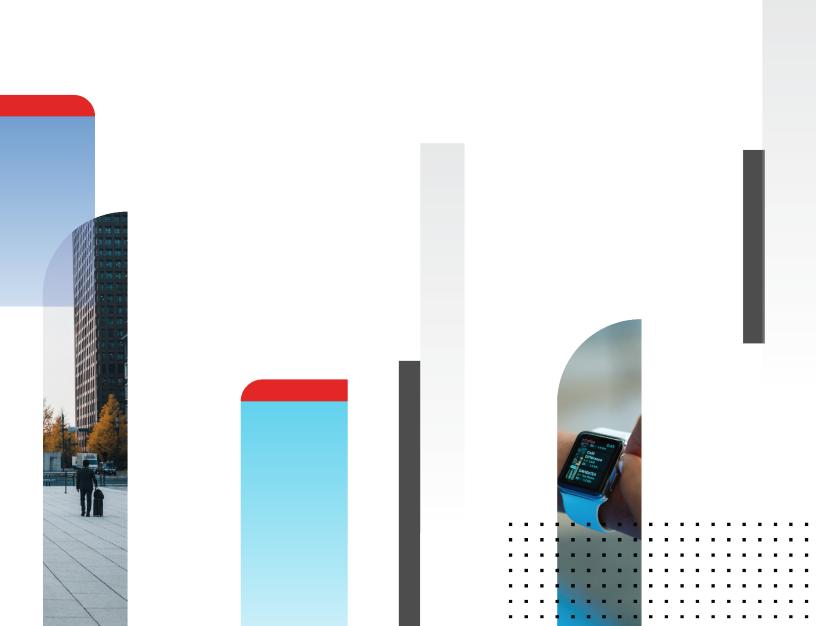


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### Overview

Fortinet's FortiSandbox on AWS enables organizations to defend against advanced threats in the cloud. It works with network, email, endpoint, and other security measures, or as an extension of on-premise security architecture to leverage scale with complete control.

FortiSandbox is available on the AWS Marketplace.

You can install FortiSandbox on AWS as a standalone zero-day threat prevention or you can configure it to work with your existing FortiGate, FortiMail, or FortiWeb AWS instances to identify malicious and suspicious files, ransomware, and network threats.

You can create custom VMs using pre-configured VMs, your own ISO image on VirtualBox. For more information, contact Fortinet Customer Service & Support.



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For the most accurate AWS information, please refer to the product documentation.

# Preparing for deployment

Prepare for deployment by reviewing the following information:

- · Licensing on page 6
- Minimum system requirements on page 7
- Port usage on page 8

# Licensing

Fortinet offers the FortiSandbox VM00 model (FSA-VM00) for your private cloud deployment solution.

The FSA-VM00 is a base license. You need to purchase the required Windows license keys to activate enabled Windows VMs with a minimum of 1 and maximum of 8 licenses. Ton increase capacity, the FSA-VM00 is capable of using the Windows Cloud VM with a minimum of 5 and maximum of 200 VMs.

#### Ordering and registering licenses

Licenses can be purchased through a Fortinet Authorized Reseller or directly from Fortinet. After placing an order for FortiSandbox VM, Fortinet sends a license registration code to the email address used to place the order. Use this license registration code to register the FortiSandbox VM with Customer Service & Support at <a href="https://support.fortinet.com">https://support.fortinet.com</a>.

After registration, you can download the license file. You will need this file to activate your FortiSandbox. You can configure basic network settings using CLI commands to complete the deployment. When the license file is uploaded and validated, the engines will be downloaded short after. Then, the system will be fully functional.

#### More information

Purchasing a license	Contact your Fortinet Authorized Reseller, or visit https://www.fortinet.com/how_to_buy/
FortiSandbox Ordering Guide	Visit https://www.fortinet.com/content/dam/fortinet/assets/data-sheets/og-fortisandbox.pdf
FortiSandbox product Datasheet	Visit https://www.fortinet.com/content/dam/fortinet/assets/data-sheets/FortiSandbox.pdf
Hardware recommendations	See Minimum system requirements on page 7.

# Minimum system requirements

Before deploying the FortiSandbox virtual appliance, install and configure the latest stable release of VMware vSphere ESXi Hypervisor software. Supported versions are ESXi version 5.1 to 7.0.1.

Access VMware vSphere using a web browser or install the VMware vSphere client.

In VMware, you can expose full CPU virtualization to the guest operating system so that applications that require hardware virtualization can run on virtual machines without binary translation or paravirtualization. For more information, see https://docs.vmware.com/en/VMware-vSphere/6.5/com.vmware.vsphere.vm\_admin.doc/GUID-2A98801C-68E8-47AF-99ED-00C63E4857F6.html.

When configuring your FortiSandbox hardware settings, use the following table as a guide with consideration for future expansion.

Technical Specification	Details		
	On-Premise (Private) Cloud	Public Cloud - BYOL	Public Cloud - PAYG
Hypervisor Support	VMware ESXi Microsoft Hyper-V Windows server 2016 and 2019	•	WS zure
HA Support		FortiSandbox 3.2 or later	
Virtual CPUs (min / max)	4/Unlimited Fortinet recommends four virtual CPUs plus the number of VM clones.	Fortinet recommends followinumber of 0-4 clones - 4 cores, 5-32 clo - 16 cores, 101+ clone	ing virtual CPUs based on the VM Clones: ones - 8 cores, 33-100 clones es - 16 cores or higher. riate Instance Type.
Virtual Memory (min / max)	16 GB / 32 GB  Fortinet recommends following virtual memory based on the number of VM Clones: 0-4 clones - 24 GB 5-8 clones - 32 GB	Recommended: Following number of 0-4 clones - 8 GB, 5-32 clor 32 GB, 101+ c	virtual memory based on the VM Clones: nes - 16 GB, 33-100 clones - clones - 64 GB. ate Instance Type.
Virtual Storage (min / max)	200 GB / 16 TB  Fortinet recommends at least 500 GB for a production environment.		
Virtual Network Interfaces	Recommended: 4 and above	Recommended: 2 and above	
VM Clones Support (Min/Max)	0 <sup>1</sup> /8 (Local VMs) and 200 (Cloud VMs)	0 <sup>1</sup> / 216 <sup>2</sup>	0 <sup>1</sup> / 128 <sup>3</sup>

- 1 For HA-Cluster deployment setup configured as Primary node acting as a dispatcher.
- 2 Can enable any of the Custom VM or Cloud VM types up to the total seat count which is based on a combination of Windows licenses (max of 8), BYOL (8) and Cloud VMs (max of 200).
- **3** Total seat count is based on the number of cores multiplied by 4. Maximum VMs is 128 since the highest available vCPU on PAYG is 32. CloudVMs can also be added on top and registered, however, this is not advised due to product serial number changes after shutdown.

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# Port usage

FortiSandbox requires the following ports to be accessible:

- 21 (FTP, for FSA communication with VM clone(s))
- 22 (if SSH access is needed)
- 443 (HTTPS)
- 514 (if Fortinet Fabric devices such as FortiGate and FortiMail need to submit jobs)
- 9833 (for on-demand interactive scans)

For more port information, see Port Information section of the FortiSandboxAdministration Guide.

# **Deployment**

### To deploy FortiSandbox-VM for AWS:

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# **Prepare the AWS environment**

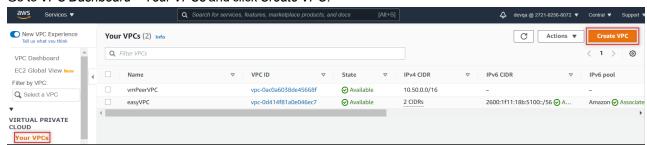
Before deploying a FortiSandbox instance, some basic steps are required to setup and run the AWS environment.

Start by logging into the AWS management console with a user account that has enough privileges to create a new Virtual Private Cloud (VPC).

# Set up the basic AWS environment for FortiSandbox

# **Create a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)**

1. Go to VPC Dashboard > Your VPCs and click Create VPC.



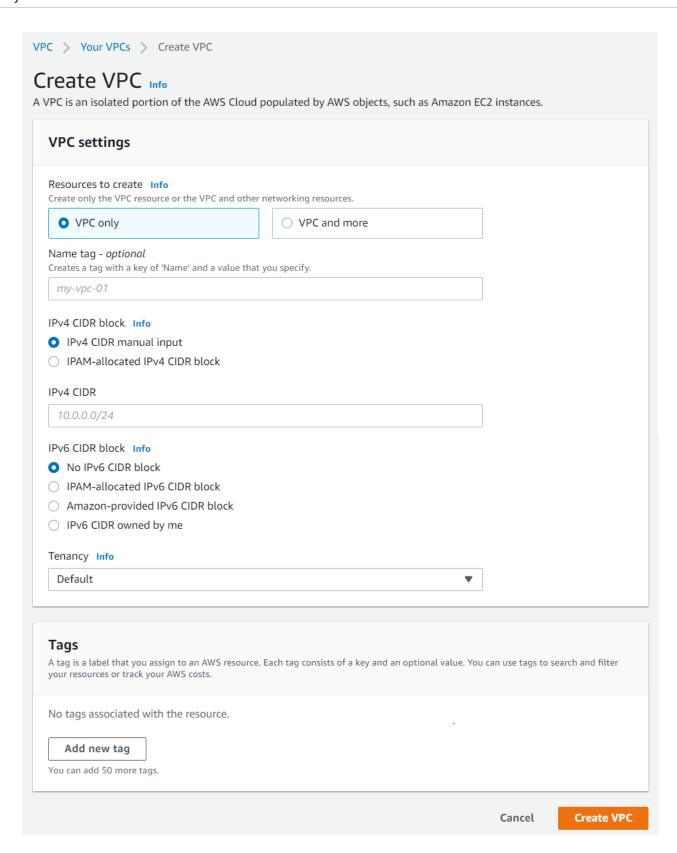


Create a new VPC even though there is a default VPC.

2. Enter the following information, then click *Create VPC*.

Name tag	Enter a name. For example, FortiSandbox.
IPv4 CIDR block	I. Enter a subnet such as 10.0.0.0/16 that will cover the IP ranges this VPC will use.
IPv6 CIDR block	Enter a valid IPv6 CIDR block that will cover IP ranges this VPC will use, or select No IPv6 CIDR Block if IPv6 IP address is not used.
Tenancy	Select Default.

- For Name tag,
- For IPv4 CIDR block, enter a subnet such as 10.0.0.0/16 that will cover the IP ranges this VPC will use.
- For *IPv6 CIDR block*, enter a valid IPv6 CIDR block that will cover IP ranges this VPC will use, or select *No IPv6 CIDR Block* if IPv6 IP address is not used.
- For Tenancy, select Default.



### Create network subnets for FortiSandbox instance

On AWS, FortiSandbox uses Port1 or any other administrative port set through the CLI command set-admin-port as reserved for device management, and Port2 be reserved to communicate with local Windows VM or Linux clones. The other ports are used for file inputs from client devices and inter-communication among cluster nodes. Each port should be on its dedicated subnet.

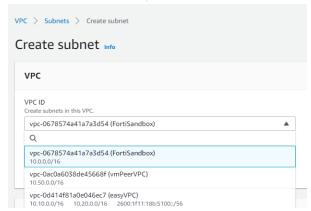
In a regular setup, these two subnets should be created:

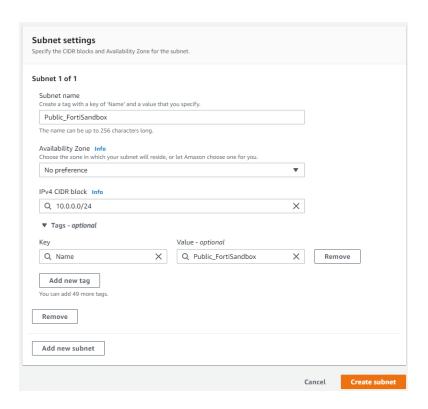
- **Management subnet** on which FortiSandbox management interface listens. Client devices can also connect to this subnet to submit files. We will use *IPv4 CIDR 10.0.0.0/24* as an example in following sections.
- Local VM clones communication subnet which FortiSandbox instances use to communicate with local Windows or Linux clones. If you choose to use Windows cloud clones located in Fortinet Data Center, this subnet is not required. We will use IPv4 CIDR 10.0.1.0/24 as example in the following sections.

If needed, you can create more subnets, such as for client devices to submit files, or inter-communications between HA Cluster nodes.

#### To create a subnet:

- 1. Click Subnets > Create Subnet.
- 2. In the Create Subnet dialog box, enter the following information, then click Create subnet.
  - For Name tag, enter a meaningful name. For example, Public\_FortiSandbox.
  - For VPC, select the VPC you just created.
  - For IPV4 CIDR block, enter a valid block such as 10.0.0.0/24.



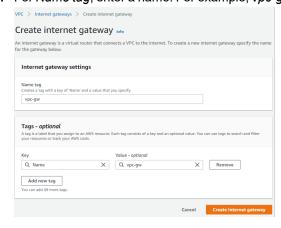


### **Create an internet gateway**

If VPC needs to communicate with the Internet, for example, for FortiSandbox instance to get FortiGuard updates from Fortinet, or to access FortiSandbox instance from the Internet, an Internet gateway is needed.

### To create an Internet gateway:

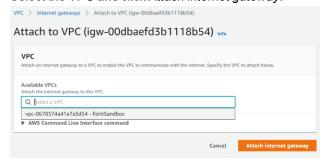
- 1. Under Virtual Private Cloud > Internet Gateways, click Create Internet Gateway.
- 2. For Name tag, enter a name. For example, vpc-gw and click Create internet gateway.



3. When the Internet Gateway is created, click Attach to VPC.



4. Select the VPC and click Attach internet gateway.

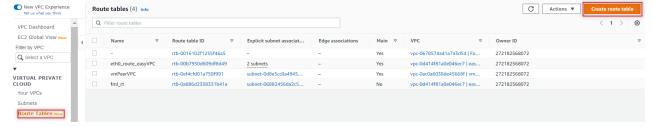


### Create a route table

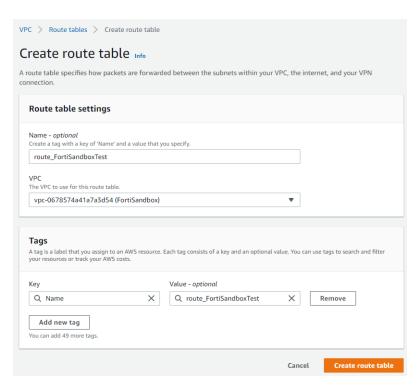
Appropriate route table entries are needed for the FortiSandbox instance to communicate with other network entities.

#### To create route table and entries:

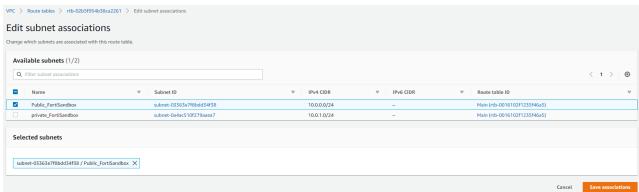
1. Under Virtual Private Cloud > Route Tables, click Create Route Table.



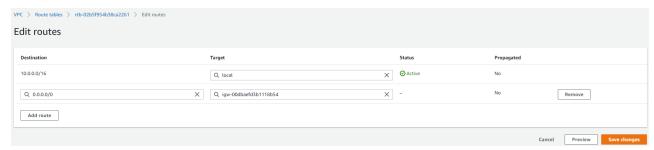
- 2. In the Create Route Table dialog box, enter the following information, then click Create route table.
  - For Name tag, enter a name. For example, route\_FortiSandboxTest.
  - For VPC, select the VPC you created.



**3.** Go to *Subnet Associations* > *Edit subnet associations*, select the management subnet you created, then click *Save associations*.



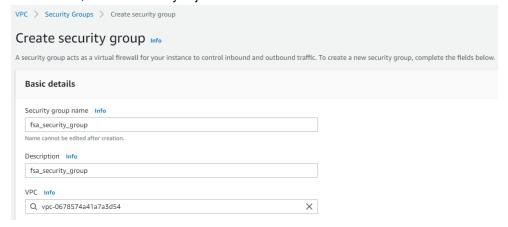
- 4. After the route table is created, you can add static route entries to define how the FortiSandbox instance to communicate with others. For example, to access FortiSandbox instance from the Internet:
  Go to Routes > Add Route, enter the following information, then click Save changes.
  - For *Destination*, enter 0.0.0.0/0.
  - For Target, select the internet gateway for the management subnet you created.



### Create a security group

It's important to limit only valid network traffic to and from FortiSandbox instance. To do that, you will need to create security groups and security rules for traffic.

- 1. Under Virtual Private Cloud > Security Groups, click Create security group.
- 2. Enter the following information for the Basic details settings.
  - For Security group name, enter a name.
  - For Description, enter a description.
  - For VPC, select the VPC you just created.

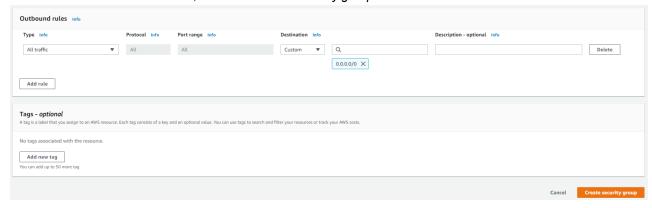


#### 3. Add the following Inbound rules:

Details	Value
Туре	Custom TCP.
Protocol	TCP
Port Range	<ul> <li>Allow the following ports to be accessible:</li> <li>443 (HTTPS)</li> <li>22 (if SSH access is needed)</li> <li>514 (if Fortinet Fabric devices such as FortiGate and FortiMail need to submit jobs)</li> <li>9833 (for on-demand interactive scans)</li> <li>21 (FortiSandbox hardcoded port2 to communicate with custom VM clones via FTP)</li> <li>More rules can be added. For example, you can add a rule to allow access to FortiSandbox's MTA adapter. For more port information, see <i>Port Information</i> section of the <i>FortiSandbox Administration Guide</i>.</li> </ul>
Source	Custom.  For the SourceIP, enter a trusted IP range that can access the FortiSandbox instance.



4. Allow all traffic for outbound rules, then click Create security group.



# Generate AWS access key for FortiSandbox

You will need to generate an access key from your AWS account to allow the FortiSandbox instance to access AWS resources.

#### To generate a AWS access key for FortiSandbox:

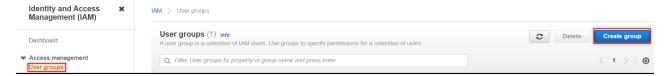
- 1. Create an IAM group
- 2. Attach policies
- 3. Create IAM users and an AWS API key

### **Create an IAM group**

- 1. In the AWS Management Console, create one or more IAM users.
- 2. Log into the AWS Console.
- 3. Click Search and search for IAM.



4. Click User Groups > Create Group.

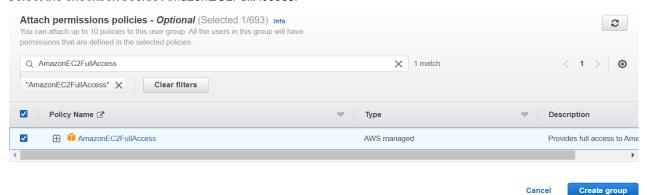


**5.** In the *User group name* field, enter a name, for example, *QA\_FortiSandboxTest*.

### **Attach policies**

You must have the correct permissions to attach policies to a group. Add the following policies to the group you created (QA\_FortiSandbox).

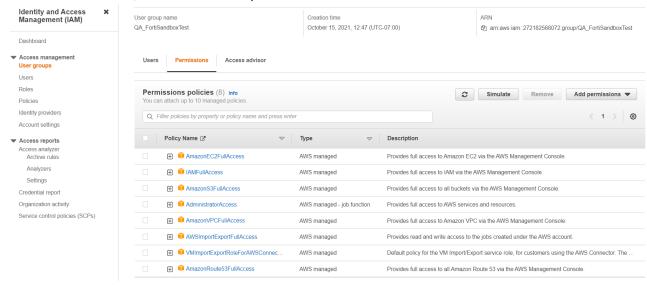
- AmazonEC2FullAccess
- IAMFullAccess
- AmazonS3FullAccess
- · AdministratorAccess
- AmazonVPCFullAccess
- AWSImportExportFullAccess
- VMImportExportRoleForAWSConnector
- AmazonRoute53FullAccess
- Click Filter and enter AmazonEC2FullAccess.
- 2. Select the checkbox beside AmazonEC2FullAccess.



- 3. Repeat this for all policies.
- 4. Click Create Group.
- **5.** Check the group you created (*QA\_FortiSandbox*) to review the group summary.



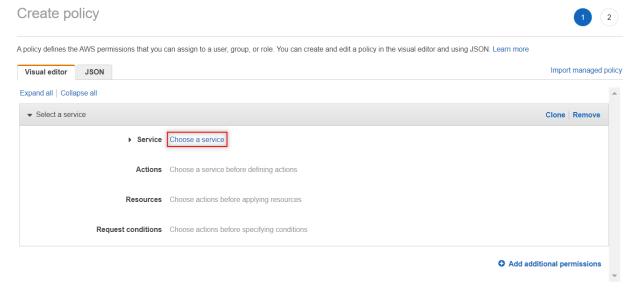
6. In the Permissions tab, review the attached policies.



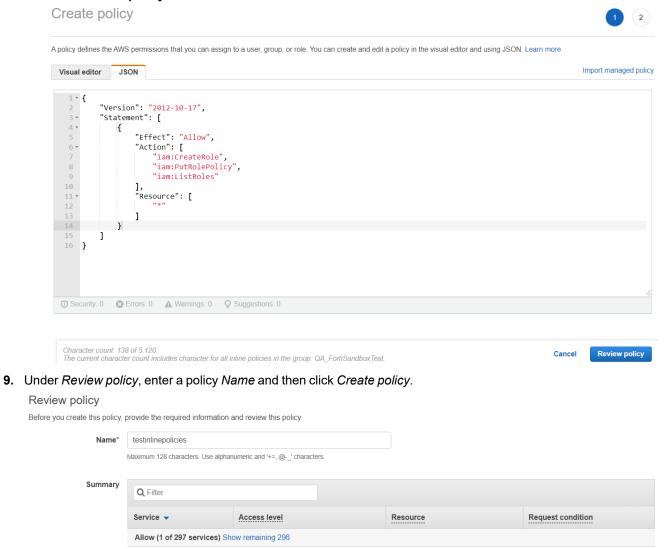
7. Click *Add permissions* > *Create Inline Policies*. Select *Custom Policy* and use the policy editor to customize your own set of permissions.



- **8.** You can use the AWS Visual editor or a JSON editor to create policies. If the validation is successful, click *Review Policy*.
  - · To create the policy by using AWS Visual editor:



• To create the policy in JSON format:



All resources

None

Previous

Create policy

Limited: List, Write, Permissions

management

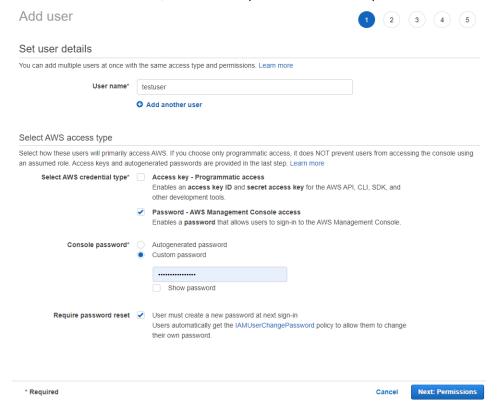
10. Under Permissions policies, review the policies you created.

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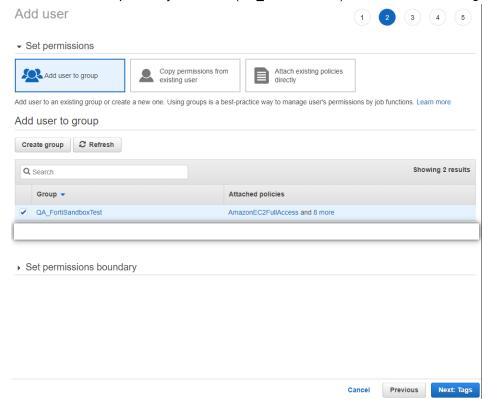
### Create IAM users and an AWS API key

#### To create an IAM user:

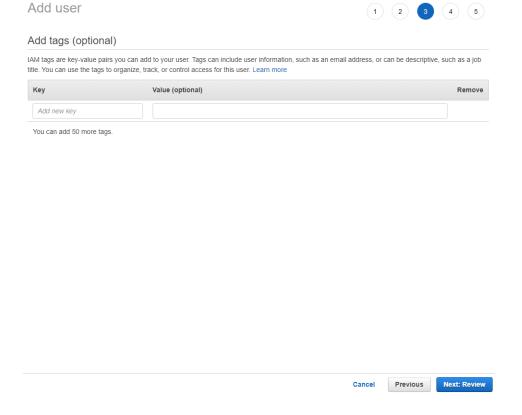
- 1. Go to Users and click Add User.
- 2. Configure the following and then click Next: Permissions.
  - For *User name*, enter a username.
  - For Access type, select Password AWS Management Console access.
  - For Console Password, select Custom password and enter a password.



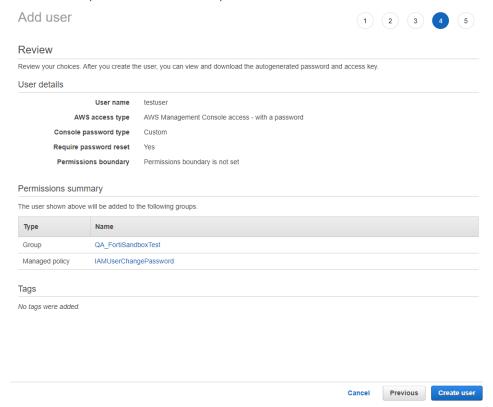
3. Search for the Group Name you created (QA\_FortiSandbox) and then click Next: Tags.



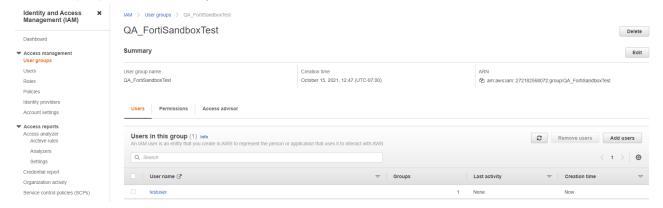
4. (Optional) Add any tags that you need. If you do not require any tags, click Next: Review.



5. Under Review, review the user details, then click Create user.



- 6. Click Close.
- 7. Click *User groups* to view the user you created.

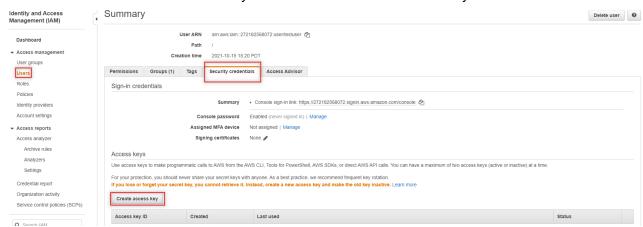


- 8. Log out of the AWS management console and log in as the user you created.
- 9. Reset the password and click Confirm to change the password.

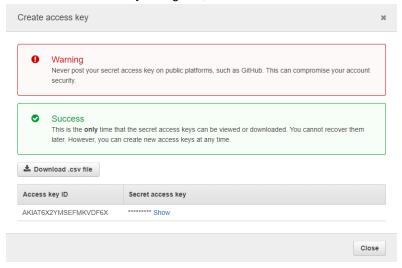
### **Create an AWS API Key**

### To create an AWS API key:

1. Go to IAM > Users > created user > Security credentials and click Create access key.



2. In the Create access key dialog box, click Download.csv file to save the Access key ID.



3. Click Close.

# Deploy FortiSandbox on AWS (BYOL/On-Demand)

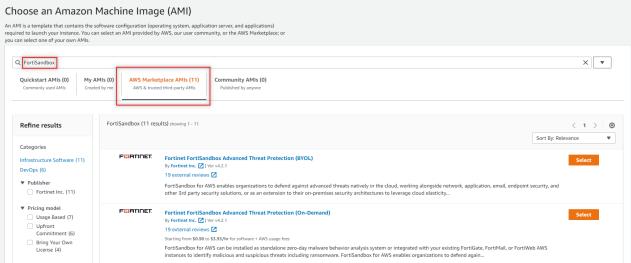
You can create your FortiSandbox instance on AWS in On-Demand mode or BYOL mode. For BYOL mode, a FortiNDR VM00 license file should be purchased and uploaded.

### **Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI)**

1. Go to EC2 > Instances and click Launch Instance.



- 2. On the Launch an instance page, browse for the FortiSandbox AMI on AWS Marketplace
  - ▼ Application and OS Images (Amazon Machine Image) Info An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications) required to launch your instance. Search or Browse for AMIs if you don't see what you are looking for below Q Search our full catalog including 1000s of application and OS images My AMIs **Quick Start** Recents macOS Ubuntu Windows Red Hat S Amazon Linux Browse more AMIs aws ubuntu<sup>®</sup> Including AMIs from Microsoft Red Hat AWS, Marketplace and Mac the Community EC2 > Instances > Launch an instance > AMIs Choose an Amazon Machine Image (AMI) An AMI is a template that contains the software configuration (operating system, application server, and applications required to launch your instance. You can select an AMI provided by AWS, our user community, or the AWS Marketplace; or vou can select one of your own AMIs.



3. Select Fortinet FortiSandbox Advanced Threat Protection (BYOL) or Fortinet FortiSandbox Advanced Threat Protection (On-Demand).

**Technical Specification Details:** 

Technical		Details	
Specification	On-Premise (Private) Cloud	Public Cloud - BYOL	Public Cloud - PAYG
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HA Support		FortiSandbox 3.2 or later	
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<sup>1</sup> For HA-Cluster deployment setup configured as Primary node acting as a dispatcher.

# Configure the instance

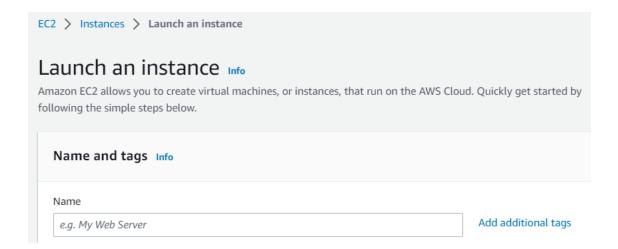
## **Add Name and tags**

Add descriptive name tags to identify this FortiSandbox instance.

**<sup>2</sup>** Can enable any of the Custom VM or Cloud VM types up to the total seat count which is based on a combination of Windows licenses (max of 8), BYOL (8) and Cloud VMs (max of 200).

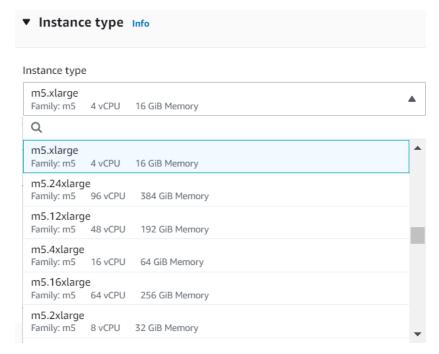
**<sup>3</sup>** Total seat count is based on the number of cores multiplied by 4. Maximum VMs is 128 since the highest available vCPU on PAYG is 32. CloudVMs can also be added on top and registered, however, this is not advised due to product serial number changes after shutdown.

<sup>4.</sup> Click Next: Configure Instance Details.



### **Choose the Instance type**

To choose the instance type, refer to Technical Specification Details table.

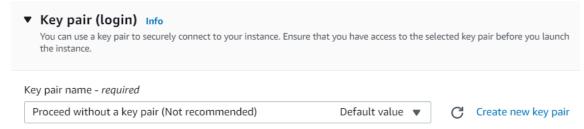


### Create a new key pair

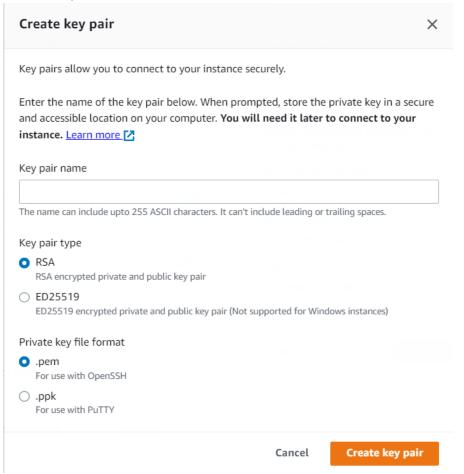


You do not need to complete this task if you are using an existing key pair.

1. Click Create new key pair.



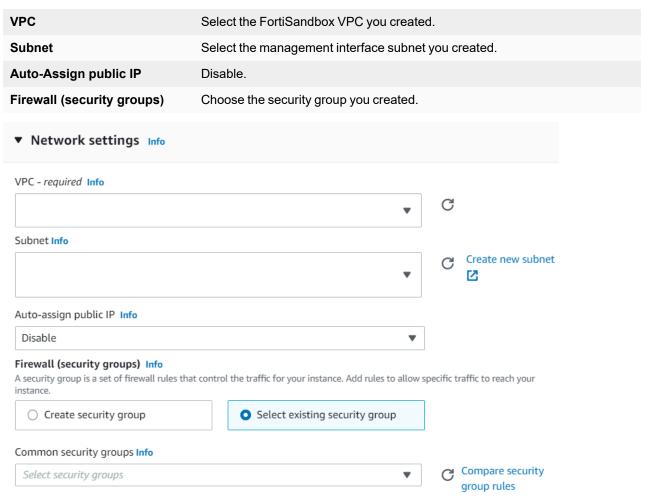
2. In the *Create key pair* box, enter the *Key pair name*, then click *Create key pair*. The key pair downloads automatically.



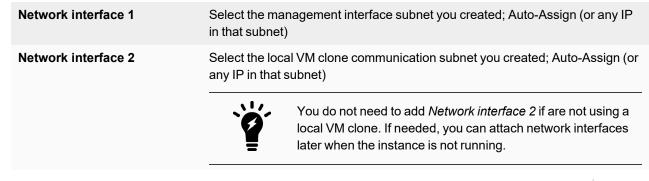
3. Save the key pair on your device.

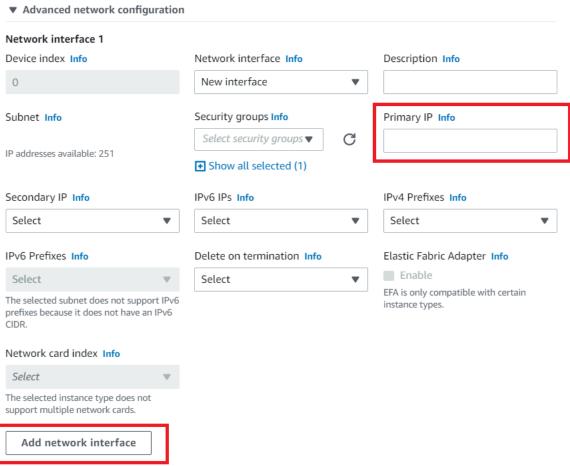
### **Edit Network settings**

**1.** Configure the following *Network Settings*:



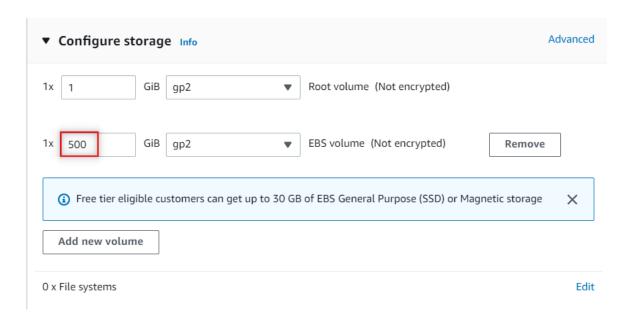
2. Configure the following Advanced network configuration settings and click Add network interface.





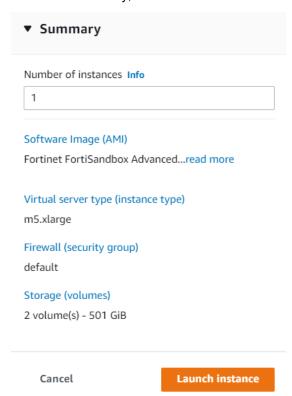
### **Configure storage**

Fortinet recommends allotting 500GB to 16TB for storage size, depending on the number of historical jobs you want to keep in the system.



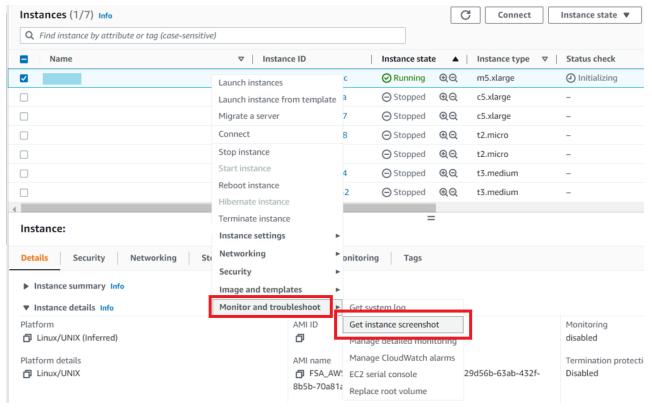
### Launch the instance

1. Review the summary, then click Launch instance.



2. Click *View Instances* to view the instance state. Allow several minutes for *Status Checks* to change from *Initializing* to 2/2 checks passed.

**3.** Monitor the initialization, and select the created instance. Right-click the instance and select *Monitor and troubleshoot > Get Instance Screenshot* to view the status of the launched instance.

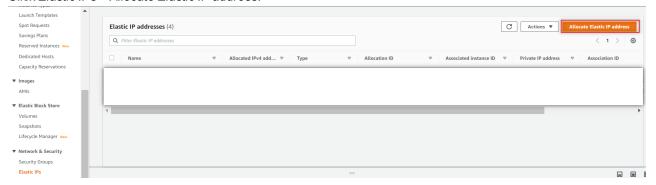


# Configure FortiSandbox instance network settings

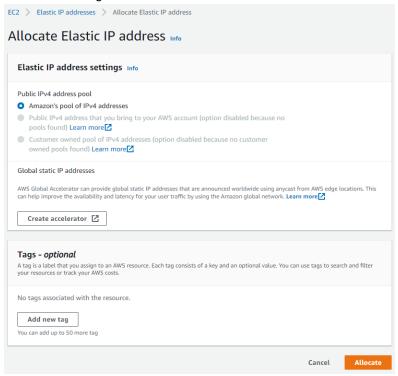
### Create and assigning an Elastic IP to the instance

To access the FortiSandbox instance from the Internet, you will need to create an Elastic P (EIP) for your Virtual Private Cloud.

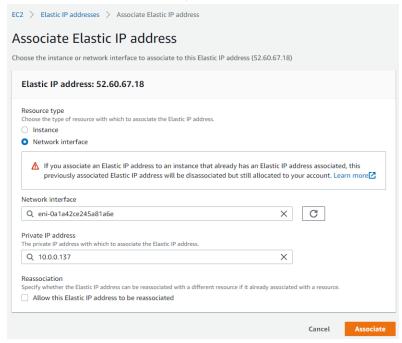
1. Click Elastic IPs > Allocate Elastic IP address.



2. Click Allocate to get the new EIP Address.



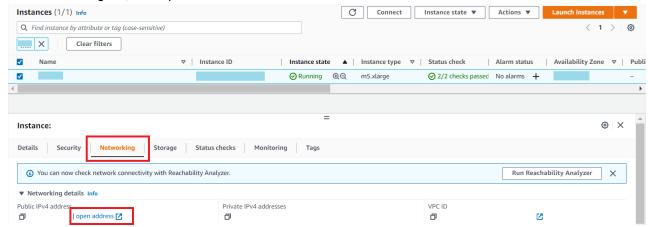
- 3. Select the Elastic IP address you just created and click Actions to associate the EIP to FortiSandbox port1.
- 4. On the Associate Elastic IP Address page:
  - In the Resource type section, select Network Interface.
  - In the Network Interface section, select the FortiSandbox port1.
  - In the Private IP address section, select the FortiSandbox port1 private IP address.
  - In the Reassociation section, clear the Allow this Elastic IP address to be reassociated checkbox.



5. Click Associate.

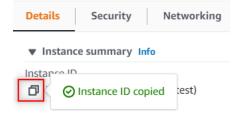
### Access FortiSandbox Web UI the first time

1. In the Networking tab, click Open address.



2. Log into the FortiSandbox GUI.

The default username is admin and the default password is your Instance ID. You can find this in the EC2 > Instances Management Console.



# **Configure the DNS**

- 1. Go to Network > System DNS.
- 2. Configure the primary and secondary DNS server addresses of your organization such as the following:

Detail	Value
Primary DNS Server	8.8.8.8
Secondary DNS Server	8.8.4.4

3. Click OK.

### Access FortiSandbox CLI

You can execute CLI commands in the FortiSandbox console or use an SSH client. Before logging in, convert the saved pem file you downloaded when you created the key pair ppk file.

If you do not choose the *Without Key Pair* option, log in using the *admin* as the username, and the Instance ID as the password.

For more information, see Connecting to Your Linux Instance Using SSH and Connecting to Your Linux Instance from Windows Using PuTTY. For information about opening CLI console through web UI, see the *Port Information* section of the *FortiSandbox Administration Guide*.

# **Prepare FortiSandbox for scanning contents**

### Upload firmware license to FortiSandbox instance

If the deployment mode is *On-Demand*, a firmware license file is not required. If the mode is *BYOL*, download a firmware license from the Customer Support website and then upload it to FortiSandbox.

#### To upload the license:

- Go to Dashboard > Status > Licenses widget.
- Click the Upload License the button next to FortiSandbox-AWS and upload the license.

### Upload the rating and tracer engine

A copy of the rating and tracer engines are required for your instance to be fully functional. The instance can automatically download and install the engines if it is connected to FDN. You can also upload the engines manually. These engines can be downloaded from the Customer Support web site. For more information, see the *Tracer and Rating Engines* section of the *FortiSandbox Release Notes*.

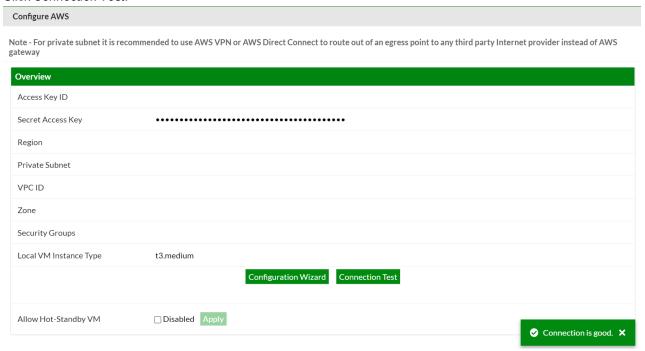
#### To manually upload the rating and tracer engine:

- 1. In FortiSandbox, go to System > FortiGuard.
- 2. Beside Upload Package File, click Choose file and locate the rating or tracer engine to be uploaded.

### Import AWS settings into FortiSandbox

- 1. Go to System > AWS Config page, click Configuration Wizard, and enter the Access Key ID and Secret Access Key information created in Create an IAM group on page 17.
- 2. Select Local VM Instance Type. t2-medium and t3-medium are recommended
- 3. Click Next.
- 4. For VPC ID, select the VPC you created.
- **5.** For *Private Subnet*, select the subnet created for the local Windows or Linux VM communication (port2) if one exists. Otherwise, select the management subnet.
- 6. For Security Groups, select the security group for the Private Subnet you selected in step 5.
- 7. Click Save.

#### 8. Click Connection Test.



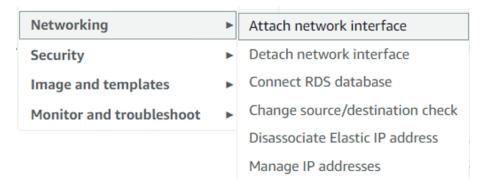
# Set up a local custom Windows VM

### **Create custom VM for AWS**

To create a custom Windows VM for AWS, follow steps in Custom VM Guide which can be found in the Fortinet Developer Network or is available on request from Customer Support.

### Prepare the network interface for custom VM clones

The FortiSandbox instance uses port2 to communicate with local Windows or Linux clones. If you did not create an *eth1* in *Deploy FortiSandbox on AWS (BYOL/On-Demand) > Configure the instance*, you should create a new network interface under a local VM clone communication subnet and assign a private IP of this subnet to it.



After the interface is created, reboot the instance and go to *System > Interfaces* to verify the network interface is attached.



# **Create a NAT gateway**

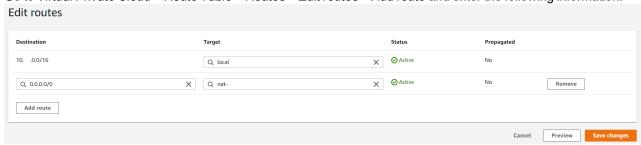
#### To create a NAT Gateway:

- 1. Go to Virtual Private Cloud > NAT Gateways and click Create NAT gateway.
- 2. Entre the following information, and click Create NAT gateway.

Name	Optional.
Subnet	Choose your management interface subnet (the one port1 is in).
Connectivity type	Choose Public.
Elastic IP allocation ID	Click Allocate Elastic IP and leave the optional bar empty as default.

# Update the route table

1. Go to Virtual Private Cloud > Route Table > Routes > Edit routes > Add route and enter the following information:



Destination	Enter 0.0.0.0/0.
Target	Select the NAT gateway you created in the previous step.

2. Click Save changes.

# Install the custom VM using the CLI

After the custom VM image is created offline, it should be installed to AWS with the CLI. For details of using FortiSandbox CLI, see Access FortiSandbox CLI.

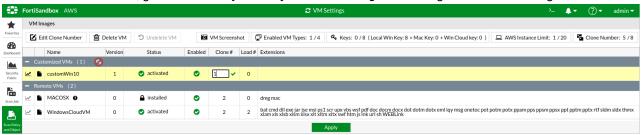


Do not use the set admin-port command to set port2 as the administrative port.

#### To install and enable a custom VM on AWS:

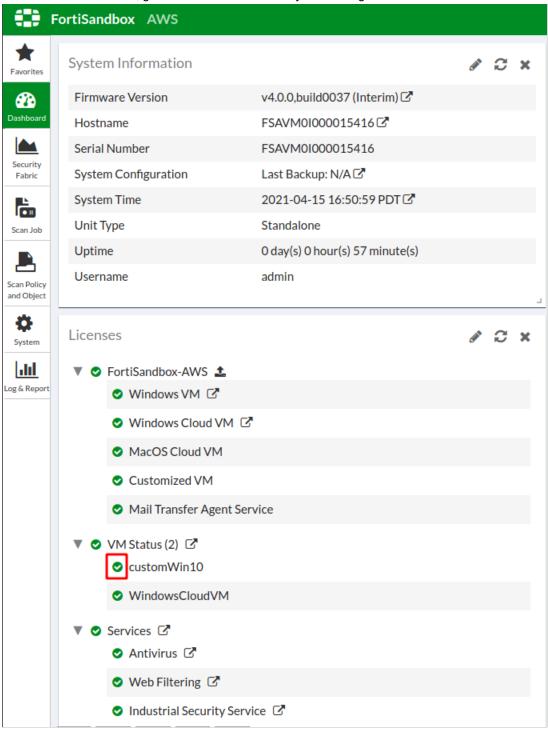
- 1. Go to the FortiSandbox firmware CLI.
- 2. Import the VHD image using the CLI command vm-customized.

  For more information about the vm-customized command, see the FortiSandbox CLI Reference Guide in the Fortinet Document Library.
- 3. In the FortiSandbox GUI, go to Scan Policy and Object > VM Settings and change Clone # to 1 or higher.



**4.** In a new CLI window, execute diagnose-debug vminit command.

5. In the FortiSandbox GUI, go to the Dashboard to verify there is a green checkmark beside Windows VM.



**6.** To associate file extensions to the custom VM, go to *Scan Policy and Object> Scan Profile* to the *VM Association* tab.

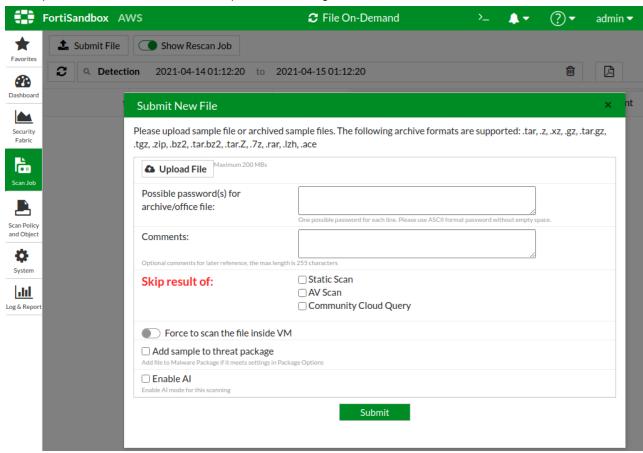
# Test FortiSandbox instance with a file scan

To verify the configuration is successful, perform an on-demand file scan with a Windows VM clone.

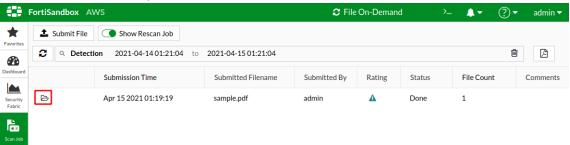
#### To test FortiSandbox instance with a file scan:

- 1. Go to Scan Job > File On-Demand > Submit File.
- 2. Click Choose File and upload the sample file. You can force the file to be scanned inside a VM.
- 3. Click Submit.

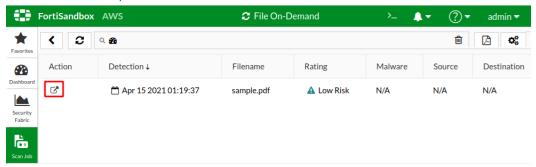
If the uploaded file is not malicious or suspicious, the rating is Clean.



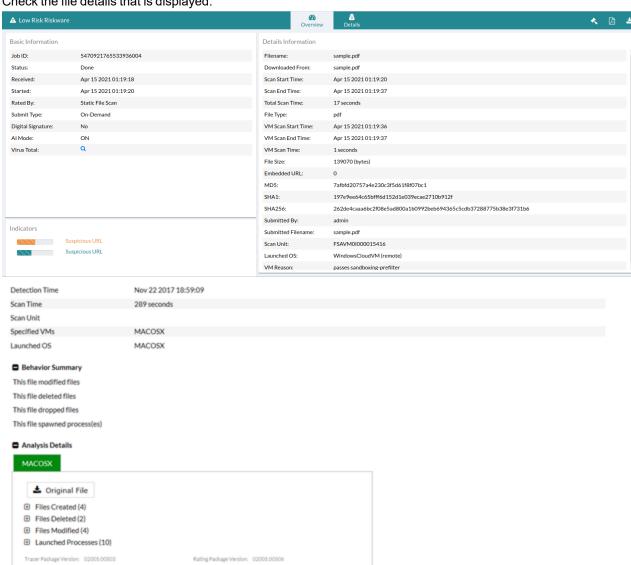
4. When the scan is finished, you can view files in File On-Demand.



5. In the Action column, click the View File icon.



6. Check the file details that is displayed.



# **Optional: Set up a HA-Cluster**

You can set up multiple FortiSandbox instances in a load-balancing HA (high availability) cluster. For more information on using HA clusters, see the *FortiSandbox Administration Guide*.

# Prepare the HA cluster in FortiSandbox



It is assumed the following operations are in the same VPC and the same availability zone

#### 1. Prepare the following subnets:

Subnet	Port on FortiSandbox	Function
Subnet1	port1	Management port.
Subnet2	port2	Port to communicate with local customized VM.
Subnet3	port3	Port for cluster internal communication.

#### 2. Prepare the following security groups:

Security-Group	For subnet	Description
Security-group1	subnet1	The default ports recommended by Fortinet when launching the instance are usually enough.
Security-group2	subnet2	Open at least TCP 21 for communication with local customized VM.
Security-group3	subnet3	Make sure to open ports TCP 2015, TCP 2018 for cluster internal communication.

For detailed port information, see Port and access control information in the FortiSandbox Administration Guide.

# Launching a HA-Cluster

A cluster is comprised of the following nodes:

- · One primary node
- · One secondary node
- (Optional) One or more worker nodes

#### To launch FortiSandbox instances on AWS:

- 1. Launch FortiSandbox VMs. For example one primary, one secondary, one worker
- 2. For each FortiSandbox VM, follow the steps described in this AWS deployment guide, with the exception of the *Network Settings*:

- a. Under Firewall (security groups), choose Select existing security group and specify subnet1 for network interface.
- b. Leave Common security groups empty.
- **c.** Click the *Add network interface* button to add two more network interfaces:
  - Specify subnet2 for interface 2
  - Specify security-group2 for interface 2
  - · Specify subnet3 for interface 3
  - Specify security-group3 for interface 3
- 3. Follow this guide and the on-screen instructions to finish launching the instances.
- 4. Associate an Elastic IP (EIP) to interface 1 of each FortiSandbox VM.
- 5. Log into each FortiSandbox HA-Cluster node using the EIP address. The initial password is the VM instance ID.
- **6.** Go to *System > AWS Config*, and configure the subnet2 information for the primary, secondary and worker nodes.

# **Configuring an HA-Cluster**

Ensure all the nodes meet the following requirements:

- Use the same scan environment on all nodes. For example, install the same set of Windows VMs on each node so that the same scan profiles can be used and controlled by the primary node.
- · Run the same firmware build on all nodes.
- Set up a dedicated network interface (such as port2) for each node for custom VMs.
- Set up a dedicated network interface (such as port3) for each node for internal HA-Cluster communication.

In this example, 10.20.0.22/24 is a HA-Cluster failover IP address. It is configured as a secondary IP for port1 of the primary node in the CLI below.

#### To configure an HA-Cluster using FortiSandbox CLI commands:

- **1.** Configure the primary node:
  - hc-settings -sc -tM -nMyHAPrimary -cClusterName -p123 -iport3
  - hc-settings -si -iport1 -a10.20.0.22/24
- **2.** Configure the secondary node:
  - hc-settings -sc -tP -nMyPWorker -cClusterName -p123 -iport3
  - hc-worker -a -sPrimary Port3 private IP -p123
- **3.** Configure the first worker node:
  - hc-settings -sc -tR -nMyRWorker1 -cClusterName -p123 -iport3
  - hc-worker -a -sPrimary Port3 private IP -p123
- 4. If necessary, configure consecutive worker nodes:
  - hc-settings -sc -tR -nMyRWorker2 -cClusterName -p123 -iport3
  - hc-worker -a -sPrimary Port3 private IP -p123

#### To check the status of the HA-Cluster:

On the primary node, use this CLI command to view the status of all units in the cluster.

```
hc-status -1
```

#### To use a custom VM on a HA-Cluster:

- 1. Install the same custom VM used by the primary node onto each worker node using the FortiSandbox CLI command vm-customized.
  - All options must be the same when installing custom VMs on an HA-Cluster, including -vn [VM name].
- 2. In the FortiSandbox AWS GUI, go to *Scan Policy and Object > VM Settings* and change *Clone* # to 1 for each node. After all VM clones on all nodes are configured, you can change the *Clone* # to a higher number.
- 3. In a new CLI window, check the VM clone initialization using the diagnose-debug vminit command.
- 4. In the FortiSandbox GUI, go to the Dashboard to verify there is a green checkmark beside Windows VM.
- **5.** Associate the file extensions to the custom VM, go to *Scan Policy* > *Scan Profile* to the *VM Association* tab.

You can now submit scan jobs from the primary node. HA-Cluster supports VM Interaction on each node.

# Configuring an HA-Cluster on dual-zone

Setup a HA cluster with two FortiSandbox-AWS instances located in different AWS Availability Zones, where their internal IP addresses are different.

#### **HA-Cluster requirements:**

- There are different subnets in different available zones under the same VPC.
- The subnets reserved for the same FortiSandbox's interfaces are in the same available zone.
- · All nodes are running the same firmware build.
- There is a dedicated network interface (such as port3) on FortiSandbox for each node for internal HA-Cluster communication.

#### To configure an HA-Cluster on dual-zone:

In this example, *FSA01* is set as the HA primary node. *FSA02* is set as HA secondary node. More HA nodes follow the same logic.

1. On FSA01 go to System > Static route > Create new route to add a new route entry.

Destination IP/Mask	FSA02 HA inter-communication interface IP (in this example, FSA02 port3's IP).
Gateway	FSA01 HA inter-communication interface gateway (in this example, FSA01 port3's gateway).
Device	FSA01 HA inter-communication interface (in this example, port3).

2. On FSA02 go to System > Static route > Create new route and configure the new route:

Destination IP/Mask	FSA01 HA interface IP (such as FSA01 port3's IP).
Gateway	FSA02 HA interface gateway (such as FSA02 port3's gateway).
Device	FSA02 HA interface (such as port3).

- 3. In FSA01 ping FSA02's interfaces. The interfaces should be accessible.
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### After failover:

- HA roles are switched and HA internal communication are re-established.
- The HA-Cluster IP is lost.

# Appendix A - Reduce scan time in custom Windows VM

When a file is sent to local Windows clone for dynamic scan, it takes time to boot up the clone from power-off state. You can keep the custom VM clones running to reduce scan time.

#### To reduce the scan time in a custom Windows VM:

1. Go to System > AWS Config and enable Allow Hot-Standby VM. After Allow Hot-Standby VM is enabled, FortiSandbox will perform vminit again to apply changes to existing custom VM clones or prepare new clone(s).

Allow Hot-Standby VM





2. After the clone initiation is done, go to the AWS EC2 console to check that the clone(s) keep running with /without a scan job. Allow 2-3 minutes for a custom VM clone to restore status after a scan job done. Afterwards, the clone will keep running, and standby for the next scan job to reduce VM scan time.



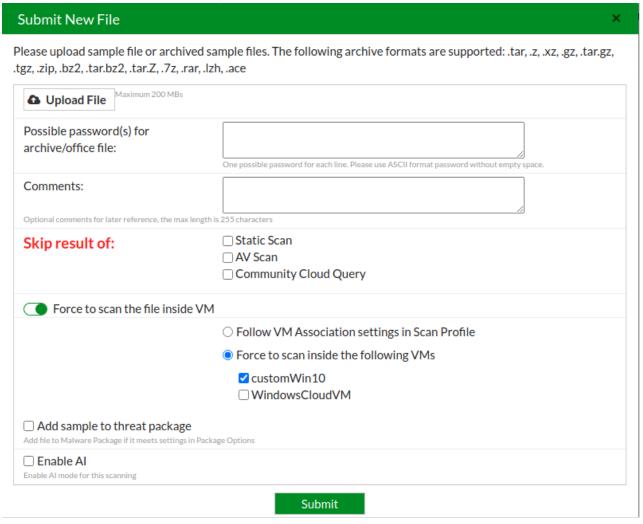
For this feature to work better we recommend enabling more clones than the maximum concurrent dynamic scan jobs, so when a new dynamic scan job is started, there are stand-by clones available immediately.

# Appendix B - How to interact with a custom VM clone during scan

When a Windows clone is scanning a file, it's helpful to access it and monitor the scan process.

#### To interact with a custom clone during a scan:

- 1. Go to Scan Job > File On-Demand or URL on-Demand and click Submit File or Submit File/URL.
- 2. Enable Force to scan the file inside VM or Force to scan the url inside VM.
- 3. Select Force to scan inside the following VMs and select the custom VM.

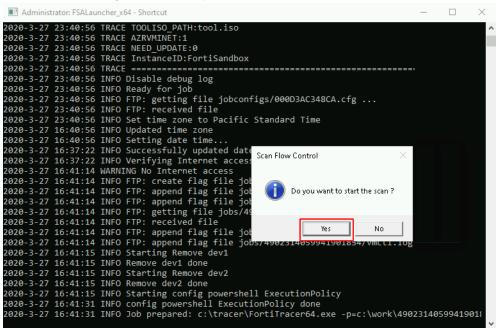


- 4. Click Submit.
- 5. Go to Scan Policy and Object> VM Settings and click VM Screenshot.

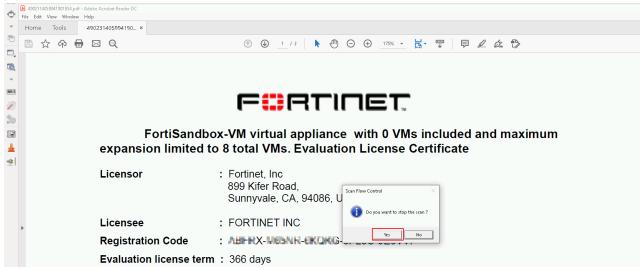
6. When the icon in the *Interaction* column is enabled, click the icon to establish an RDP tunnel.



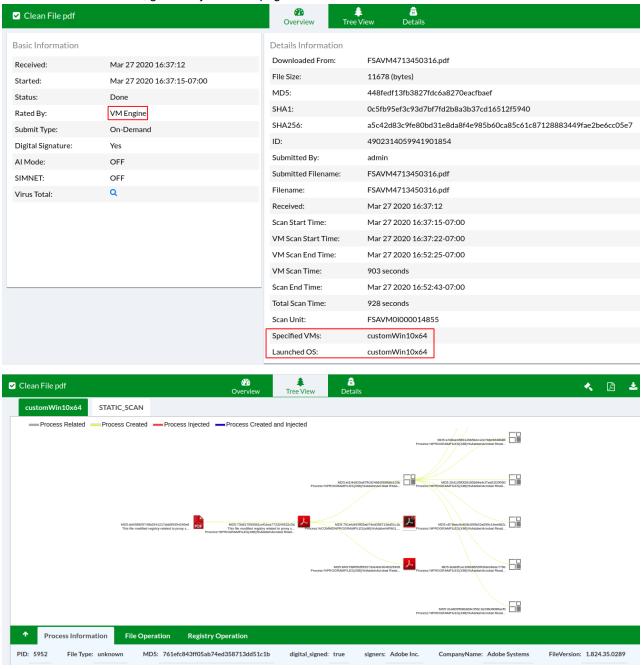
7. Click Yes to manually start the scan process with VM Interaction.

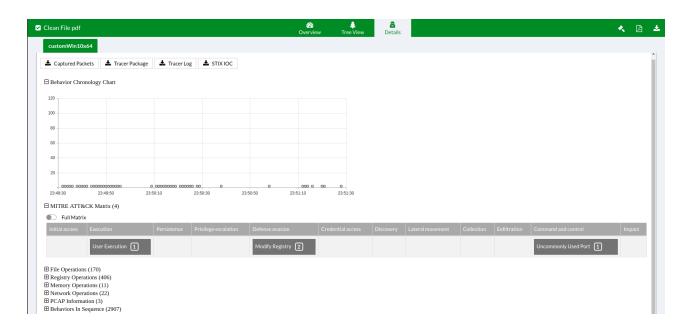


**8.** When the FortiSandbox tracer engine displays the PDF sample, you can click *Yes* to manually stop the scan process.



9. When the scan is finished, go to the job details page to view the scan results.





# Appendix C - Setup HA health check based on AWS Network Load Balancer in dual-zone

#### Step 1: Create and configure your target group

- 1. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, under Load Balancing, choose Target Groups.
- 3. Click Create target group and configure the group.

Target type	Choose Instances.
Target group name	Enter a name for the new target group
Protocol	Select <i>TCP</i> and for <i>Port</i> , select <i>514</i> .  If the health check needs to be created on Port 443:  • Select <i>TLS</i> , and for <i>Port</i> , select <i>443</i> .
VPC	Select the VPC that contains your instances.
Health checks	<ul> <li>For Health check protocol, choose TCP.</li> <li>For Advanced health check settings, keep the default settings.</li> </ul>

- 4. Click Next.
- 5. On the Register targets page, complete the following steps.



This is an optional step to create a target group. However, you must register your targets if you want to test your load balancer and ensure that it is routing traffic to your targets.

- a. For Available instances, select all FortiSandbox instances belonging to this HA Cluster.
- **b.** Verify the Ports for the selected instances is 514, or If the health check was created on Port 443, verify the Ports for the selected instances is 443
- 6. Click Include as pending below, then click Create target group.

## Step 2: Create Network load balancer

- 1. On the navigation bar, choose a Region for your load balancer. Be sure to choose the same Region that you used for your FortiSandbox instances
- 2. In the navigation pane, under Load Balancing, choose Load Balancers.
- 3. Choose Create load balancer and then select the Network Load Balancer.
- 4. For Network Load Balancer, click Create.

### Step 3: Configure network load balancer and listener

1. Configure the following settings:

Load balancer name	Enter a name for your load balancer.	
Scheme and IP address type	Keep the default values.	
Network mapping	<ol> <li>Select the VPC that you used for your FortiSandbox instances.</li> <li>Select all Availability Zones that you deployed FortiSandbox instances on.</li> <li>Select the FortiSandbox port1 subnets under the selected Availability Zones.</li> <li>For the IPv4 address, keep the default settings.</li> </ol>	
Listeners and routing	<ol> <li>For <i>Protocol</i>, choose <i>TCP</i>.         <ul> <li>If the target group health check was created on Port 443, for <i>Protocol</i>, choose <i>TLS</i>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For <i>Port</i>, choose <i>514</i>.         <ul> <li>If the target group health check was created on Port 443, for <i>Port</i>, choose <i>443</i>.</li> <li>For Secure listener settings, refer to <i>Health check on 443 Secure</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
	<ul><li>listener settings.</li><li>3. For Default action, select the target group you created and registered previously</li></ul>	

2. Review your configuration, and click *Create load balancer*. A few default attributes are applied to your load balancer during creation. You can view and edit them after creating the load balancer

# Step 4: Test your load balancer on TCP Port 514

- 1. After you are notified that your load balancer was created successfully, click Close.
- 2. In the navigation pane, under *Load Balancing*, choose *Target Groups*.
- 3. Select the newly created target group
- **4.** Choose *Targets* and verify that your instances are ready. If the status of an instance is *initial*, it is likely because the instance is still in the process of being registered, or it has not passed the minimum number of health checks to be considered healthy. After the status of at least one instance is *healthy*, you can test your load balancer.
- 5. In the navigation pane, under Load Balancing, choose Load Balancers.
- **6.** Select the name of the newly created load balancer to open its details page.
- **7.** Copy the DNS name of the load balancer (for example, *my-load-balancer-1234567890abcdef.elb.us-east-2.amazonaws.com*).
- 8. Telnet the DNS name. For example, telnet my-load-balancer-1234567890abcdef.elb.us-east-2.amazonaws.com 514

```
sylvia@VAN-902306-PC1:~$ telnet .amazonaws.com 514
Trying 35.82.181.133...
Connected to .amazonaws.com.
```

## Health check for 443 Secure listener settings

#### To import certificate:

- 1. Open the Amazon EC2 console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, under AWS Certificate Manager (ACM), choose Import certificate.



3. Follows the AWS import certificate steps and complete the certificate import.

#### To configure network load balancer and listener on port 443

- 1. Follow the steps in Create and configure your target group. Where applicable:
  - For Protocol select TCP/TLS.
  - For Port select 443.
- 2. Follow steps 1-3 in Step 3: Configure network load balancer and listener.
- 3. For Listeners and routing:
  - a. For Protocol, choose TLS.
  - b. For Port, choose 443.
  - **c.** For *Default action*, select the target group you created and registered previously.
- 4. For Secure listener settings:
  - **a.** For Security policy, select the AWS recommended. For example, ELBSecurityPolicy-TLS13-1-2-2021-06 (recommended).
  - b. For Default SSL/TLS certificate, choose From ACM and select the imported certificate
  - c. For ALPN policy, keep the default settings (None).
- **5.** Review your configuration, and click *Create load balancer*.

#### To test your load balancer on TLS Port 443:

- 1. Open the target group details page, wait all members status change to *healthy*.
- 2. On the details page of newly created load balancer:
  - a. Copy the DNS name of the load balancer.
  - **b.** Paste the DNS name into the address field of an internet-connected web browser. If everything is working, the browser displays the default page of your server.
    - For example, https://my-load-balancer-1234567890abcdef.elb.us-east-2.amazonaws.com

# **Change Log**

Date	Change Description
2022-11-16	Initial release.
2023-05-31	Updated Optional: Set up a HA-Cluster on page 42.
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