

Introduction

This document is intended to provide guidance on how to enable Botnet detection on FortiGate devices. The information contained in this guide covers all the necessary steps for customers to configure Botnet C&C blocking on the FortiGate.

Botnet C&C IP blocking

The *Botnet C&C* section consolidates multiple botnet options in the IPS profile. This allows you to enable botnet blocking across all traffic that matches the policy by configuring one setting in the GUI, or by the `scan-botnet-connection` command in the CLI.

To configure botnet C&C IP blocking using the GUI:

1. Go to *Security Profiles > Intrusion Prevention*.
2. Edit an existing IPS profile, or create a new one.
3. Set *Scan Outgoing Connections to Botnet Sites* to *Block* or *Monitor*.

Edit IPS Sensor

Name: default

Comments: Prevent critical attacks. 25/255

Block malicious URLs: ☐

IPS Signatures and Filters

+ Create New Edit Delete

| Details | Exempt IPs | Action | Packet Logging |
|---------|------------|---------|----------------|
| SEV | | Default | Disabled |
| SEV | | | |
| SEV | | | |

Botnet C&C

Scan Outgoing Connections to Botnet Sites: Disable **Block** Monitor

2403 IP Addresses in botnet package.

OK Cancel

4. Configure the other settings as required.
5. Click *Apply*. Botnet C&C IP is now enabled for the sensor.
6. Add this sensor to the firewall policy.
The IPS engine will scan outgoing connections to botnet sites. If you access a botnet IP, an IPS log is generated for this attack.
7. Go to *Log & Report > Intrusion Prevention* to view the log.

To configure botnet C&C IP blocking using the CLI:

```
config ips sensor
  edit "Demo"
    set scan-botnet-connections {block | monitor}
  next
end
```



If you are running version 6.0.x or older then it can be configured in under one of the following sections:

- `config firewall interface-policy`
 - `config firewall policy`
 - `config firewall proxy-policy`
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Botnet C&C domain blocking

To block connections to botnet domains using the GUI:

1. Go to *Security Profiles > DNS Filter*.
2. Edit an existing profile, or create a new one.
3. Enable *Redirect Botnet C&C requests to Block Portal*.

Edit DNS Filter Profile

Name

Comments 22/255

Redirect botnet C&C requests to Block Portal ☒

[50759 domains in botnet package](#)

Enforce 'Safe Search' on Google, Bing, YouTube ☐

☒ FortiGuard Category Based Filter

| Name | Action |
|------------------------|---------|
| Other Adult Materials | Monitor |
| Advocacy Organizations | Monitor |
| Gambling | Monitor |
| Nudity and Risque | Monitor |
| Pornography | Monitor |
| Dating | Monitor |
| Weapons (Sales) | Monitor |
| Marijuana | Monitor |
| Sex Education | Monitor |

Static Domain Filter

Domain Filter ☐

OK Cancel

4. Configure other settings as required.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Add this filter profile to a firewall policy.

Botnet C&C signature blocking

To add IPS signatures to a sensor using the GUI:



One option is to use a predefined default IPS profile to block C&C Signatures. Default IPS profile is pre-configured with default action(block) for severity level 3, 4 and 5 which covers all the C&C signatures.

1. Go to *Security Profiles > Intrusion Prevention*.
2. Edit an existing sensor, or create a new one.
3. In the *IPS Signatures and Filters* section, click *Create New*.
4. Set *Type* to *Signature*.
5. Enter *botnet* in the *Search* field to get the list of all available signatures from the database.
6. Right-click the signatures you want to include from the list.
7. Click *Add Selected*.
8. Configure the other settings as required.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Signatures' dialog box in the FortiGate GUI. The 'Type' is set to 'Signature'. The search field contains 'botnet'. A list of botnet signatures is displayed, including A32S Botnet, AAEH Botnet, AARC Botnet, ABNR Botnet, ACKR Botnet, AJQ Botnet, Adwind Botnet, Adykuazz Botnet, Agobot Phatbot Botnet, Aldibot Botnet, Alma Botnet, and Aurewo Botnet. The 'Add Selected' button is highlighted with a red circle.

| Name | Severity | Target | OS | Action | CVE-ID |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------|-----|--------|--------|
| IPS Signature 476n12742 | | | | | |
| A32S Botnet | 5 | Server Client | All | Block | |
| AAEH Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |
| AARC Botnet | 5 | Client | All | Block | |
| ABNR Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |
| ACKR Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |
| AJQ Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |
| Adwind Botnet | 5 | Client | All | Block | |
| Adykuazz Botnet | 5 | Server Client | All | Block | |
| Agobot Phatbot Botnet | 5 | Server Client | All | Block | |
| Aldibot Botnet | 5 | Client | All | Block | |
| Alma Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |
| Aurewo Botnet | 5 | Server | All | Block | |

9. Click *OK*
10. Configure other settings as required, then click *OK*
11. Add this sensor to a firewall policy to detect or block attacks that match the IPS signatures.

Botnet IPs and domains lists

To view botnet IPs and domains lists using the GUI:

1. Go to **System > FortiGuard**. **Botnet IPs** and **Botnet Domains** are visible in the **Intrusion Prevention** section.
2. Click **View List** for more details.

FortiGuard Distribution Network

License Information

| Entitlement | Status | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| + FortiCare Support | ✓ Registered | ⋮ Actions |
| + Virtual Machine | ✓ Valid (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | 🔗 FortiGate VM License |
| + Firmware & General Updates | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| - Intrusion Prevention | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| IPS Definitions | ⚙ Version 19.00212 | ⋮ Actions |
| IPS Engine | ⚙ Version 6.00071 | |
| Malicious URLs | ⚙ Version 3.00211 | |
| Botnet IPs | ⚙ Version 7.02050 | 📄 View List |
| Botnet Domains | ⚙ Version 2.00892 | 📄 View List |
| + AntiVirus | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| + Web Filtering | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| Outbreak Prevention | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| SD-WAN Network Monitor | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| Security Rating | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| + Industrial DB | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| FortiIPAM | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| IoT Detection Service | ✓ Licensed (Expiration Date: 2022/07/24) | |
| FortiGate Cloud | ⚠ Not Activated | ➡ Activate |

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