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Beginners Tutorial to FortiSOAR

Welcome to Fortinet Orchestration Platform (FortiSOAR). FortiSOAR allows you to manage the entire lifecycle of a threat or breach within your organization.

This Beginners Tutorial to FortiSOAR is designed to help you get acquainted with the application and start exploring some of the key functionality that FortiSOAR offers. For more detailed information on FortiSOAR and the full range of features and functionality, refer to the "Administration" and "User" guides.

Authentication

FortiSOAR Support creates the initial Security Administration credential and provides a valid username and password to access the FortiSOAR application. Thus, each FortiSOAR instance will have at least one role (Security Administrator - csadmin) created by default after installation.

When you log on to FortiSOAR for the first time as a csadmin user, you will be mandated to change your password. This enhances the security of your csadmin account and prevents unauthorized parties from accessing the administration account for FortiSOAR. Ensure that you note down your csadmin password since if you forget your initial csadmin password, then you have to request FortiSOAR to reset this password. Also, when you are changing your csadmin password, you must ensure that you also update the email ID that is specified for csadmin, which by default is set to `soc@fortinet.com` (which is not a valid email ID). You can change the email ID by clicking the **User Profile** icon () to open the **User Profile** page and change the email address in the **Email** field. Once you set a valid email ID in the user profile, then you would be able to reset your password, whenever required, by clicking the **Forgot Password** link on the login page.

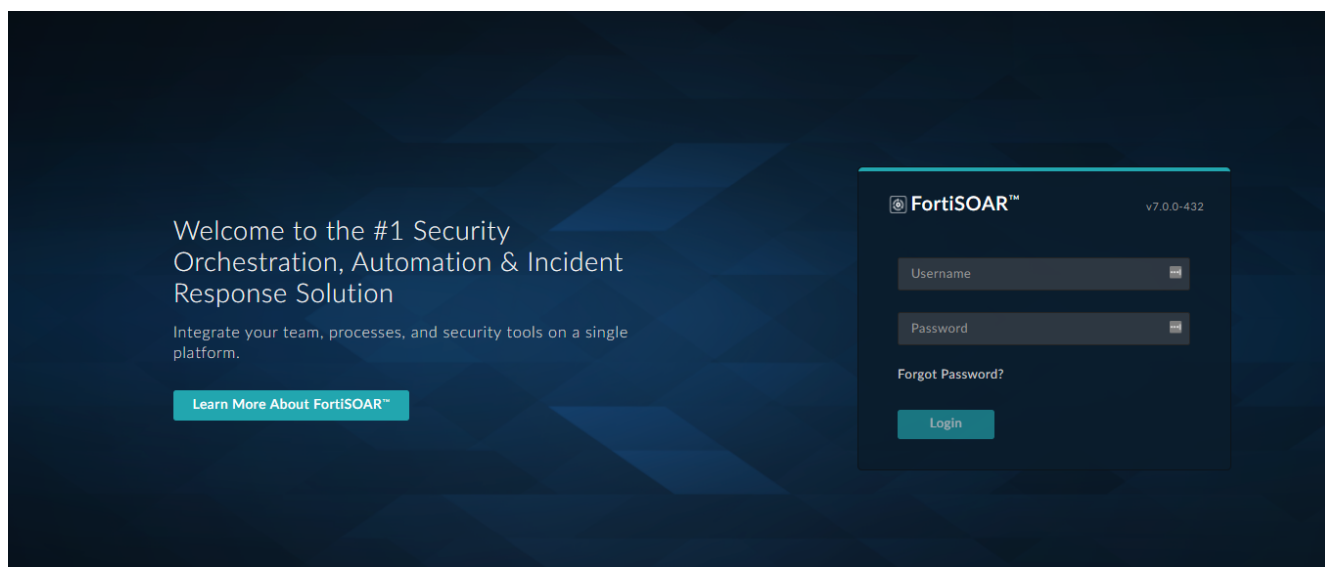


It is also recommended that all new users should change their password when they first log on to FortiSOAR, irrespective of the complexity of the password assigned to the users.

Use the SMTP connector to configure SMTP, which is required to complete the process of adding new users. The SMTP connector is used to send email notifications. If you have not set up the SMTP connector, the user gets created. However, the password reset notification link cannot be sent to the users, and therefore the process remains incomplete. For more information on FortiSOAR Built-in connectors, including the SMTP connector, see the "[FortiSOAR Built-in connectors](#)" article.

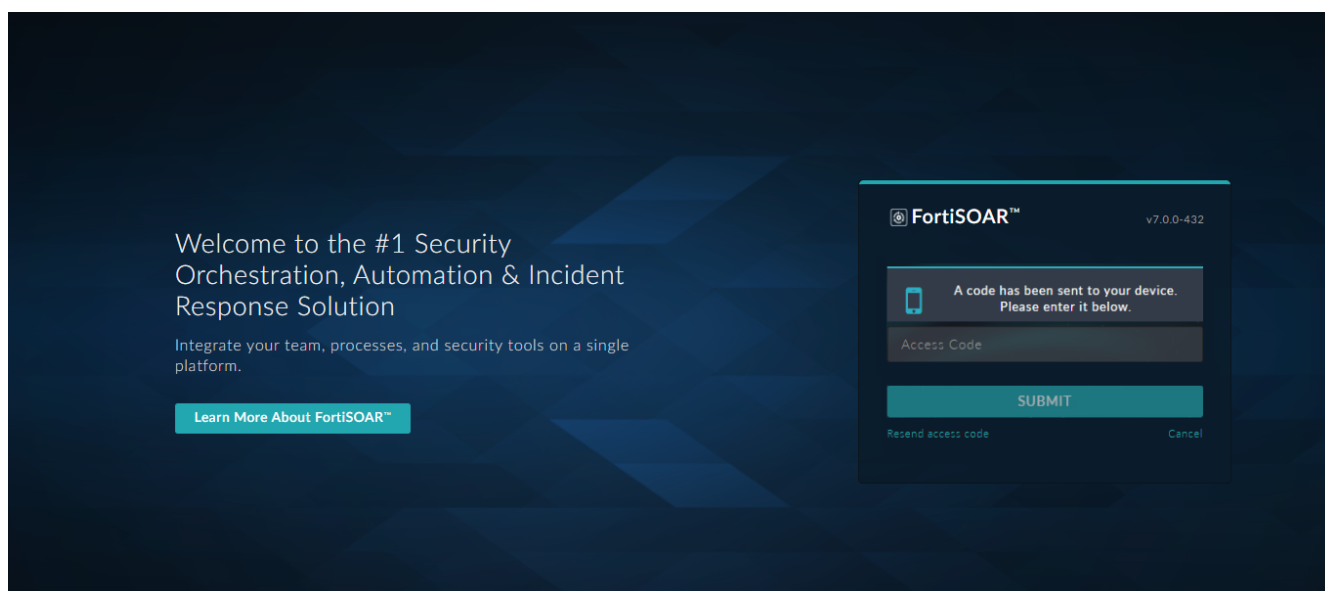
If you are accessing the FortiSOAR login screen for the first time, you will be presented with the Fortinet End-User License Agreement (EULA). You must accept the EULA before you can log onto FortiSOAR.

Upon accessing the FortiSOAR login screen, enter your login credentials.



Once valid login credentials have been entered, you might be redirected to a second screen requesting a 2-Factor Authentication (2FA) code.


The authentication code consists of a six-digit number sent to the mobile phone number associated with the account using SMS or a five-digit number sent using a voice message. This authentication works in over 200 countries and territories and in 87 different languages. Users can determine the method by which the authentication code is sent to your mobile phone using their user profile.



The initial login to the application opens your Dashboard. Your Dashboard is based on your role.



The dashboard displays "No Results" for modules, such as Incidents and Alert and there will be no module icons in the left navigation bar. This is because the default Security Administrator's role does not provide module-level access to those entities. The Security Administrator will need to create a role that provides access to the modules and then assign that role to either themselves or to a new user.

Once you log on to FortiSOAR, you must change your password by clicking the User Profile icon () and then selecting the **Change Password** option.

Default Roles

In FortiSOAR, modules are applied to roles. For example, the `Security` module is applied to the Security Administrator role. Therefore, you can assign the role of Security Administrator to any other user in the system.

By default, FortiSOAR has at least one role in place after installation, the Security Administrator. Apart from the Security Administrator role, FortiSOAR generally also has the following default roles defined:

- An `Application Administrator` role has full permissions to modify or customize FortiSOAR features and configure your FortiSOAR system.
- A `FortiSOAR Agent` role contains agent permissions, i.e., agent appliances are auto-assigned to this role.
- A `Full App Permissions` role is essentially a *root* user and has full permissions across FortiSOAR. Use this role with care.
- A `Playbook Administrator` role has full permissions to the Playbook Engine and all the major modules in FortiSOAR and also has **Read** access to the Security module.
- A `Security Administrator` (`csadmin`) role has the permissions to assign privileges to other roles and teams.
- A `T1 Analyst` role has access to major modules in FortiSOAR and is responsible for alert triaging and escalating potentially malicious alerts to indicators for review by T2 analysts.
- A `T1 Analyst` role has access to major modules in FortiSOAR and is responsible incident investigation and other remediation and containment related tasks.

Refer to the "Administration Guide" for a detailed description of the default roles.

Security Administrator Role


If you are a Security Administrator, the default Security Administrator role allows access to create the following:

- Teams - *establish the ownership/viewership of data within FortiSOAR™*
- Roles - *establish the permissions of a user within FortiSOAR*
- Users - *establish individual accounts for members of your organization to access FortiSOAR*



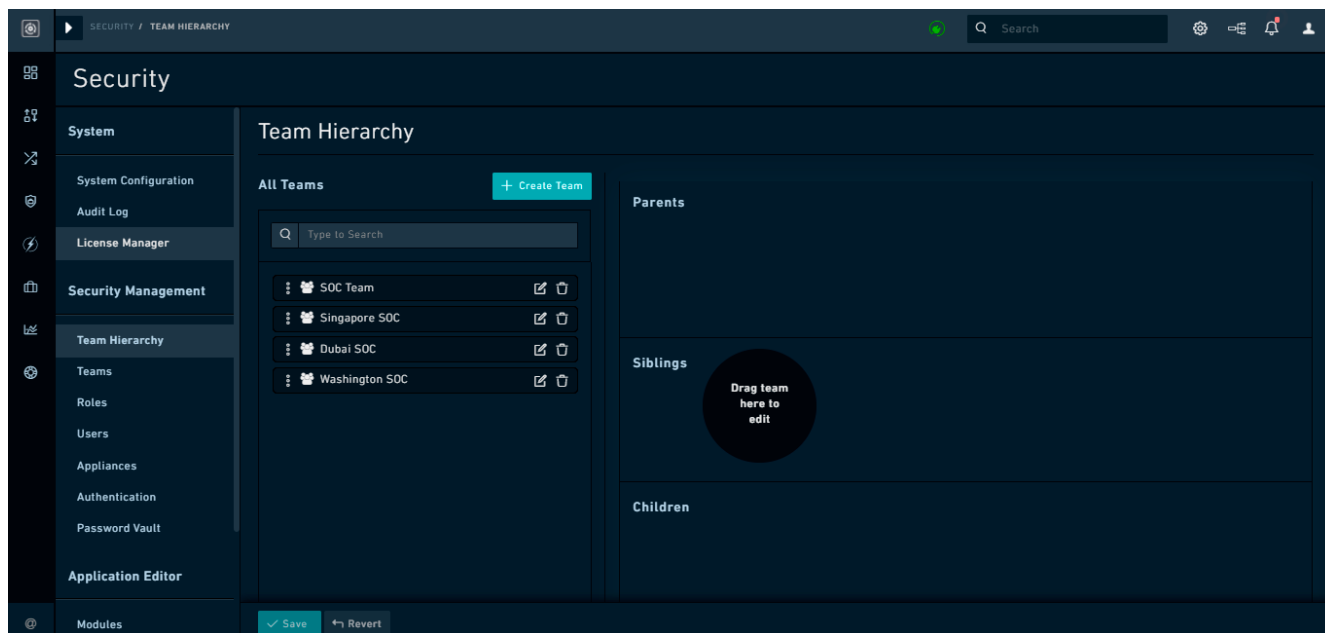
The Security Administrator role also has CRUD permissions on the `Secure Message Exchange` and `Tenants` modules, so that this role can configure multi-tenant systems.

Teams, Roles, and Users

Click the **Settings** () icon in the upper right corner of the screen and click **Team Hierarchy** in the `Security Management` section to open the `Team Hierarchy` page. The Team Hierarchy Editor is an interface that allows you to define the data ownership structure within your organization. By default, your FortiSOAR installation might have several default teams. You can choose to keep these Teams or to remove them.



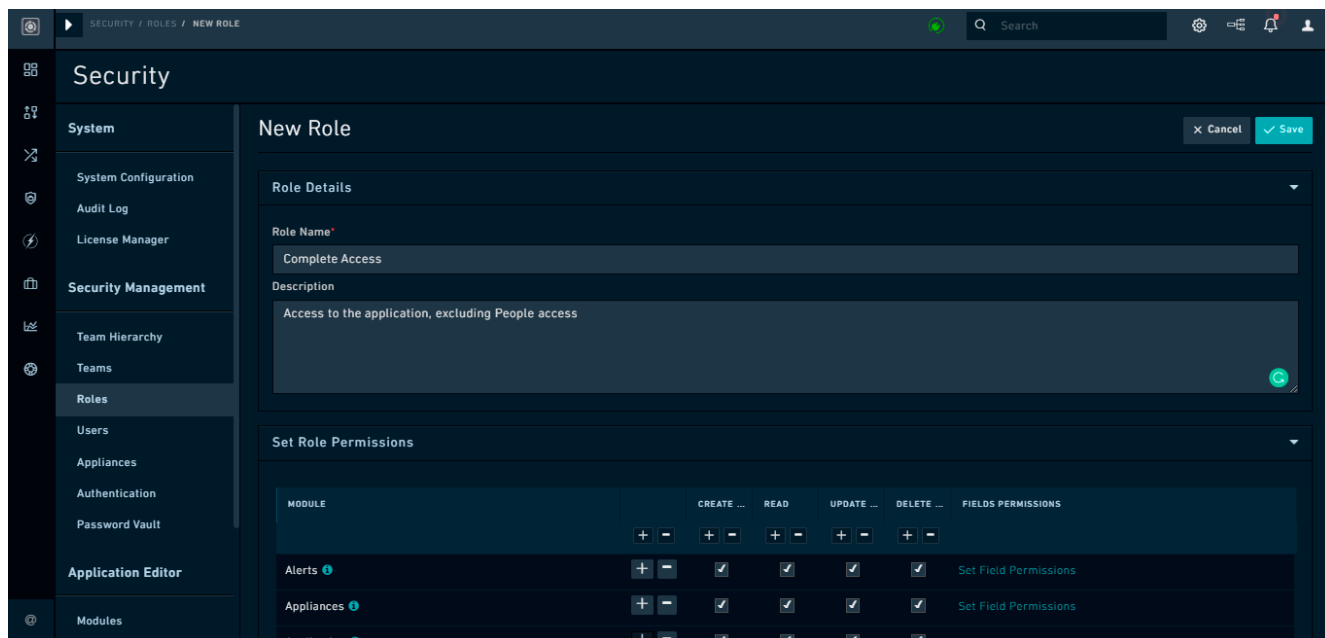
Deleting a team can result in orphaned data. FortiSOAR recommends you rename teams or remove members but leave the team itself intact to prevent any problems accessing data that might be owned by a team.



Add a new role

To open the **Role Editor**, click **Roles** in the **Security Management** section. The Role Editor lists the roles that exist within the organization. You can modify the existing roles or add new ones. Refer to the [Default Roles](#) section for information on default roles.

To add a new role, click **Add Role** to display the **New Role** form.



In the `Set Role Permissions` grid, the **Module** column displays the name of the various modules to which you can assign permissions. Each of the `Create`, `Read`, `Update`, and `Delete` columns have check boxes that allow you to assign specific permissions for each module. The `Playbooks` module has an additional permission named `Execute`, which should be assigned to users who should have the right to run playbooks and actions.

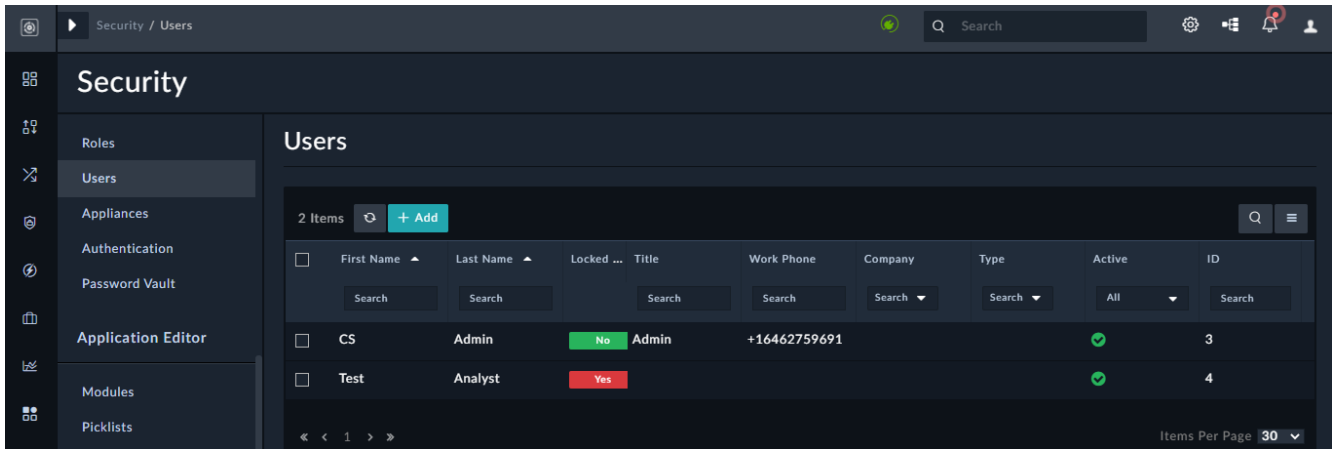
To create a role that has full access to the application and all permissions, click on the **+** button in the column header between `Module` and `Create`. This selects all permissions and all modules. Click **Save** to create the newly-created `Complete Access` role. You can either assign the role to yourself, the `Security Administrator`, or create a user to whom you assign this role.



A Role with ALL permissions granted can affect security settings for current users, roles, and teams. Do not grant that role access to someone who should not be making security decisions for your organization.

Add a new user and assign the role to a user

Click the **Settings** (⚙️) icon and click **Users** in the `Security Management` section to open the `Users` page. The `Users` page displays a list of users (active and inactive) for the organization. Use the `Users` page to add additional users and assign roles and teams to users.

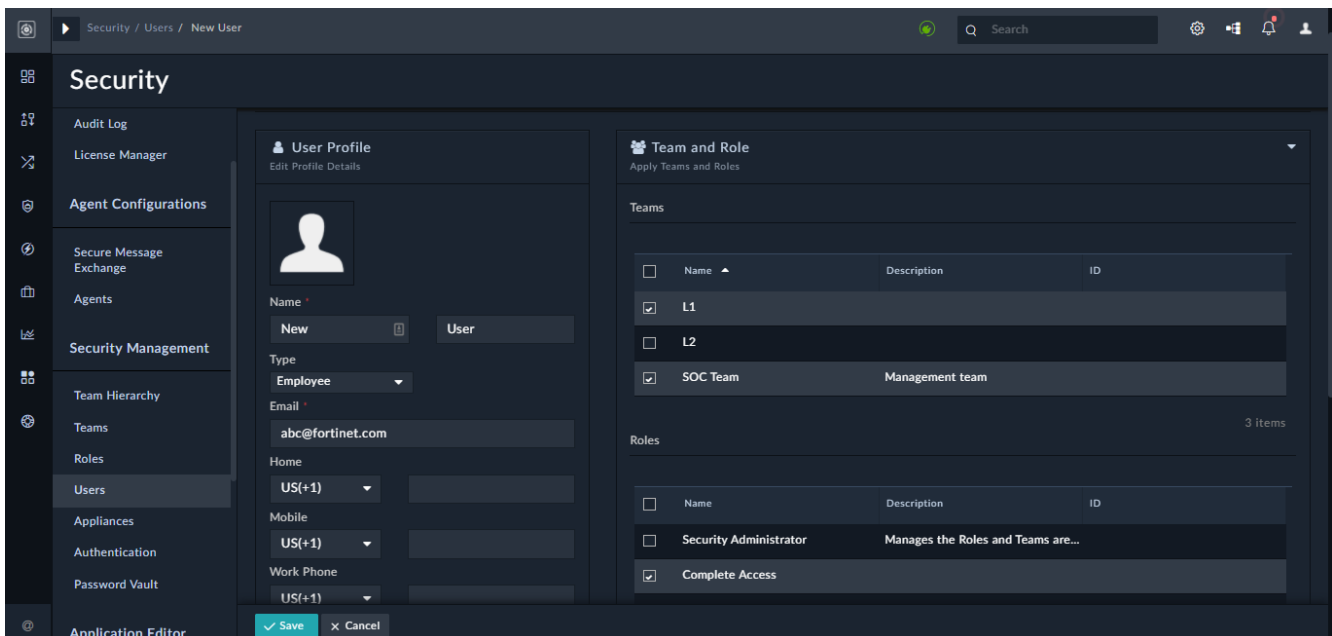


To add a new user, click **Add Person** to display the **New User** form. Enter the user details on the **New User** page and click **Save** to save the new user profile. Refer to the *Configuring User and Appliance Profiles* section in the "Administration" guide for more information.



The **Username** field is mandatory, case sensitive and cannot be changed once it is set.

To assign the newly created **Complete Access** role to a user, click on the username. On the **Edit User** page, in the **Roles** section, click the checkbox for the newly created role and then click **Save**. The selected user now has full access to the FortiSOAR application, except for the **People** module.



Users might already have permissions for full application access. Users are not affected if they have more than one role with the same permissions. Permissions always aggregate across your roles when determining your authorization level. Refer to the *Security Management* chapter in the "Administration Guide" for more information regarding security management.

Create your first record

Now that you have created a user with a role that gives you full access to FortiSOAR, you can test your access and FortiSOAR by creating your first record. We recommend you try creating an Alert.

Click **Incident Response > Alerts** in the left menu and click the **Add** button in the Alerts module, to open the **Create New Alert** dialog. Enter data for the new record and click **Save** to save the record.

The following image displays an example of a completed record in the default Alert Template. You can modify this template by clicking the **Edit Template** icon on the top right of the page.



You, or users, who are assigned the role of Application Administrator, can modify the fields of any record in the application using the Module Editor and the Picklist Editor. Refer to the *Application Editor* chapter in the "Administration Guide" for more information.

Next Steps

Now that you have an introduction to the system, we recommend you review the "Administration Guide" to learn more about how to further configure your system.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to FortiSOAR Support for further assistance.



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