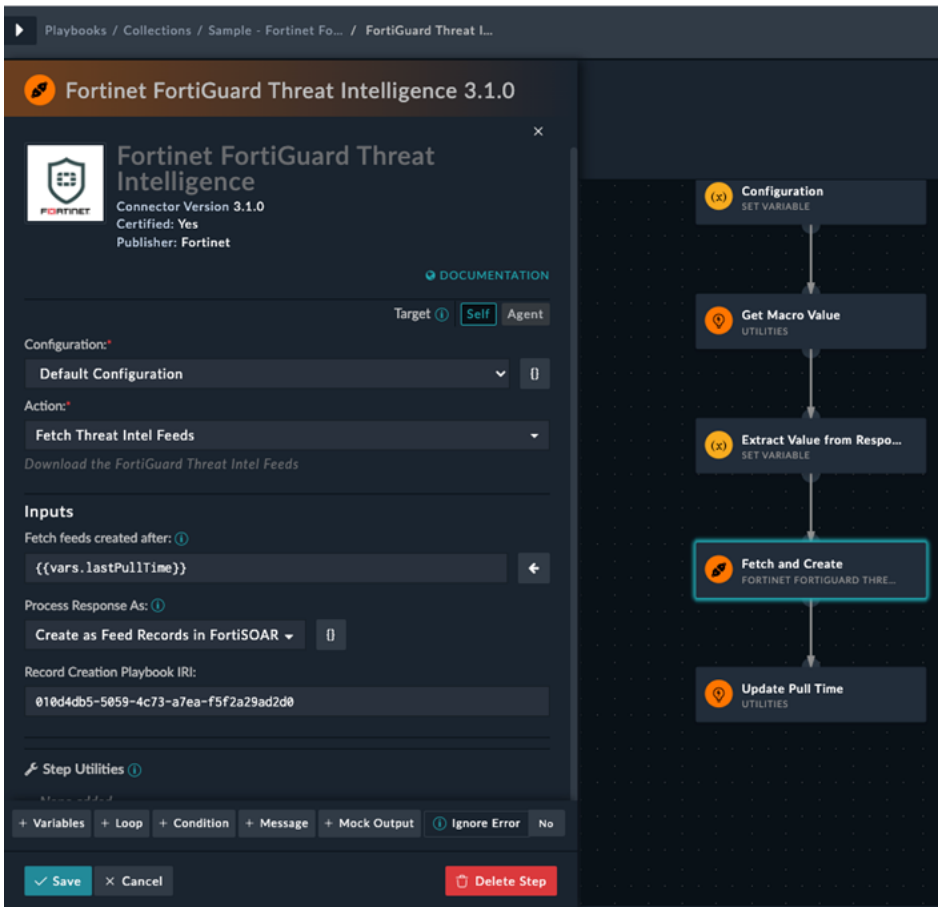
how to save global variables and use them while fetching data.



3. Updates specific to Threat Intelligence Management (TIM) ingestion:
   a. The TIM ingestion integrations must have an additional tag, "`ThreatIntel`" in the connector's info.json. This tag is used to display the connector in the listing for TIM-enabled connectors: `https:<fortisoar-url>/content-hub/all-content/?tag=ThreatIntel`



   b. Instead of the "Create Record" step, the playbooks must use the "Ingest Bulk Feed" step to handle larger volumes of feeds.
   c. Leverage pagination in APIs, as much as possible, while fetching data from the data source. Fetch and create one batch of data before fetching the next page. This reduces the memory requirements for data ingestion. If pagination is not supported by the data source, you can save on memory requirements by invoking the creation playbooks directly from the connector action that fetches data. To do so, take the IRI of the playbook that creates the feed records as an input to the "**Fetch and Create**" step. Note that the name of this step must also be kept the same.



Use the following function call in the connector to trigger these playbooks:

Import:

```
try:
   from integrations.crudhub import trigger_ingest_playbook
except:
   # ignore. lower FSR version
   # pass
```

Function Call:

```
trigger_ingest_playbook(batch, create_pb_id, parent_env=parent_env, batch_
size=1000, dedup_field="pattern")
```

Q&A Time

Q1. Why do I need three playbooks – Fetch/Create/Ingest and not just one?

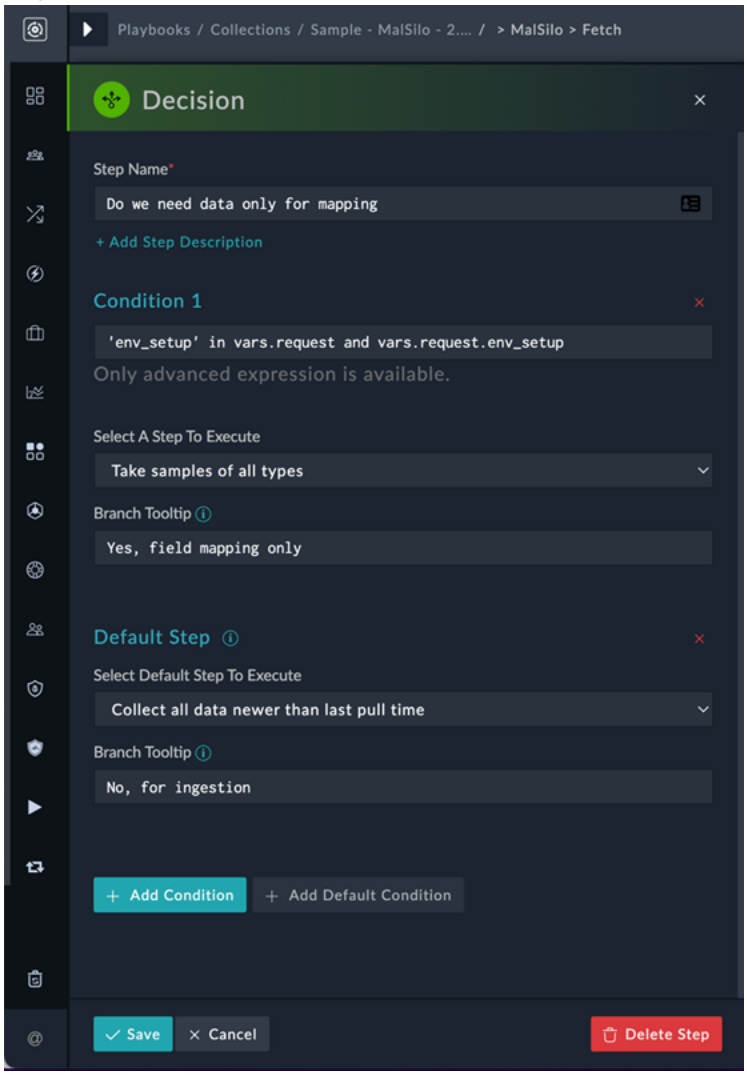
Answer:

The data ingestion collections get invoked from two flows:

1. For data mapping using the Data Ingestion Wizard.
2. For record creation through schedules or listener based notifications.
   For 1), the wizard invokes the playbook tagged with a "`fetch`" tag; hence, this playbook must only fetch data, and not create the corresponding records in FortiSOAR, as the user is still evaluating the queries and mappings.

For 2), the complete ingestion flow must run and save the last pulled time values; hence, in this case, the playbook with the "`ingest`" tag gets called.

However, you could still use a single playbook for the entire data ingestion and put all three tags, "`create`", "`fetch`", "`ingest`". When a playbook is triggered from the data ingestion wizard, it has a variable called "`env_setup`" in the request object. When the value of the "`env_setup`" request object is set to '**true**', it is used to skip the data creation steps.



Q2. What happens to my configured ingestions when I upgrade the connector?

a. Will the ingestion use the latest connector version?

Answer: Yes. If the new version of the connector is compatible with the previously installed connector version, it is replaced automatically, and the ingestion starts using the latest installed connector version.

b. Are my previous mappings lost since the sample collection is now updated?

Answer: No. When you set up the data ingestion for an integration, it creates a clone of the sample collection. All user inputs from the "`Fetch Data`" and "`Field Mapping`" pages of the wizard are stored in the cloned collection. The

cloned collection is the one that is scheduled for ingestion, and not the original sample collection.

c. Will any fixes/changes to the data ingestion be inherited by my existing ingestion configuration?

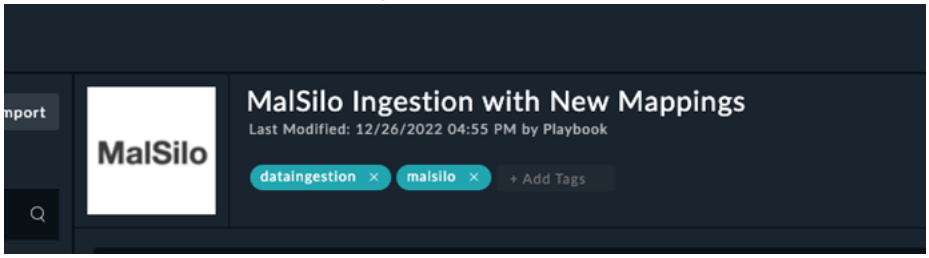
Answer: Yes, if the changes are in the connector actions.
No, if the changes are in the ingestion playbooks. You can re-configure the ingestion using the new default playbooks in the 'Sample Collection', or manually apply the changes to your cloned playbooks.

Q3. How can I use a custom collection other than the default sample collection?

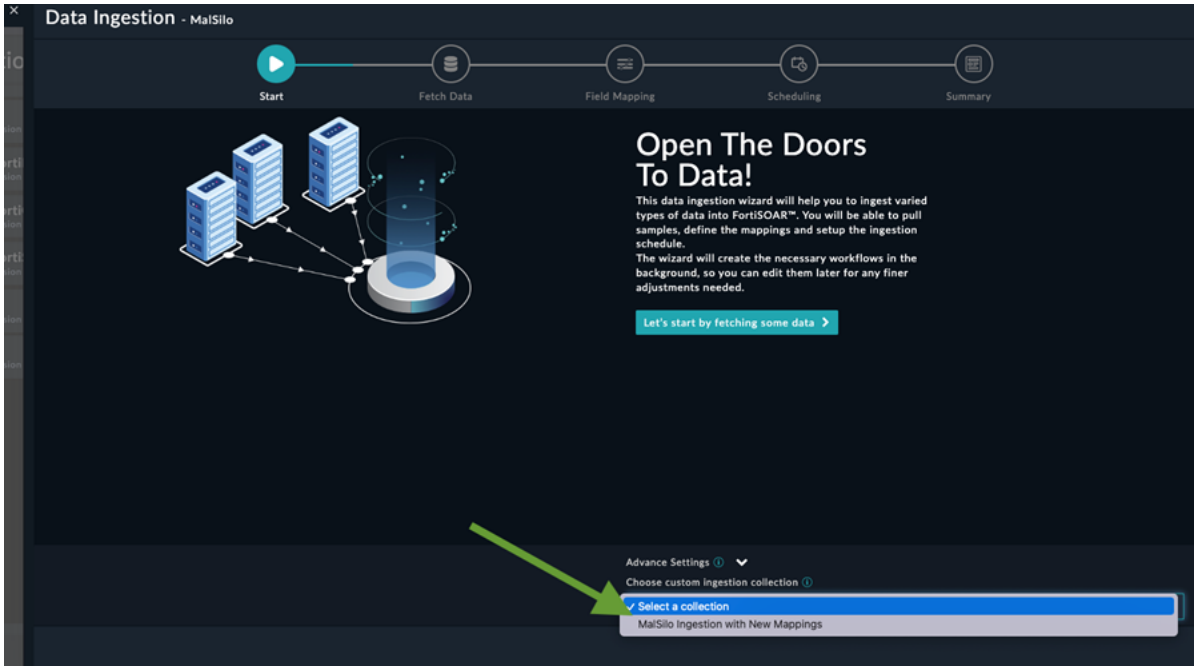
Answer:

You can build your ingestion collection separately using the steps listed in the Configuring a custom connector to support data ingestion topic, and add the following two **tags** to the **playbook collection**:

1. `"dataingestion"`
2. `"<connectorname>"`. For example, `"malsilo"`



These custom collections are then available as alternates for setting up ingestion in the Data Ingestion Wizard. You can use this feature while building the default ingestion collection for an integration or ship it as a new Solution Pack with customized ingestion.



Building your own Pluggable Enrichment Playbook

The SOAR Framework Solution Pack (SP) version 2.0.0 introduces the 'Pluggable Enrichment' framework, using which you easily design pluggable enrichment playbooks for any integration and use them in the enrichment process without modifying the existing playbooks in '03-Enrich' collection. For detailed information about the SOAR Framework SP, see the SOAR Framework SP documentation in the Content Hub portal. Some threat intelligence connectors already contain pluggable enrichment playbooks; more information of which is available here.

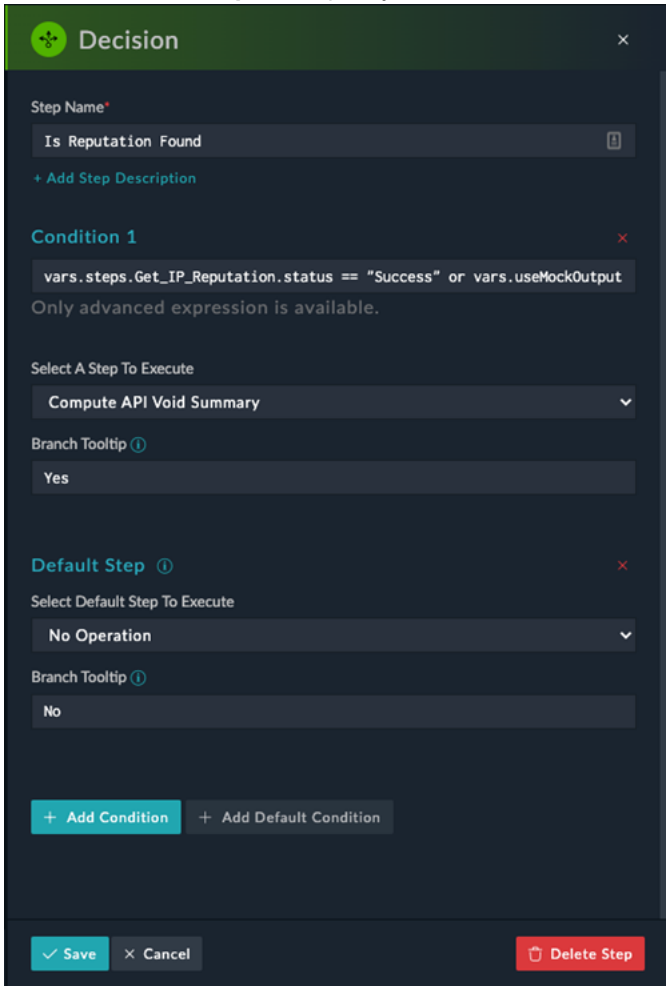
The following steps describe how to design your pluggable enrichment playbooks for 'IP Enrichment' using the 'API Void' integration:

1. Install and configure the API Void v1.0.1 connector.
2. Navigate to **Automation** > **Playbooks**, and search for API Void.
3. Select the 'Sample - APIVoid - 1.0.1' playbook collection.
4. Click **Add Playbook** to create a new pluggable enrichment playbook.
5. Specify the name of the new playbook, such as, "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment".
6. Choose **Referenced** as the 'Trigger' step, and click **Save** to save the playbook.
7. Add appropriate tags to your pluggable enrichment playbook. Since this example is for designing this pluggable enrichment playbook for 'IP Address', add the "`IP_Enrichment`" tag to the playbook.
   You can add the following tags to the pluggable enrichment playbook for different types of indicators:
   - **Domain** : `Domain_Enrichment`
   - **Email Address** : `Email_Enrichment`
   - **File** : `File_Enrichment`
   - **FileHash-MD5**, **FileHash-SHA1**, **FileHash-SHA256**: `FileHash_Enrichment`
   - **IP Address** : `IP_Enrichment`
   - **URL** : `URL_Enrichment`
   - **User** : `User_Enrichment`
8. The "Enrich Indicators (Type All)" parent playbook that is part of the "03 – Enrich" playbook collection calls the "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment" child pluggable enrichment playbook by passing the following parameters:
   a. "`indicator_value`" : Value of the IP address that needs to be enriched.
   b. "`style_colors`" : Value of default enrichment colors assigned to the indicator based on its reputation.
   For further details, see the Extending Default Indicator Enrichment Process topic.
9. Open the "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment" playbook in the playbook designer, and click **Tools** > **Parameters**. In the **Parameters** pop-up, add the `indicator_value` and `style_colors` parameters.
10. Edit the "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment" playbook as follows:
    a. Add the **Set Variable** step" with the name as "`Configuration`", and specify the following variables and their values:
       - `useMockOutput`: `{{globalVars.Demo_mode}}`
         To execute the playbook using mock output, set the global variable `Demo_mode` to `true`.
       - `indicator_value`: `{{vars.input.params['indicator_value']}}`
         The value of the indicator that you want to enrich. This value comes from the parent playbook.
       - `good_score`: `0`
         `suspicious_score`: `89-1`
         `malicious_score`: `100-90`
         After enrichment, the API returns a high-reliability value called "verdict," which is used to predict the reputation of indicators.
         "good_score" is the range of good verdicts.
         "suspicious_score" is the range of suspicious verdicts.

"malicious_score" is the range of malicious verdicts.
You can update the values of these parameters based on your requirements.

b. Add the **Connector** step, and search for the `APIVoid v1.0.1` connector. Specify the following values for this step:
   i. In the **Step Name** field, specify `Get IP Reputation`.
   ii. From the **Action** drop-down list, select **Get IP Reputation**.
   iii. In the **IP Address** field, specify `{{vars.indicator_value}}`.

c. Add the **Decision** step for checking whether or not the reputation is found:
   i. In the **Step Name** field, specify `Is Reputation Found`.
   ii. Click **Add Condition**:
      i. Define 'Condition 1' as follows:
      `(vars.steps.Get_IP_Reputation.status == "Success" or vars.useMockOutput)`
      ii. From the **Select A Step To Execute** drop-down list, select **Compute API Void Summary**.
      iii. In the **Branch Tooltip** field, specify `Yes`.
   iii. Click **Add Default Condition** to define the default step as follows:
      i. From the **Select A Step To Execute** drop-down list, select **No Operation**.
      ii. In the **Branch Tooltip** field, specify `No`.



d. Add the **Utilities** step and edit it as follows:
   i. In the **Step Name** field, specify `Compute API Void Summary`.
   ii. From the **Action** drop-down list, select **Utils: Format as RichText (Markdown)**.
   iii. In the **Inputs** field, specify the code that you want to render as the 'Enrichment Summary' in the **Description** field of the indicator. You can refer to samples of the code from any pluggable enrichment playbook, for example, pluggable enrichment playbooks in the API Void sample playbook collection, "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment".

e. Add another **Utilities** step and edit it as follows:
   i. In the **Step Name** field, specify `No operation`.
   ii. From the **Action** drop-down list, select **Utils: No Operation**.

f. Add the **Set Variable** step" with the name "`Return Output Data`", and set the return values to the parent playbook, 'Enrich Indicators (Type All)', present in the '03 – Enrich' playbook collection. See the apivoid connector document for the return values that can be sent to the parent playbook.

Sample "IP Address > API Void > Enrichment" pluggable enrichment playbook:

Building a connector using FortiSOAR Rapid Development Kit

The FortiSOAR Rapid Development Kit (RDK) to efficiently create third-party integrations (connectors) and other utility code snippets for FortiSOAR. This add-on simplifies the process of creating the following:

- Creating a new FortiSOAR connector for a third-party product.
- Importing an existing FortiSOAR-compatible connector and then making updates or changes to the connector.
- Developing code snippets that can be used in FortiSOAR playbooks to perform advanced operations or logical manipulations.

For more information see the FortiSOAR RDK documentation.

Data Ingestion

FortiSOAR has a dedicated data ingestion wizard that facilitates data ingestion from external SIEM solutions and other third-party sources like threat intelligence platforms, email solutions, etc. The wizard also takes care of scheduling data ingestion into FortiSOAR, if the connector is enabled for scheduling.

The Data Ingestion wizard eases data ingestion configuration and mapping of fields between the two systems. The wizard assists in fetching sample data from the source, mapping fields from the source data into a FortiSOAR module, and setting up an ingestion schedule if required and if the connector is enabled for scheduling. Based on the inputs provided in the wizard, the system dynamically generates the ingestion workflows without the user being exposed to the details of playbooks and easing the process of configuring ingestion.

The Data Ingestion wizard allows the mapping of drop-down (picklist) fields and items such that you can map picklist items to a range of values, lesser than, and greater than values. The Data Ingestion wizard allows you to define the frequency at which you want to pull content into FortiSOAR from third-party integration, such as SIEMs that allow you to define the polling frequency. By default, the frequency of pulling content is set at five minutes.

FortiSOAR and its connectors come with sample playbooks for ingesting data from various SIEM sources, Threat Intelligence Platforms, Vulnerability Management Tools, Configuration Management Databases, etc. Connectors that you can use to ingest data through this wizard are enabled by default in FortiSOAR.

Data ingestion is generally mapped to the alerts or incident modules, and from release 7.2.0 onwards, the Incident Response modules get added once you have installed the SOAR Framework Solution Pack (SP). Therefore, for data ingestion to work correctly you must install this solution pack. *From release 7.2.0 onwards, the SOAR Framework Solution Pack is installed by default with the fresh installations of FortiSOAR*. For detailed information about the SOAR Framework SP, see the SOAR Framework SP documentation.

Data ingestion also has the following features:

- Supports fetching of data for each configuration of your connector, i.e., if you have two configurations present in your connector, then you can pull ingestion data for each configuration.
- Supports multiple queries for pulling data based on your requirement; however, you must specify one query to schedule the pulling of data from the connector into FortiSOAR.
- Supports easy and efficient ingestion of data from various sources using the intuitive UI of the Data ingestion wizard.
- Supports monitoring of the data ingestion that you have set up and provides information on which connectors are configured for using the Data Ingestion Wizard on the **Data Ingestion** tab of the `Connectors` page. The Data Ingestion also provides you other information such as what is the status of a configuration, what is the schedule for ingestion, when data was last pulled using that configuration, etc.
- Supports inserting or upserting records in bulk during data ingestion, which improves the performance since all the records are created or upserted in one request.

Modes of Data Ingestion

Data Ingestion can work in any of the following three modes:

- **Notification Based**: Some connectors such as IMAP, Exchange, Syslog, etc have a Notification Service that gets instantly notified when a message arrives on the server. The notification service, in turn, triggers a FortiSOAR playbook to create FortiSOAR records from the fetched data.
- **Schedule Based**: Some connectors such as QRadar, Anomali, ServiceNow, etc use the Fetch APIs of the integration, i.e., for example, the fetch API of Anomali, along with a user-defined query to fetch data from the product into FortiSOAR. These fetch playbooks are scheduled to run by default, every 5 mins, or can also be scheduled to run according to a user-defined interval.
  Note that most integrations that support a Notification Based ingestion also support a Schedule Based ingestion. You must, however, configure only one of the two since otherwise both would pull the data from the same source and there might be data loss due to conflicts.
- **App Push**: Some connectors such as Splunk have an add-on that is provided by FortiSOAR and which can be installed on the server-side to push data from the integration to FortiSOAR. The add-on is configured with a user-password or appliance-based authentication in FortiSOAR and it triggers FortiSOAR playbooks to create the records in FortiSOAR.

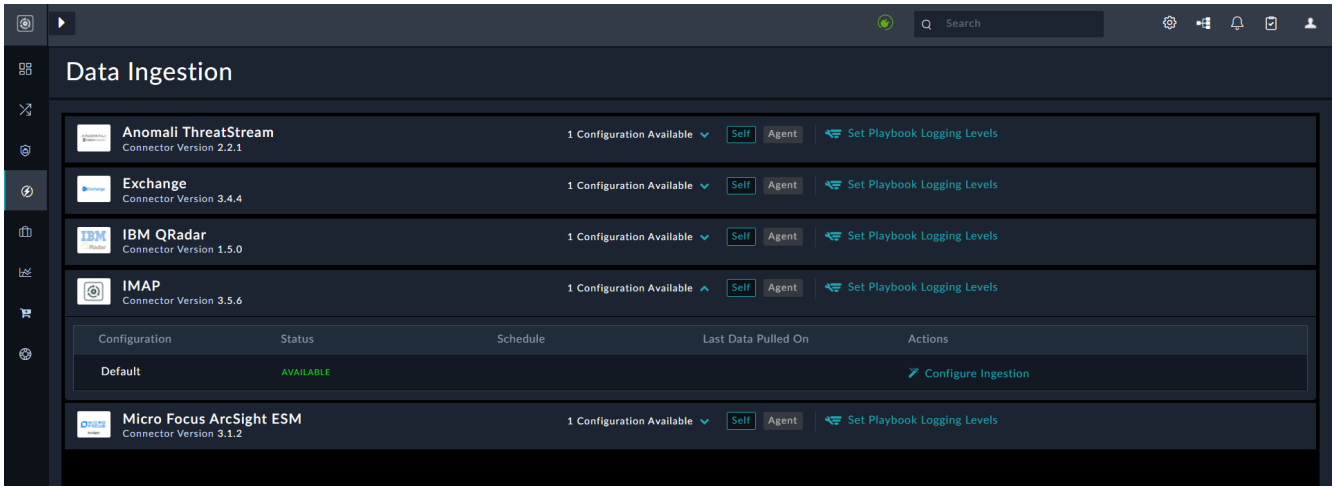
Permissions required for using the Data Ingestion Wizard

For permissions on using connectors, see the Introduction to connectors chapter. Apart from this, to use data ingestion, you must be assigned a role that has `Read` and `Update` permissions on the `Connectors` module and `Create`, `Read`, `Update`, and `Execute` permissions on the `Playbooks` module. If you want to schedule the data ingestion, then you are also required to have `Create`, `Update` and `Read` permissions on the `Schedules` module.

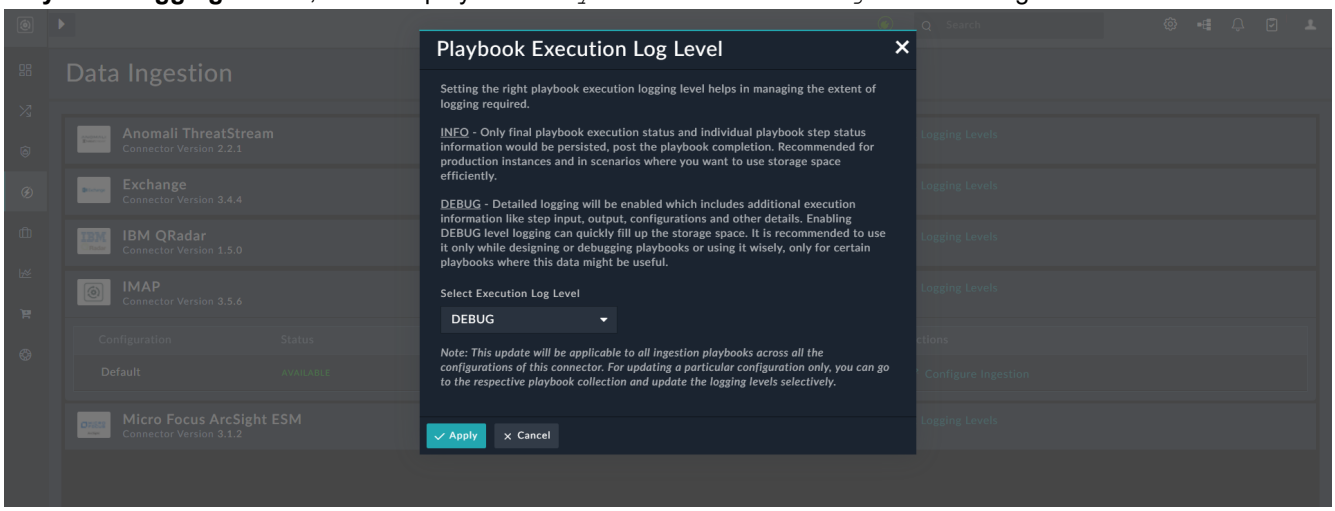
Data Ingestion Wizard

The **Data Ingestion** page displays connectors that are configured for using the Data Ingestion Wizard, i.e., you can use the data ingestion wizard to ingest data into FortiSOAR for these connectors.

To view the data ingestion page, log on to FortiSOAR, and on the left navigation pane, click **Automation** > **Data Ingestion**, which displays all the connectors that are installed on your system and are enabled for data ingestion, along with the number of configurations available for that connector.



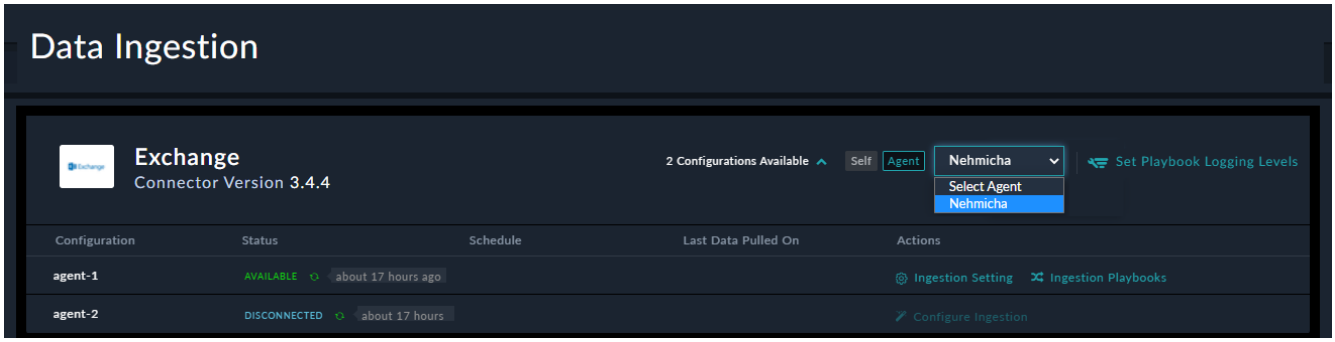
From version 7.0.2 onward, you can set the logging levels (`INFO` or `DEBUG`) for your ingestion playbook by clicking **Set Playbook Logging Levels**, which displays the `Playbook Execution Log Level` dialog:



From the **Select Execution Log Level** field, select the logging level that you want to set for this playbook and click **Apply**. By default, the `INFO` log level is set for ingestion playbooks; however, if you want extensive logging for ingestion playbooks, then retain the logging level as `DEBUG`, and click **Apply**.

Changes made to the logging level apply to all ingestion playbooks across all the configurations of the particular connector. If you want to update only a particular configuration of the connector, then you have to go to the respective playbook collection and selectively update the logging levels.

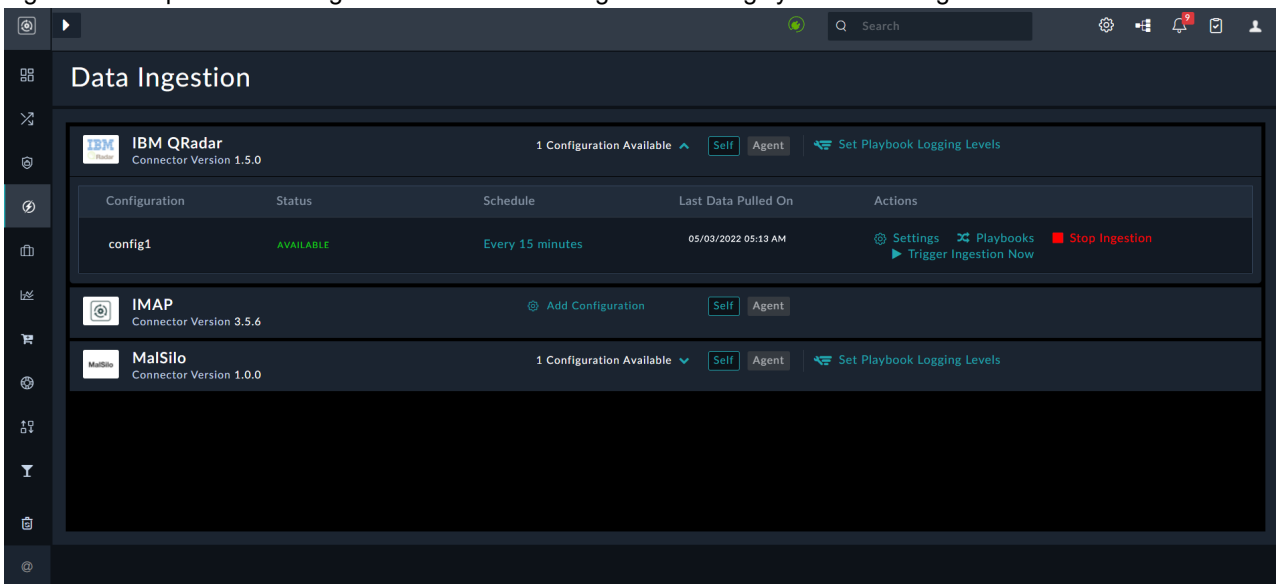
You can also run the data ingestion wizard on agent configurations. To display the details of the configurations, click the `<number of configurations> configurations available` link. To view the configuration details of the current node, click **Self**. To view the agent configuration details, click **Agent**, and then from the drop-down list, select the name of the agent whose configuration details you want to view, as shown in the following image:



Details that are displayed for the configurations are as follows:

- **Status** of a configuration, whether it is **Available** or **Disconnected**.
- **Schedule** for running the ingestion, i.e., what is the frequency at which the third-party integration will be polled to ingest data into FortiSOAR.
- **Last Data Pulled on** contains the DateTime when the data was last pulled into FortiSOAR using this configuration.
- **Actions** contain the following options:
  Configure Ingestion: Clicking this link displays the Data Ingestion Wizard. This option is displayed when you are configuring data ingestion for the first time for a particular configuration.
  Ingestion Settings: Clicking this link displays the Data Ingestion Wizard with the configured ingestion settings. This

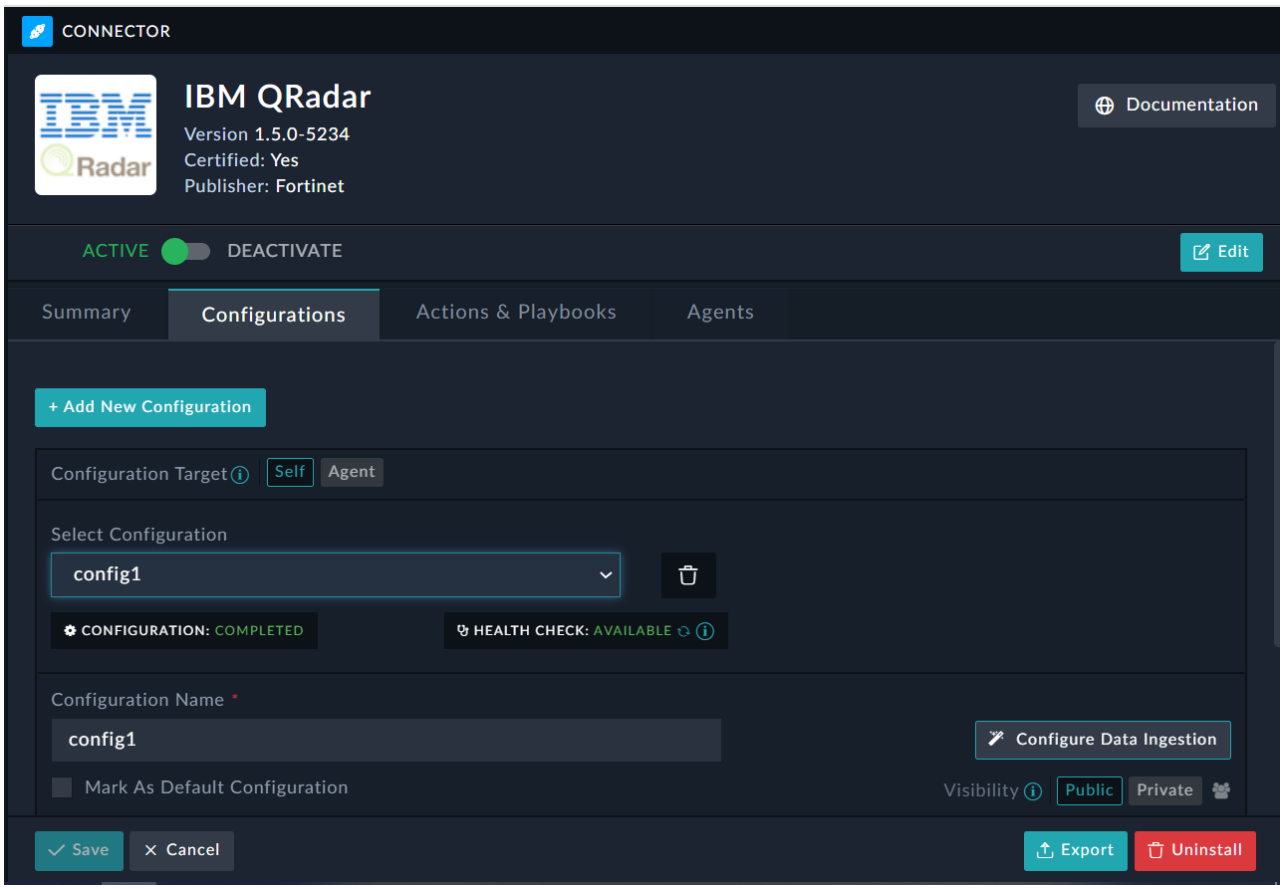
option is displayed when you have already configured data ingestion for a particular configuration.
Ingestion Playbooks: Clicking this link opens the ingestion playbooks collection in a new window.
Trigger Ingestion Now: Clicking this link immediately starts the data ingestion process. Subsequent data ingestion occurs based on the data ingestion schedule you have set.
Start Ingestion / **Stop Ingestion**: Clicking this link either starts ingestion for a newly-added configuration or stops ingestion for a particular configuration based on the ingestion settings you have configured.



If you have upgraded to FortiSOAR 6.0.0 or later from an earlier version, then before you reconfigure ingestion for the same connector configuration, you must deactivate the earlier ingestion playbooks that are present in the ingestion collection for the connector. The links to the ingestion playbooks that were created prior to the upgrade will be present on the **System Fixtures** page in the "Ingestion Playbooks" section will not be visible in the Data Ingestion tab (new in version 6.0.0) of the "Connectors" page. If your data ingestion is schedule-based, then you must also stop or delete the earlier schedules for the connector.

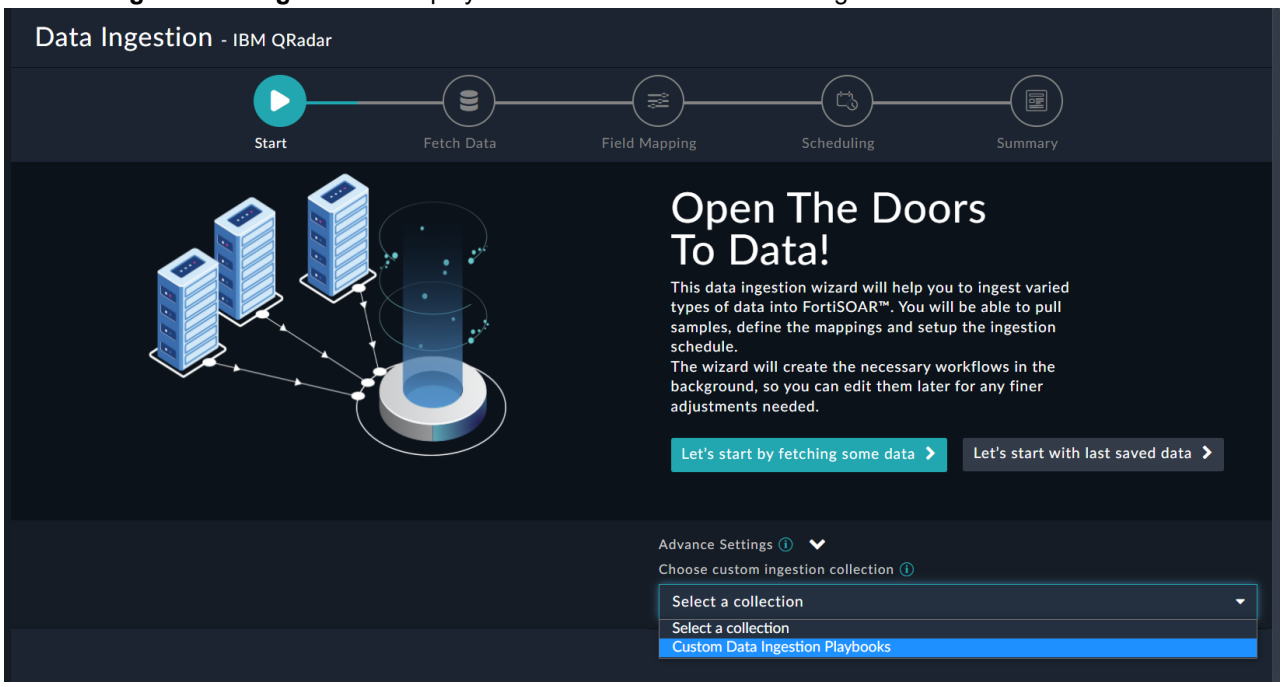
Process of ingesting data using the Data Ingestion Wizard

1. Log on to FortiSOAR.
2. On the left navigation pane, click **Data Ingestion** (see Data Ingestion) or go to **Content Hub** or **Automation** > **Connectors** and click the **Manage** tab, which lists the installed connectors in the card view. For more information, see Data Ingestion.
3. On the **Manage** tab, click the connector card using which you want to ingest data. For our example, we have chosen IBM QRadar.
4. On the `Connector Configuration` popup, from the **Select Configuration** drop-down list select the configuration for which you want to configure the ingestion, and then click **Configure Data Ingestion**.



Only connectors that have been enabled for data ingestion will have the **Configure Data Ingestion** button.
Note: To ingest data, your connector must be in the **Available** state.

5. Click **Configure Data Ingestion** to display the `Start` screen of the Data Ingestion Wizard.



If you are running data ingestion for the first time, click the **Let's Start by fetching some data** button to display the

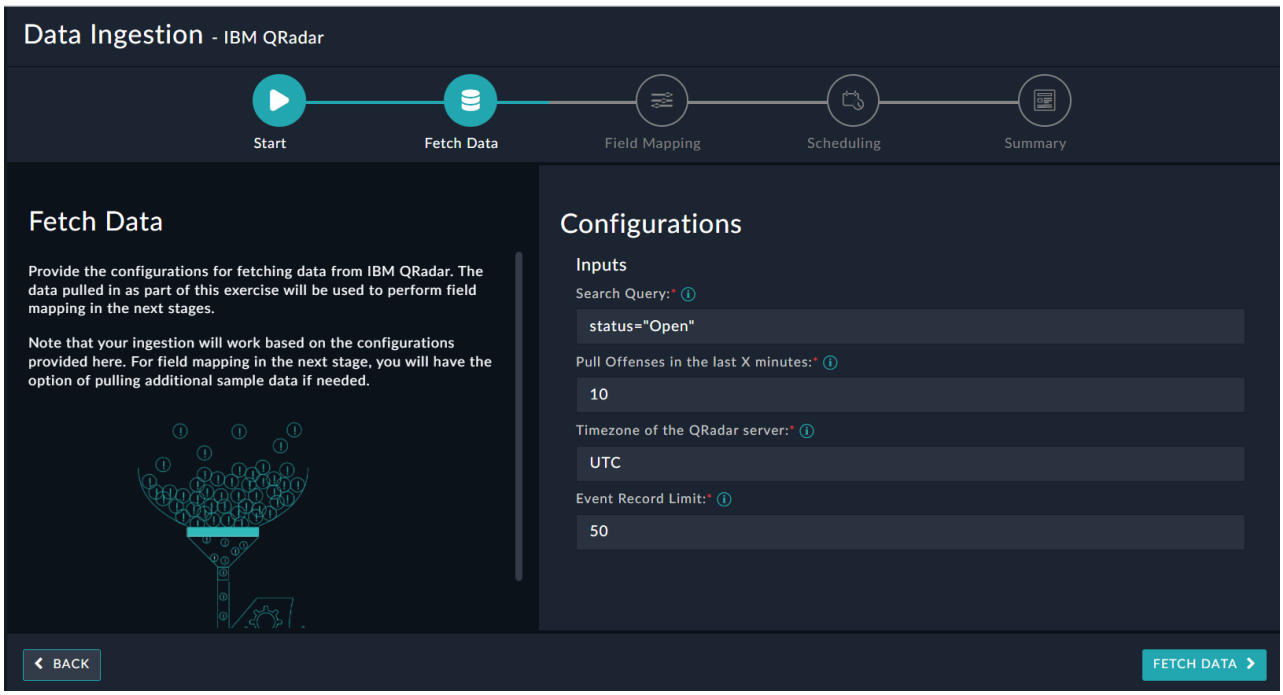
`Fetch Sample Data` screen. However, if you have previously run ingestion using the IBM QRadar connector, you will also see the **Let's start with last saved data** button. Release 7.2.0 has enhanced data ingestion to save the pulled results from the previously run ingestion and use the same instead of re-fetching the results. Clicking **Let's start with last saved data** moves directly to the `Field Mapping` screen, skipping the `Fetch Sample Data` screen, as the data pulled from the previous run ingestion will be used. In this case, a **Skip** button is also added to the `Fetch Data` screen.

Release 7.2.0 also provides you with the option of selecting a custom playbook collection, other than the sample playbook collection that is bundled with the connector, to be used for ingesting data. Examples for the need of custom playbook collections could be in the case of a War Room that is set up with the unified communication feature, where we need communication to link with the war room record whenever a relevant email is ingested, which can be achieved by a custom data ingestion playbooks collection, or in case of MSSP environments where custom data mapping can be referenced for onboarding new customers, etc. Therefore, from release 7.2.0 onwards, you can click **Advance Settings** and from the **Choose custom integration collection** drop-down list, you can select playbooks from different collections that support data ingestion to be used for data ingestion or upload a custom data ingestion playbook collection. For playbook collections to be listed in the **Choose custom integration collection** drop-down list, ensure that playbook collection has a `#dataingestion` tag and the ingestion playbooks have the `#<nameOfConnector>` and `#dataingestion` tags, for example, `#qradar #dataingestion`. If you select a custom data ingestion playbook collection, then data is fetched using the selected playbook collection.

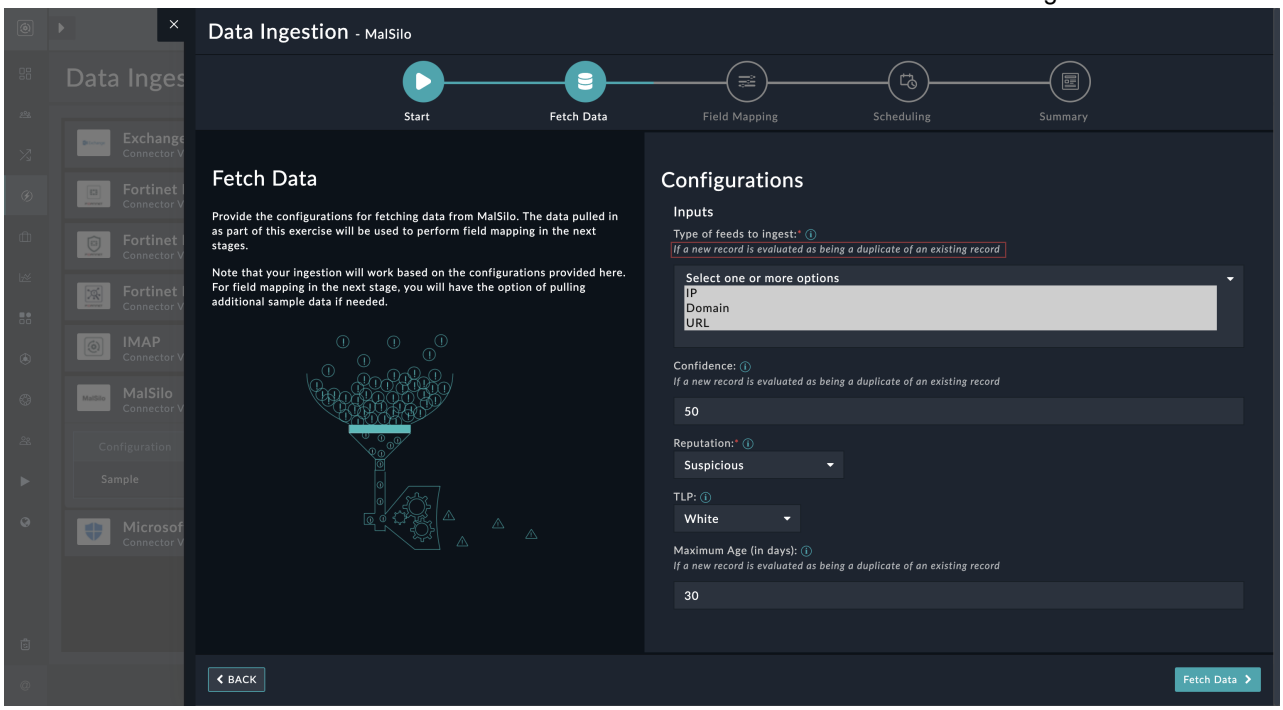
Note: When you use a custom playbook collection for data ingestion, then in this case the sample playbook collection gets overridden by the custom playbook collection in the ingestion collection, i.e., in the playbooks collection that is shown when you click Playbooks in the connector row on the Data Ingestion page.

6. Sample data is required to create a field mapping between your connector data and FortiSOAR. The sample data is pulled from connector actions or ingestion playbooks. By default, FortiSOAR ingests data using an "Ingestion Playbook" that is included by default with each connector that is enabled for data ingestion.

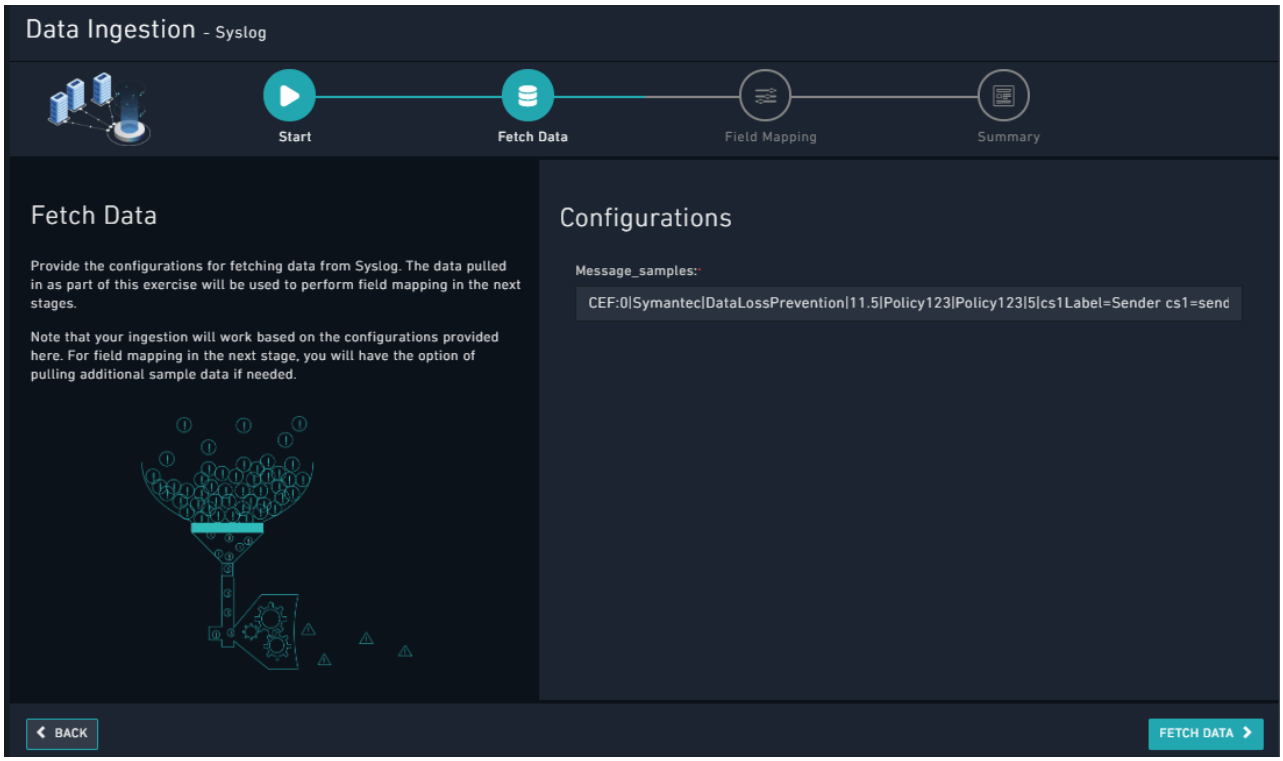
   A connector would generally require some configuration details, which you will require to fill in on this screen. For example, in the case of IBM QRadar, in the **Search Query** field, enter the query based on which you want to fetch data into FortiSOAR. In the **Pull Offenses in Last X Min**, enter the number of minutes for which you want to retrieve created or modified offenses from IBM QRadar, for example, **10**, in this case, the data ingestion wizard will fetch offenses that are created or modified in the last 10 minutes from IBM QRadar. In the **Timezone of the QRadar server**, specify the timezone of the QRadar server; this is used to convert for pulling offenses in the last X minutes, and in the **Event Record Limit**, specify the maximum offenses records you want to fetch, and then click **Fetch Data**.



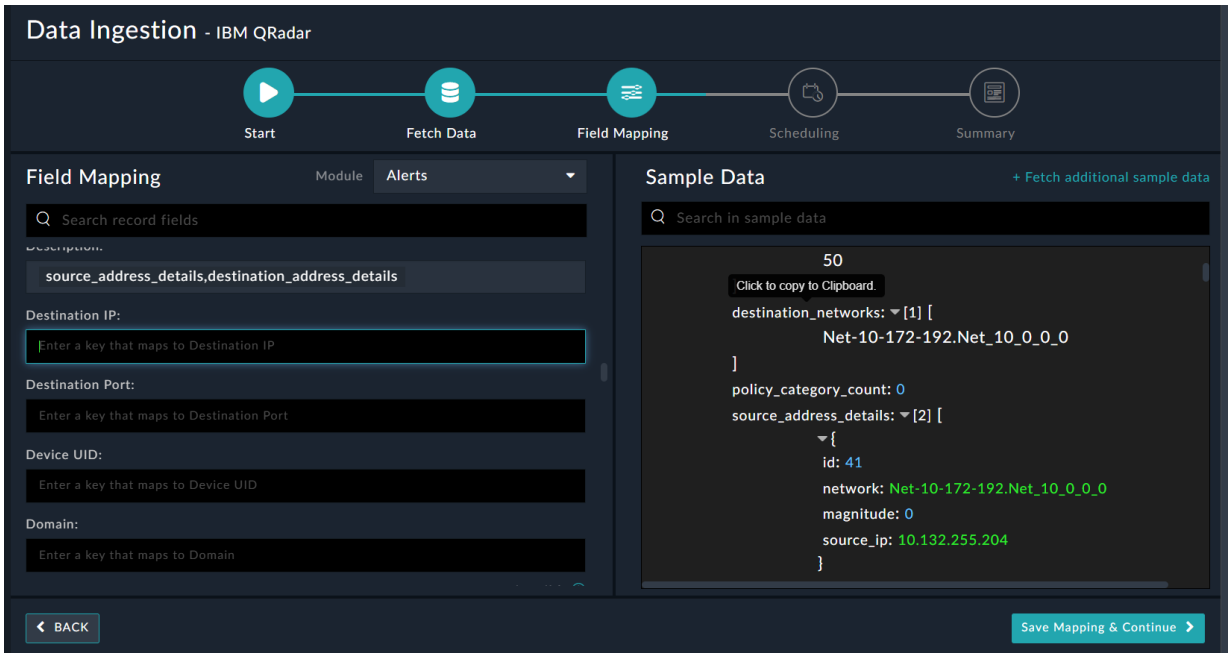
Also, the connector will display additional information as a subtitle below the parameter title on the 'Fetch Data' screen if a "`sub-title`" attribute with the information has been added to the connector's configuration:



Another example is **Syslog** where you will see the **Message_samples** field in which you can add samples of messages in the CEF Format using which you want to map the fields:



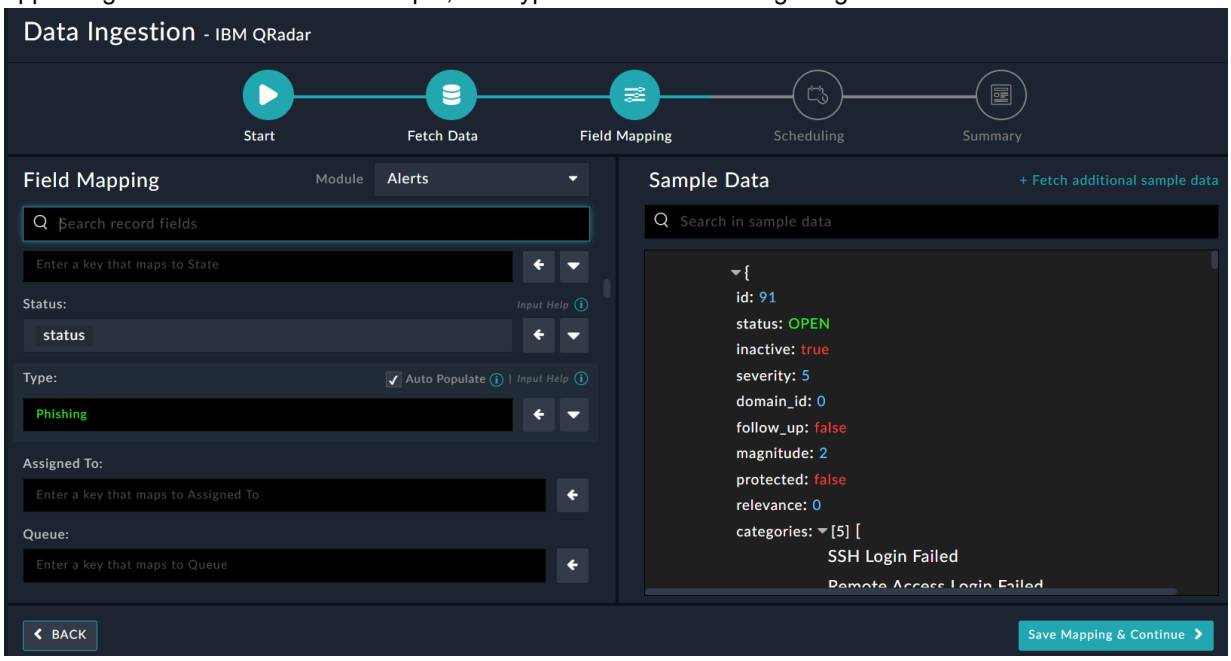
7. On the **Field Mapping** screen, map the fields of the sample data to the fields present in FortiSOAR as follows:
   a. The Field Mapping screen displays the Sample Data on the right side of the screen and the Field Mapping (FortiSOAR fields) on the left side of the screen. The sample data is in the form of a Key-Value pair.
   From the **Module** drop-down list that appears next to Field Mapping, select the FortiSOAR module for which you want to map the fields. The default module will be already be selected, for example, **Alerts**.
   Note: If you select any module other than the default module, you will require to remap all the fields.
   b. From the **Sample Data** fields, map the fields onto the fields present in the **Alerts** module as follows:
   Important: Some fields such as Name and some picklists can come pre-mapped with their keys. You do not require to re-map these fields unless you want to override their default values. You can search for fields in the record and the sample data.
   To map a field, click the key in the sample data to add jinja for the field. For example, to map the `destination_networks` field from the IBM QRadar sample data to the `Destination IP` field in FortiSOAR, click **Destination IP** and then click **destination_networks**:



To view the key of a field, double click in the field, for example, if you click the newly-mapped description field, its key `{{vars.sourcedata["destination_networks"]}}` will be displayed. Once the key (which is in jinja) is displayed, this field will always be displayed with the key value.

Note: If bulk insert or upsert is supported for the connector, then the key value changes from `{{vars.sourcedata["name of the field"]}}` to `{{vars.item["name of the field"]}}`. For example, `{{vars.item["destination_networks"]}}`.

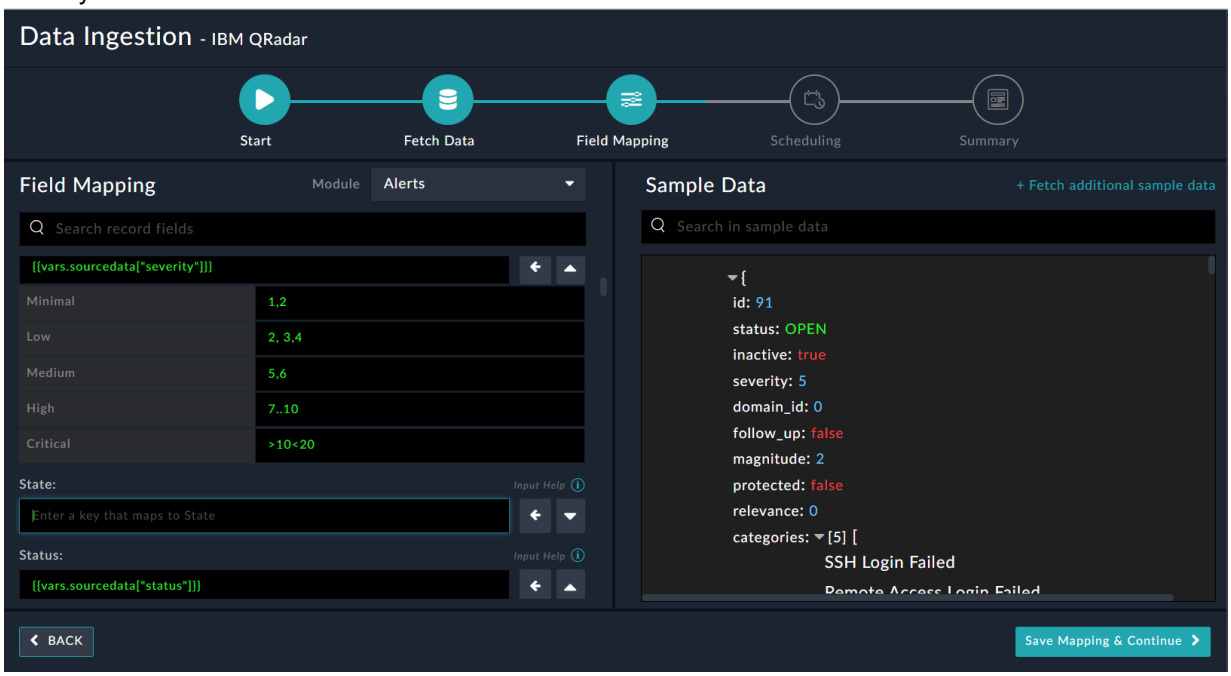
From version 7.0.0 onwards, if your administrator has enabled any 'Lookup' or 'Picklist' type of field to accept the values generated from the recommendation engine, then you will see an **Auto populate** checkbox appearing beside this field. For example, the 'Type' field in the following image:



If you select the **Auto populate** checkbox, and users have not specified any values for such fields, then the value of such fields gets auto-populated with the values from the recommendation engine that is based on learning from past similar records.

Picklists can come pre-populated with their defined defaults if they are available. You can also map picklists

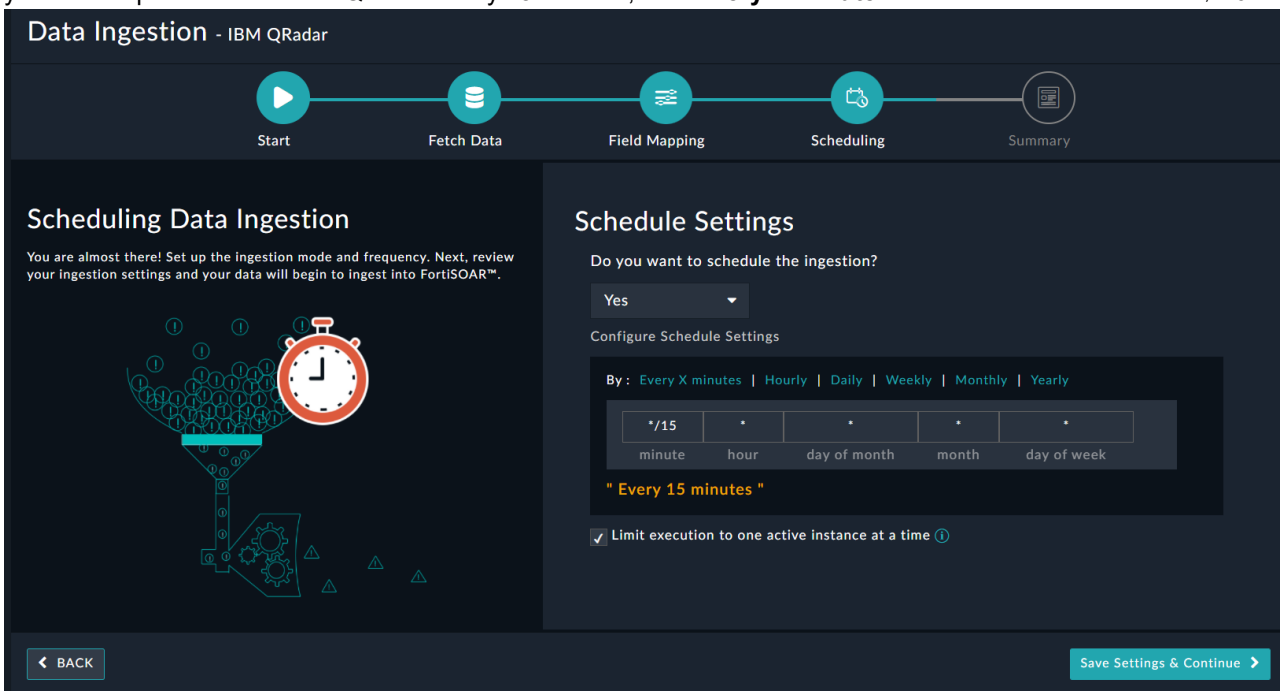
using the wizard.
To map a picklist, such as **Status**, select the picklist whose value you want to map. For example, `severity` from the IBM QRadar sample data can be mapped to the `Severity` picklist in FortiSOAR by clicking `severity`. FortiSOAR would already have mapped this picklist by default, and it will appear as `severity` whose key value is `{{vars.sourcedata["severity"]}}`. Next, you must map the items of the Reputation picklists. To view and map the items of the Severity picklist in FortiSOAR, click the down arrow (**v**). The Severity picklist has items such as Minimal, Low, Medium, High, and Critical. These picklist items can be mapped as per the values defined in the source. You can map more than one picklist item in FortiSOAR can map to a single value in the source. For example, you can map both **2** to both Minimal and Low in FortiSOAR. You can also map one picklist item in FortiSOAR to two values or more values in the source, for example, Low can be 2,3,4. In this case, if the **severity** field in IBM QRadar has values 2, 3, or 4, then all cases with confidence 2 to 4 will be mapped to **Low** severity in FortiSOAR. You can also specify the mapping of a range of values, lesser than, and greater than values. For example, **High** can be mapped `7..10` in FortiSOAR, which means that if the **severity** field in IBM QRadar contains any value between 7 to 10 they will be mapped as **High** severity in FortiSOAR. Similarly, if you map **Critical** to `>10<20` in FortiSOAR this means that if the **severity** field in IBM ThreatStream contains any value greater than 10 and less than 20, then they will be mapped to **Critical** severity in FortiSOAR.



Note: Multiple expressions of type "number" must be separated by a space. Also, in the case of a range, there must be two dots between the numbers.
You can also specify string values in a picklist such as Open, In Progress, Closed, etc. Multiple expressions of type "string" must be comma-separated.
In case you want to use another query to fetch additional data to create a comprehensive mapping, click the **+ Fetch additional sample data** link that appears in the Sample Data header. Clicking the **+ Fetch additional sample data** link opens the Configurations dialog in which you can change the configuration such as, updating the **Search_query**, and then click **Fetch Data**. The data ingestion wizard fetches the data based on the updated configuration on a new page in the `Sample Data` section. You can continue mapping based on the newly fetched data.
Once you are satisfied with the mappings, click **Save Mapping & Continue**.

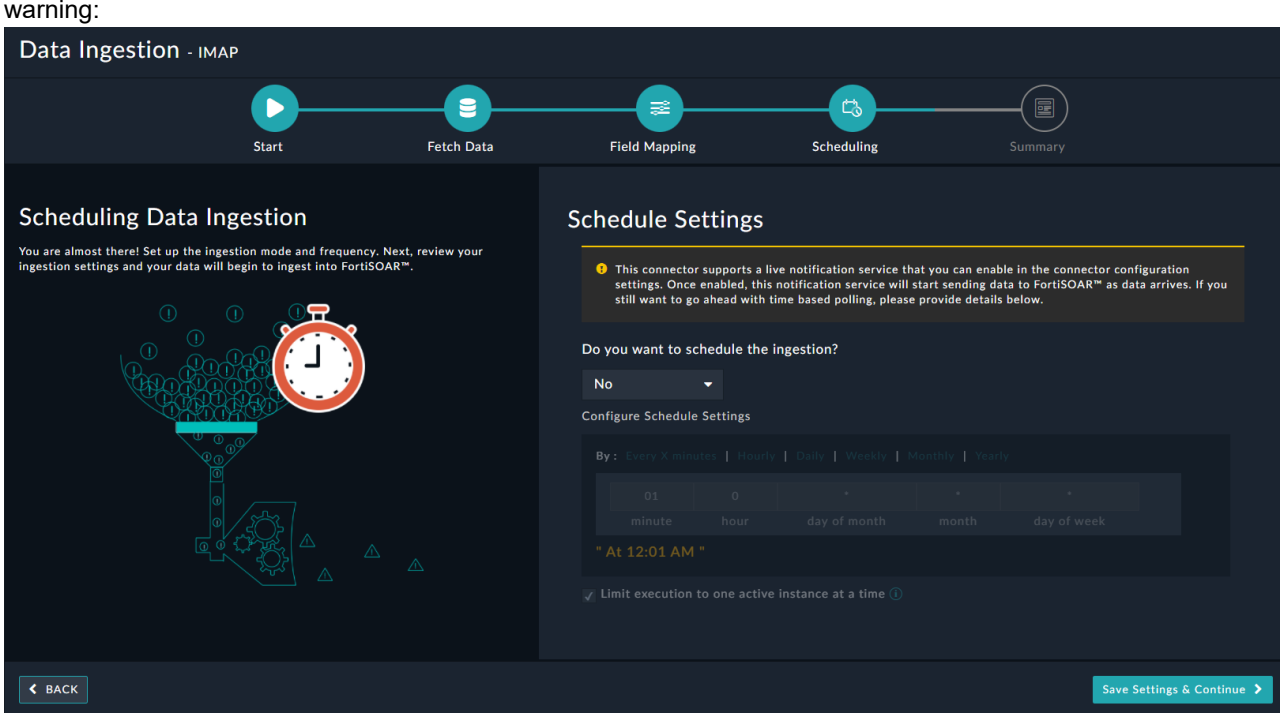
8. (Optional) If your connector is enabled for scheduling, such as IBM QRadar, then you will be shown the **Scheduling** screen, using which you can specify the schedule for data ingestion from the connector into FortiSOAR, i.e., you can specify the frequency of polling a third-party integration, such as SIEM, so that the content gets pulled from the third-party integration into FortiSOAR. By default, scheduling is set to pull data every 5 minutes.
To configure scheduling, from the **Do you want to schedule the ingestion?** drop-down list, select **Yes**.

In the `Configure Schedule Settings` section, specify the Cron expression for the schedule. For example, if you want to pull data from IBM QRadar every 15 minutes, click **Every X Minute** and in the minute box enter `*/15`.



The days of the week are represented by integers from 0 to 6, with 0 representing Sunday and 6 representing Saturday. Therefore the `day_of_week` property accepts `*` or `[0-6]` characters.

NOTE: If you select the **Limit execution to one active instance at a time** checkbox, then do not rerun the workflow (schedule) if the previous schedule is still running. Some connectors such as IMAP support data ingestion using both a scheduled-based pull as well as instant notification using the Notification Service. You must, however, configure only one of the two, since both would otherwise pull the data from the same source and there could be data loss due to conflicts. Therefore, the `Scheduling` screen for the IMAP connector displays the following warning:



Only if you want to ingest data using a scheduled-based pull, then you should use the `Scheduling` screen to

specify the schedule for data ingestion from the IMAP connector into FortiSOAR.
Once you are satisfied with the scheduling, click **Save Settings & Continue**.

9. The **Summary** screen displays a summary of the mapping done, and it also contains links to the Ingestion playbooks.

Click **Trigger Ingestion Now** to immediately begin the process of data ingestion. Subsequent data ingestion occurs based on the data ingestion schedule you have set.
Click **Done** to complete the data ingestion and exit the Data Ingestion Wizard.

Notes for Data Ingestion Playbooks:

- The **Summary** step contains links to playbooks that contain the data mapping based on the mappings you have specified in the wizard. You can click the links and open the playbook in the Playbook Designer.
  For example, to open the playbook that fetches data from the Anomali ThreatStream connector, click **Anomali ThreatStream > Ingest** link, which opens the `Anomali ThreatStream > Ingest` playbook in the Playbook Designer.
- You can open the Data Ingestion Playbooks collection by clicking **here** in the Summary step.
- You can modify these data ingestion playbooks or the mappings in the playbooks using the Playbook Designer and those modifications are reflected in the mappings, i.e., if you open the "Data Ingestion Wizard" again you will see the modified content.

Notes for Data Ingestion

- If you are using the IMAP connector for data ingestion, then you must ensure that you configure either a scheduled-based pull, using Scheduling in the Data Ingestion Wizard, or the instant notification method using the Email Notification Service, by clicking the Enable Email Notification Service in the IMAP connector configuration pane. If you configure both then both the methods would pull the data from the same source and there could be data loss due to conflicts.
- If you are using the IMAP connector for data ingestion and at the field mapping stage you change the default module for data ingestion, which is set as **Alerts** to any other module, for example, **Emails**, then the playbook used for ingesting data remain active and no records will be created. To get the data ingestion to work correctly, do the following:
  Open the `IMAP > Ingest` playbook and click the **Extract and Link File Indicators** step. In the Extract and Link File Indicators step, you need to initialize the IRI value of the module that you want to use for data ingestion instead of the alert record IRI. To achieve this, click the **emailRecordIRI** field, and use "Dynamic Values" to enter the IRI value of the required module or enter the following Jinja value: `{{vars.steps.Create_Record['@id']}}`.
  For example, if you have changed the module used for data ingestion from Alerts to Emails, then to initialize the `emailRecordIRI` variable instead of `alertRecordIRI`, in the **emailRecordIRI** field, enter the `{{vars.steps.Create_Record['@id']}}` value.
  Also, note that if you select any module other than the default module, you will require to remap all the fields.
- If you are using the Syslog connector for data ingestion, then you must ensure playbooks used for data ingestion provide input in the CEF format, otherwise, you require to modify the playbooks. Since CEF is the most common format for Syslog messages, the default data ingestion playbooks parse the message as CEF. If the Syslog messages from your server are non-CEF complaint, you can modify the "Parse CEF" step in the `> Syslog> Fetch` playbook that is part of the playbooks shipped with the Syslog connector, before you configure Data Ingestion. The Syslog connector also provides "Parse Message" action to parse RFC 3164 and RFC 5424 formatted messages and convert these message formats to CEF format, instead of using the "Parse CEF" step.
- From version 7.0.2 onwards the ingestion wizard has been enhanced to not fail if there are no `#fetch` or `#create` playbooks. There can be connectors that require only the `#ingest` playbook that contains a single action, which pulls data and creates records. Such connectors do not require the `#fetch` playbook since data is not required for custom module mapping and the `#create` playbook is not required since the 'Create Record' step is not needed. Therefore, in this case, the Data Ingestion Wizard works as follows:
  - The Data Ingestion Wizard is loaded even if only the 'Ingest' playbook is present; and in this case, the wizard displays only the `Scheduling` screen.
  - If the 'Fetch' playbook is not present, the wizard does not display the `Fetch Data` screen.
  - If the 'Create' playbook is not present or the 'Create Record' step is not present, the wizard does not display the `Field Mapping` screen.

Troubleshooting

The Fetch Data screen in case of IMAP displays the`ERROR :: create failed: [ALREADYEXISTS] Folder name ... error

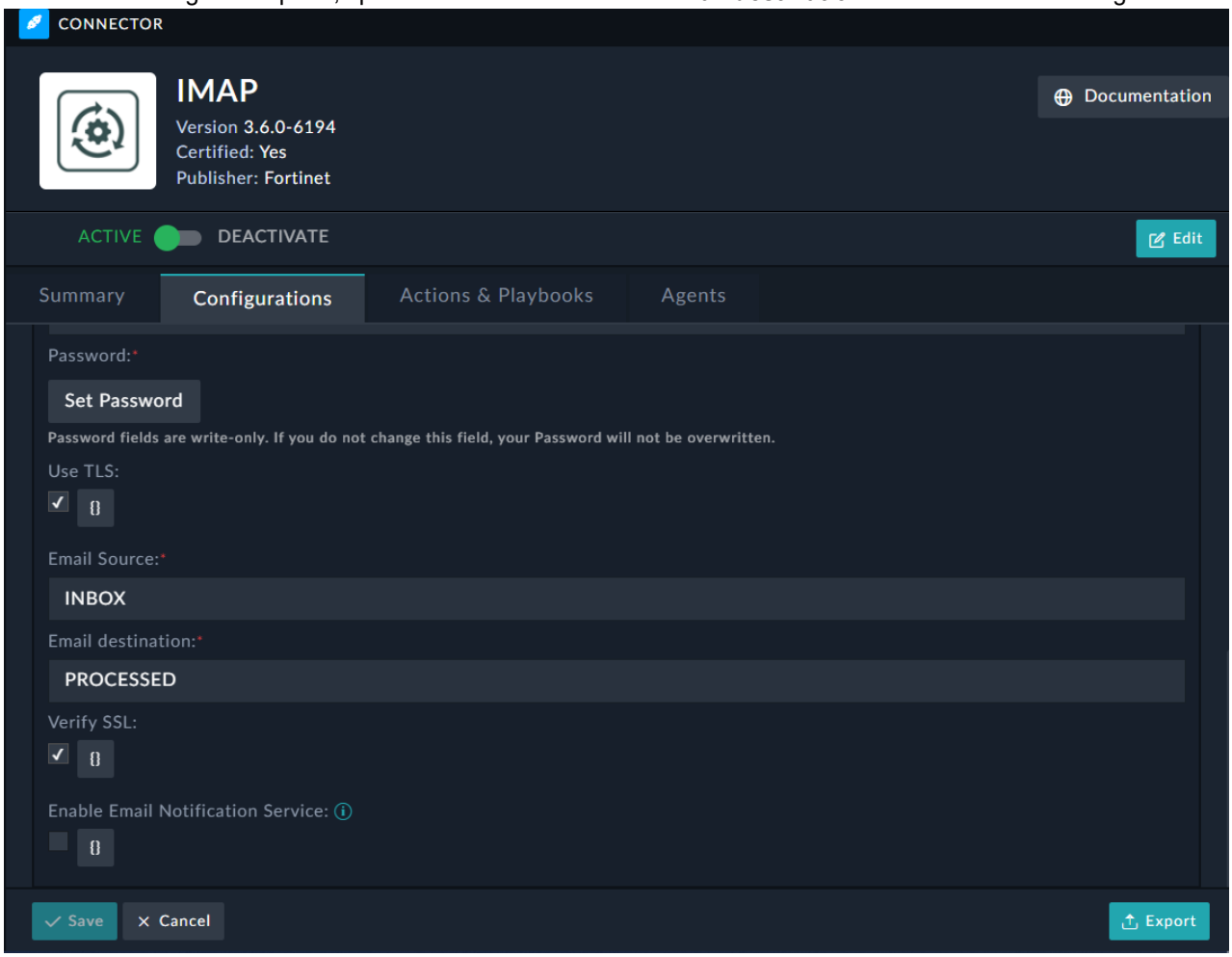
This error occurs when you are running the Data Ingestion Wizard using the IMAP connector. Click **Fetch Data** on the `Fetch Data` screen and an error such as "`> IMAP > Fetch has failed because CS_INTEGRATION-5: Error occurred while executing the connector action ERROR:: create failed [ALREADYEXISTS] Folder name conflicts with existing folder name.....`" is displayed.

The above error can occur due to the following reasons:

- This issue occurs if the **Email destination** folder specified on the server is similar to an existing folder. Mailbox names are case sensitive on the creation of folders using the IMAP client, for example, if you specify `MyFolder` in the **Email destination** field and a folder named `myfolder` already exists on the server, then this error will be displayed on the Fetch Data screen when you are running the Data Ingestion Wizard.
- This error also occurs if the folder that you have specified does not have permission for the IMAP client.

Resolution

- In the IMAP configuration pane, update the folder name in the **Email destination** field and save the configuration:



- Ensure that you provide appropriate permissions to the email destination folder for the IMAP client.

Post upgrade to FortiSOAR 6.0.0 or later from version 5.1.0 does not save any data ingestion configurations

If you have upgraded your FortiSOAR version from 5.1.0 to 6.0.0 or later, you will see data ingestion configurations that you had saved in version 5.1.0 are not available in version 6.0.0. You will not see any schedules, ingestion playbook link, or actions button on the `Data Ingestion` page. However, your data ingestion will continue to run. This is because support for fetching data for each configuration of your connector has been introduced in version 6.0.0 and therefore, the older data ingestion configurations and playbooks have been deprecated.

Resolution

Rerun the data ingestion wizard, i.e., reconfigure your data ingestion if required. Note that your previously configured data ingestion will continue to run, however, you will not be able to see the historical data. If you do require to reconfigure the data ingestion, then you must ensure that you stop your previous configured data ingestion, otherwise both the current and the old data ingestion will continue to run.

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