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Change Log

Date	Change Description
04/25/2018	Initial version of FortiSIEM - Disaster Recovery Procedures
08/19/2019	Revision 1: Updated the location of the image download site.
11/25/2019	Revision 2: Updated the recovery procedures.
03/30/2020	Release of Disaster Recovery Procedures for 5.3.0.
08/15/2020	Revision 3: All new content for Disaster Recovery.

Disaster Recovery

The following sections describe how to enable and work with the FortiSIEM Disaster Recovery (DR) feature.

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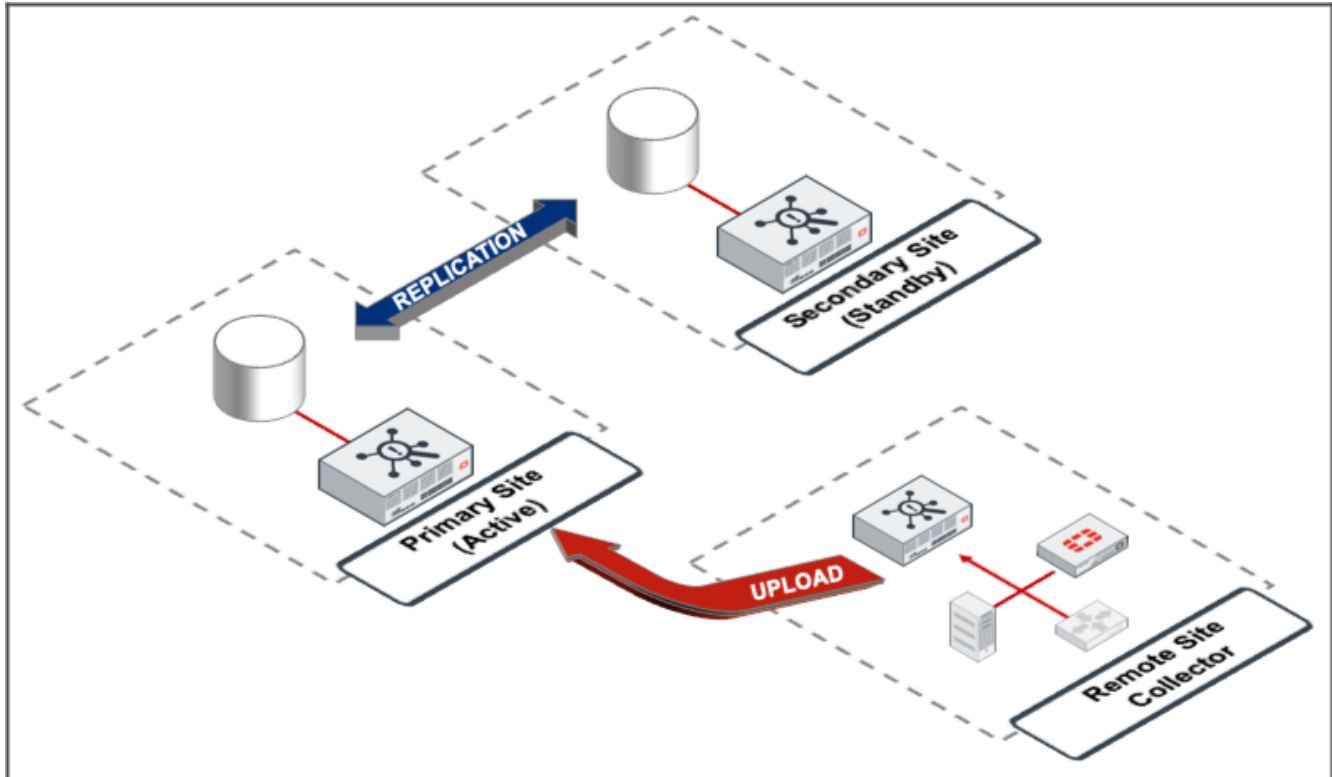
Introduction

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- [Understanding the Requirements for DNS Names](#)

Understanding the FortiSIEM DR Feature

FortiSIEM has a replication feature, designed for those customers who require full disaster recovery capabilities, where one site is designated to be the Primary (active) and the other the Secondary (standby) site. The two systems replicate the Primary sites databases.

This requires a second fully licensed FortiSIEM system, where the Primary and Secondary Sites are identically setup in terms of Supervisor, Workers, and event storage.

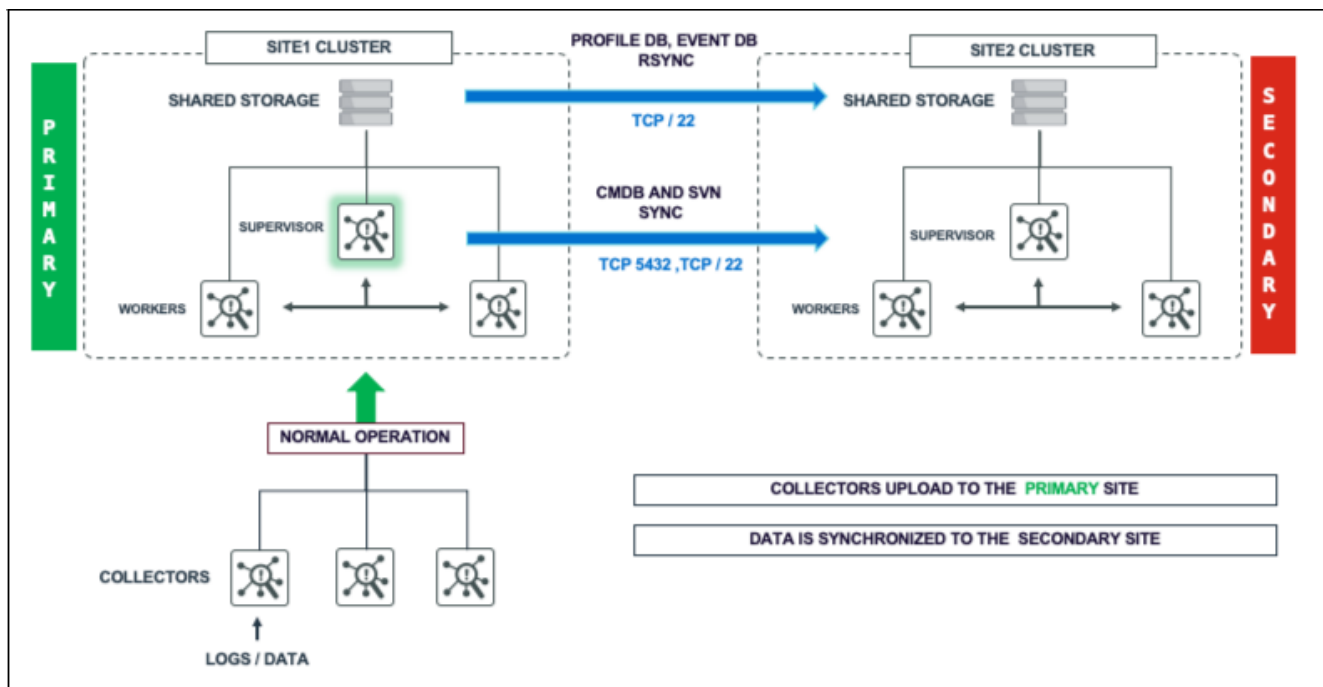


Under normal operations, if collectors are being used, these upload to the Primary site and will buffer by design when this site is not available. If DR is used, and a disaster occurs, then these same collectors will revert to uploading to the Secondary site which will now be designated as the Primary/Active site.

FortiSIEM runs as a cluster (or single node for a SMB) with Super, Worker, Report Server, and Collectors nodes.

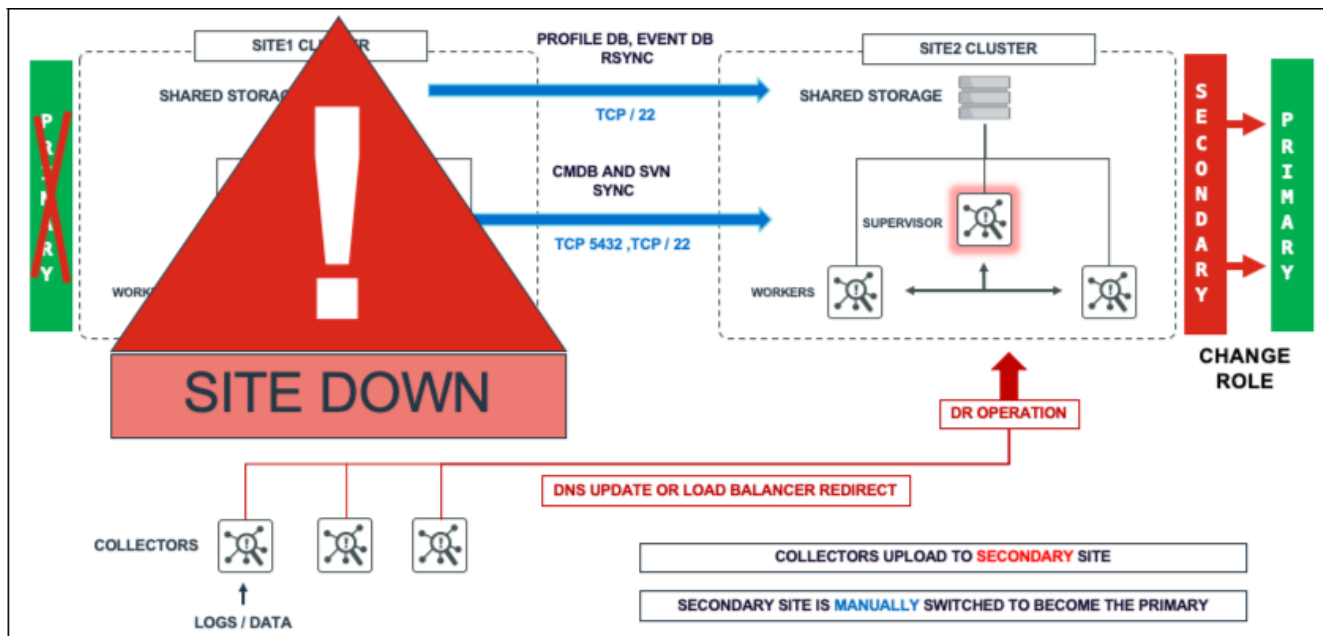
To provide DR features, FortiSIEM must have a Secondary system ready on standby to take over operations, with the following databases replicated from the Primary site:

- The CMDB residing in a PostgreSQL database.
- Device configurations residing in SVN on the Supervisor node.
- Profile data residing on SQLite databases on the Supervisor node.
- Event DB can be on a local disk (for small single node deployments) or on external storage - NFS Event DB or Elasticsearch for cluster deployments.



When disaster strikes:

1. The Secondary must become the Primary FortiSIEM.
2. DNS Changes must be made so that users will logon to Secondary Supervisor, and that Collectors will send events to Secondary Workers.



When the Old Primary is recovered and powered up, it will sync missing data with the Secondary site (the Active Primary FortiSIEM).

When the user decides to return to the pre-disaster setup, the user can switch the roles of Primary and Secondary.

Prerequisites for a Successful DR Implementation

- Two separate FortiSIEM licenses - one for each site.
- The installation at both sites must be identical - workers, storage type, archive setup, report server setup, hardware resources (CPU, Memory, Disk) of the FortiSIEM nodes.
- DNS Names are used for the Supervisor nodes at the two sites. Make sure that users, collectors, and agents can access both Supervisor nodes by their DNS names.
- DNS Names are used for the Worker upload addresses.
- TCP Ports for HTTPS (TCP/443), SSH (TCP/22) and PostGreSQL (TCP/5432) are open between both sites.

Understanding the Requirements for DNS Names

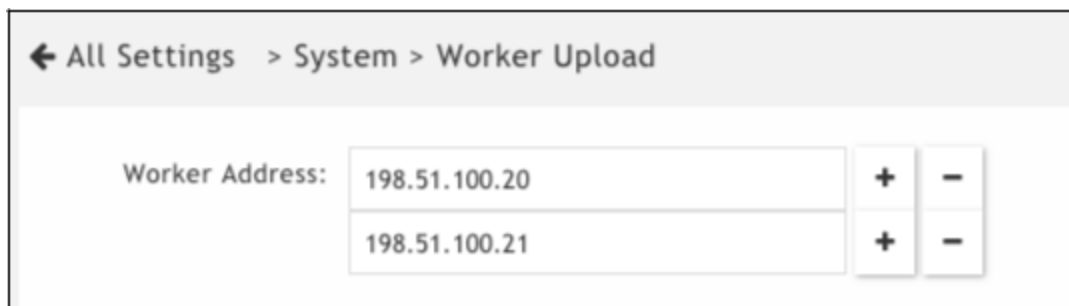
It is important to understand your FortiSIEM environment and plan ahead in terms of communications from users, agents and collectors.

Worker Upload

- [Performing Collector Registration](#)
- [Agent Communications](#)

Each entry in the **Worker Upload** address list is given to Collectors at registration (and periodically in communication to the Supervisor) to instruct where to upload customer event data.

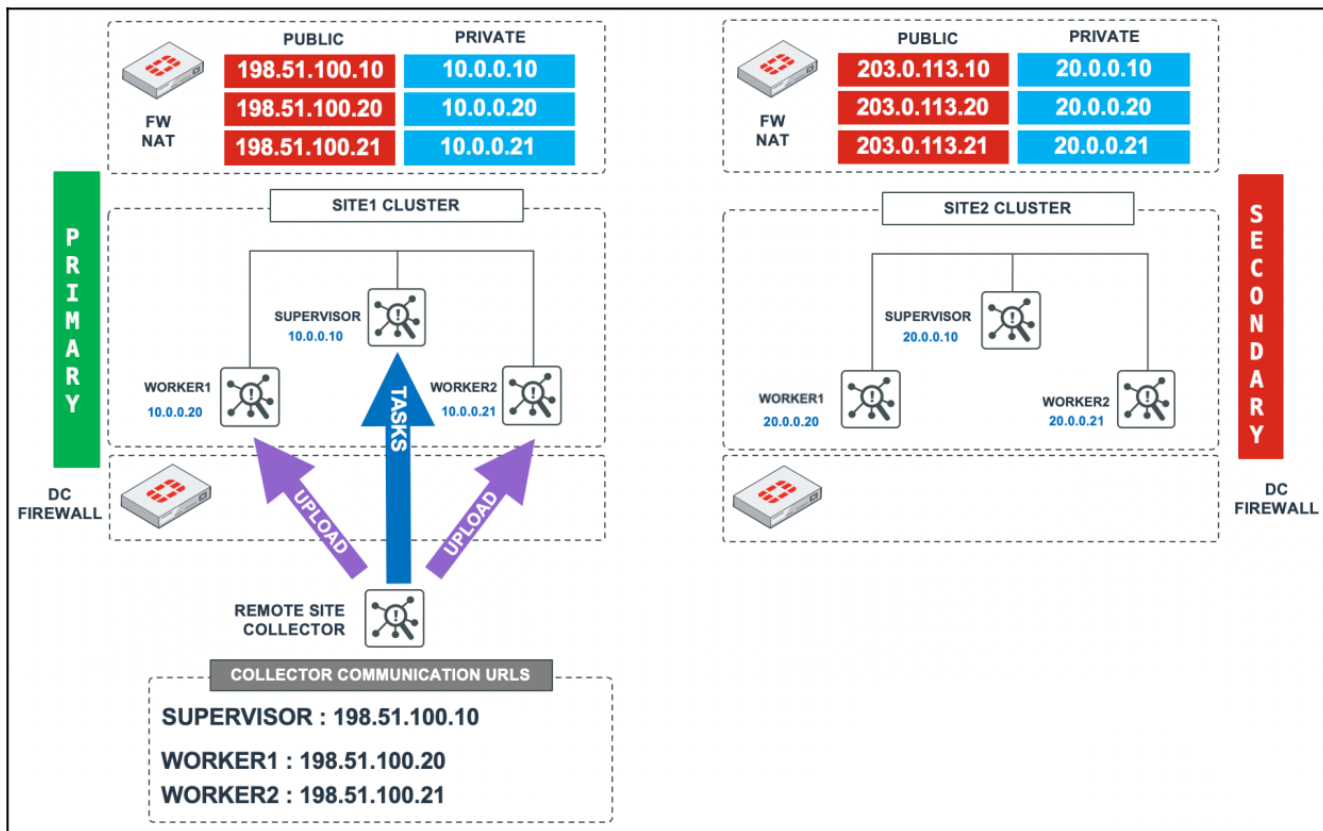
An example is shown below, where the customer has *not* followed best practice advice and used IP Addresses and not FQDNs.



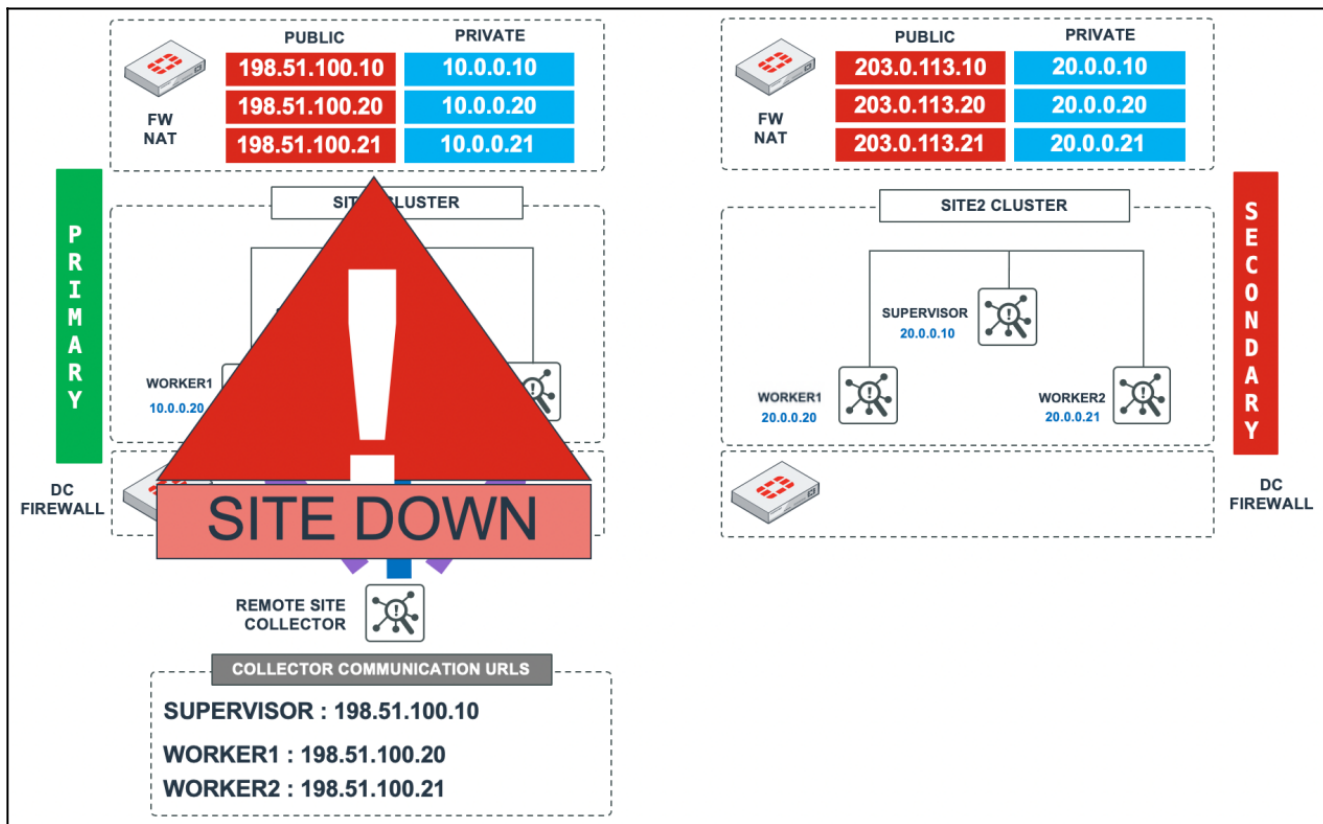
In addition to the Worker Upload entries, Collectors also maintain communication with the Supervisor node, to receive jobs/tasks and report Collector health data. When Collectors register for the first time with the Supervisor node, these communication addresses are stored for this purpose.

Why is using IP addresses for Collector registration and Worker Upload settings bad when it comes to DR planning?

Consider the environment below where only IP addresses have been used. During normal operations Collector traffic flows to the Workers at the Primary site and the Collector maintains communications with the Supervisor. This all works fine until the Primary site has a disaster.



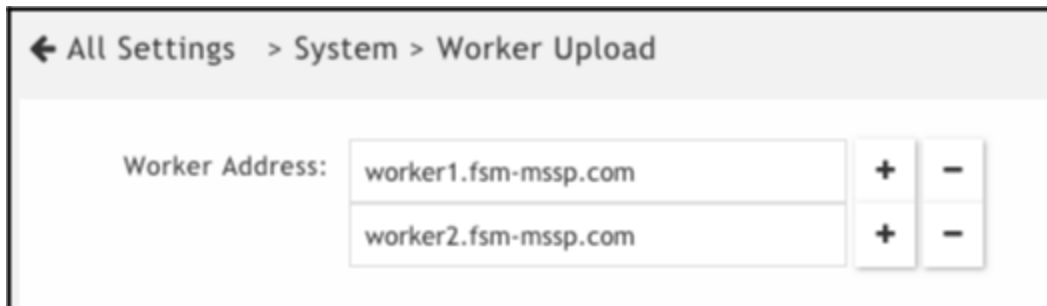
At this point, when the Primary node is unavailable. The remote Collector nodes are essentially hard-coded (by IP) to talk to the Primary site only. Even if the Secondary node is up and operational and promoted to be the Primary node, Collectors are unable to upload logs or get any tasks from the Supervisor node due to the old Primary sites IPs being used.



A much better approach is to utilize DNS.

This allows name resolution to control which Supervisor, Primary, or Secondary is currently active and which worker addresses to attempt to upload customer data to. DNS “A” records are created for the Supervisor nodes at both sites, and a “CNAME” is used to determine which is active, which has a small time to live (TTL) value.

The Worker Upload settings reference DNS addresses:



External DNS Example

Node	DNS Record Type	Name	IP/Alias
Supervisor (Primary)	A	site1.fsm-mssp.com	198.51.100.10
Supervisor (Secondary)	A	site2.fsm-mssp.com	203.0.113.10
Active Supervisor	CNAME	site.fsm-mssp.com	site1.fsm-mssp.com

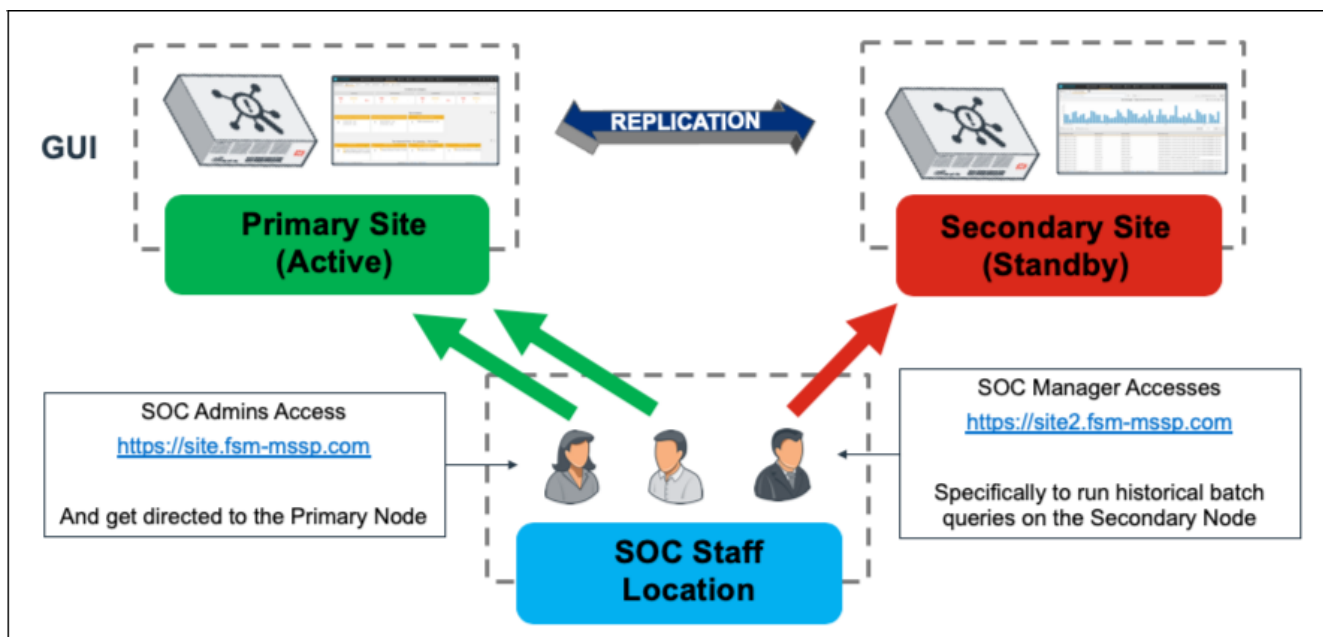
Node	DNS Record Type	Name	IP/Alias
Worker1 (Primary)	A	worker1.fsm-mssp.com	198.51.100.20
Worker2 (Primary)	A	worker2.fsm-mssp.com	198.51.100.21

For the internal DNS records, again both internal Supervisor addresses are listed with a CNAME to determine the current Primary GUI to logon to for SOC operators. (If public certificates are being used, then a Wildcard cert should be used to achieve this).

Internal DNS Example

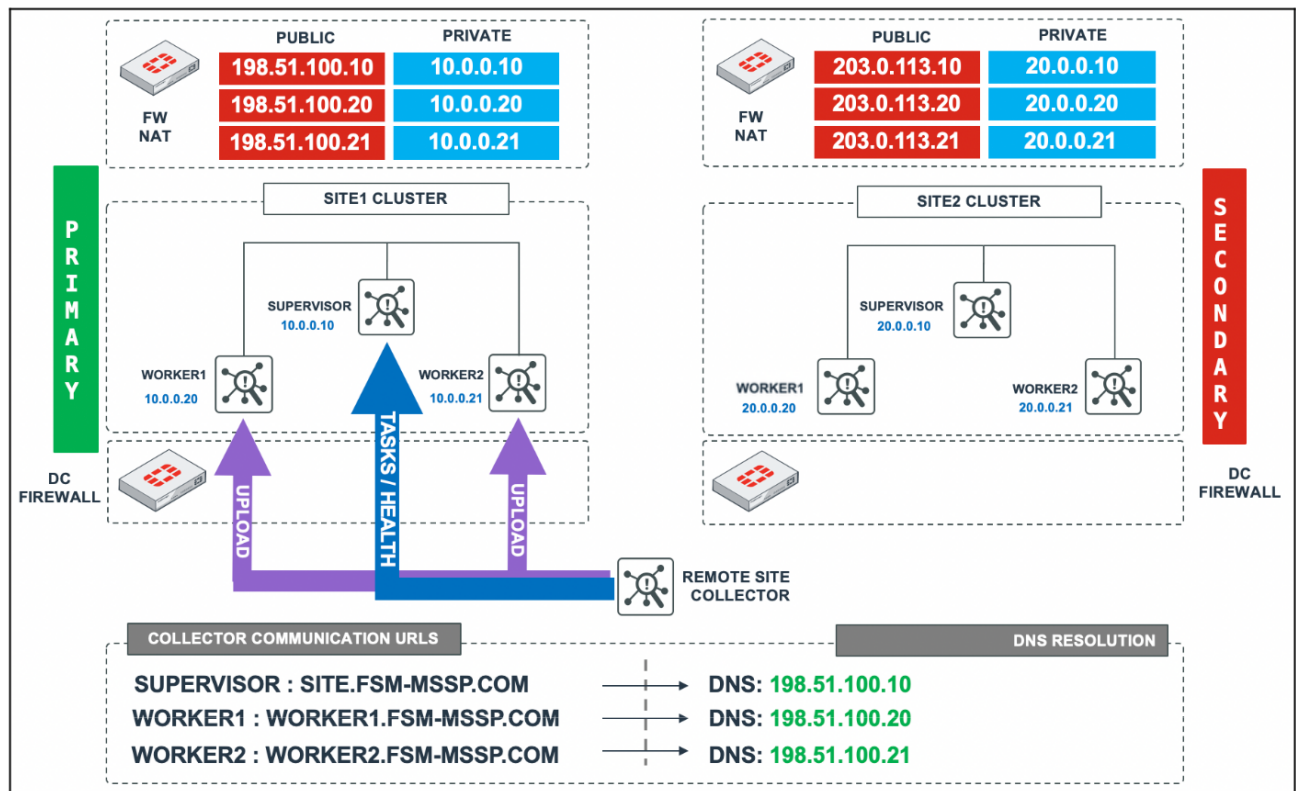
Node	DNS Record Type	Name	IP/Alias
Supervisor (Primary)	A	site1.fsm-mssp.com	10.0.0.10
Supervisor (Secondary)	A	site2.fsm-mssp.com	20.0.0.10
Active Supervisor	CNAME	site.fsm-mssp.com	site1.fsm-mssp.com

By utilizing internal DNS, then SOC operators can always access the active Supervisor GUI via `site.fsm-mssp.com`, but as will be discussed later, the Secondary Standby Supervisor can always be accessed if required.

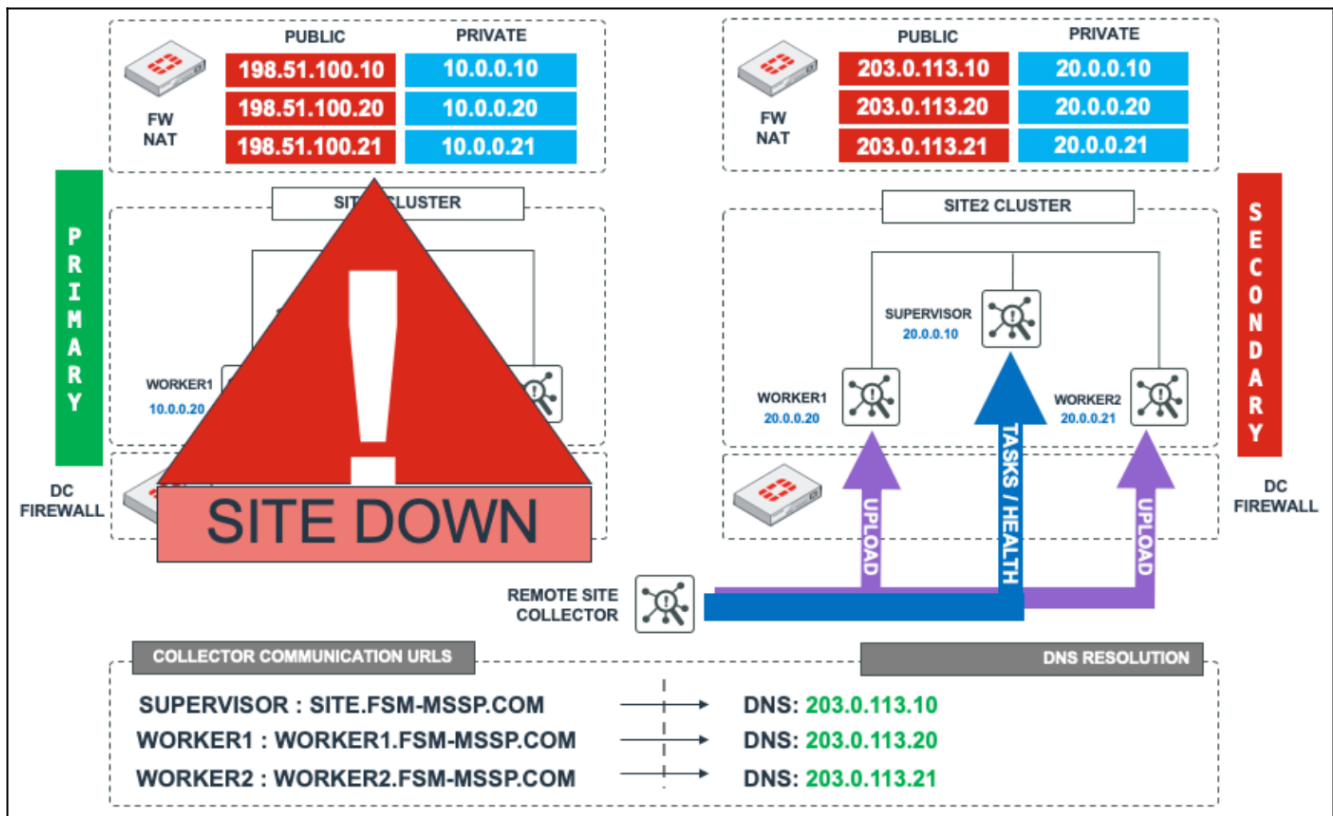


Note: Any DNS changes, are made **manually** in the event of a failover.

As can be seen below, using DNS the Collectors are instructed to talk to the Active site.



And in the event of a failure at the Primary Site, they can be easily instructed to communicate with the Supervisor and Workers at the Secondary site which will be manually switched to be the Primary Role site.



Note : In addition to DNS changes being made manually, the process for promoting the Secondary Supervisor to be the Primary Role Supervisor node is also made manually in the FortiSIEM GUI.

Performing Collector Registration

When registering Collectors, you should ignore the Supervisor-IP requirement, and instead use the CNAME for the Active Supervisor node.

```
[root@collector ~]# phProvisionCollector
```

```
Usage: phProvisionCollector --add <Organization-user-name> <Organization-user-password>
      <Supervisor-IP> <Organization-name> <Collector-name>
```

An example using `site.fsm-mssp.com` is shown below. Since Collectors always communicate with the Supervisor node, communications can be easily restored to the Primary via a simple DNS change.

```
[root@collector ~]# phProvisionCollector --add admin admin*1 site.fsm-mssp.com super
collector.fsm-mssp.com
```

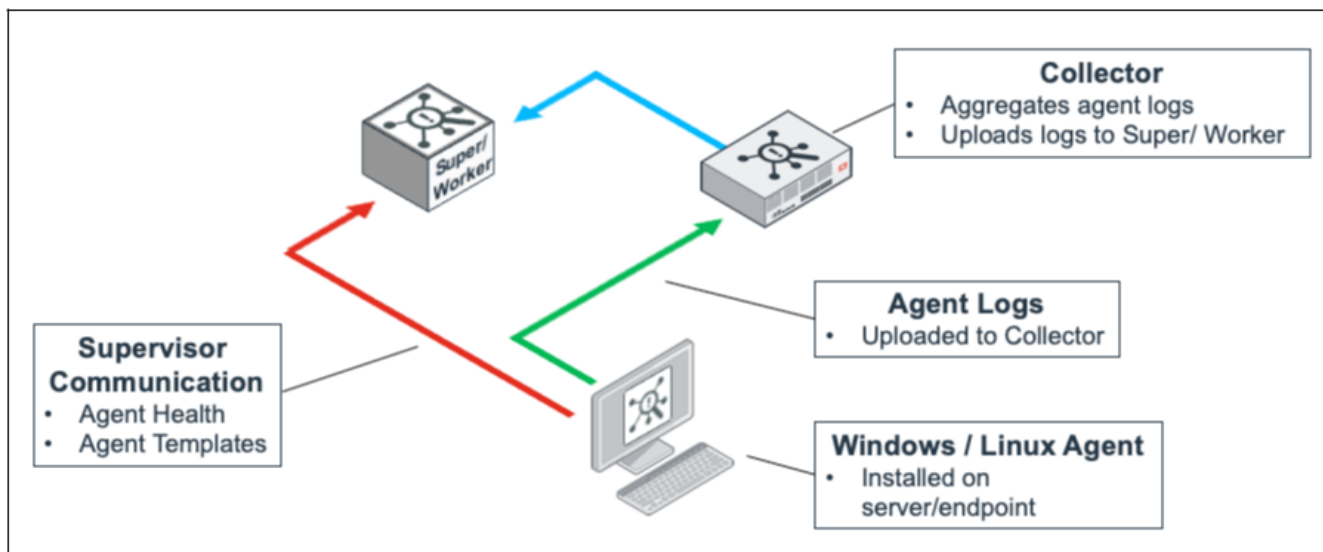
```
Continuing to provision the Collector
Adding Collector (collector.fsm-mssp.com) to Super (site.fsm-mssp.com) with Organization
(super)
```

This collector is registered successfully, and will be rebooted soon.

Agent Communications

The communications for FortiSIEM Windows and Linux agents follow a similar path to the above. Agents register with the Supervisor node, and maintain this communication to receive updated templates and report health. One or more

Collectors are assigned to each agent as the node or nodes to deliver event data.



For best practice, agent registration should use the Supervisor CNAME. This way, if the Primary Site is a totally destroyed, you can still easily ensure agent communication to the DR site Supervisor via a simple DNS change and still make template changes etc.

The Windows installation file `installSettings.xml` is shown:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<InstallConfig Version="1">
  <Org>
    <ID>1</ID>
    <Name>Super</Name>
  </Org>
  <Super>
    <Name>site.fsm-mssp.com</Name>
    <Port>443</Port>
  </Super>
  <Registration>
    <Username>super/agent_admin</Username>
    <Password>admin*2</Password>
  </Registration>
  <Proxy/>
  <SSLCertificate>ignore</SSLCertificate>
</InstallConfig>
```

The same concept also applies to deploying Linux agents.

Configuring Disaster Recovery

The following sections describe how to configure FortiSIEM primary and secondary nodes for disaster recovery.

- [FortiSIEM Primary Node](#)
- [FortiSIEM Secondary Node](#)

FortiSIEM Primary Node

On the Primary FortiSIEM node in the GUI:

1. Navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
2. Select **Enable Replication**.
3. For the **Primary**, enter the **Host** and **IP** information.
4. For the **UUID**, obtain the **Hardware ID** value through an **SSH session** on the Primary by entering the following command:

```
/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool --show
```

For example:

```
[root@site1 ~]# /opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool --show
License Information:
Attribute          Value                               Expiration Date
Serial Number      FSMS0100
Hardware ID        564 C-0247-87C2- 3B56EFFF
License Type       Enterprise
Devices            1500                               Mar 17, 2021
Endpoint Devices   N/A                                 N/A
Additional EPS     N/A                                 N/A
```

5. For the **CMDB Replication** mount point, enter `/something` (this can be any fake mount point). (**Note:** this value is not actually used today).
6. Under **Configuration and Profile Replication**, generate the **SSH Public Key** and **SSH Private Key Path** by entering the following in your SSH session:

```
su - admin
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096
```

#Leave the file location as default, and press enter at the passphrase prompt.

The output will appear similar to the following:

```
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (/opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa):
Created directory '/opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh'.
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in /opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa.
Your public key has been saved in /opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa.pub.
The key fingerprint is:
a9:43:88:d1:ed:b0:99:b5:bb:e7:6d:55:44:dd:3e:48 admin@site1.fsmtesting.com
The key's randomart image is:
+--[ RSA 4096]-----+
|    .    |
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```

7. For the **SSH Public Key** enter the following command, and copy **all** of the output into the field:
`cat /opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`
8. For the **SSH Private Key Path**, enter the following into the field: `/opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa`.
9. Exit the `admin` user in the SSH session by entering the following command:
`exit`
10. Select a **Replication Frequency**, with a minimum of 10 minutes.
Note: For Local/NFS Event DB installs, this value is used for SVN and ProfileDB synchronization.
11. Select the EventDB Replication check box if you would also like the Event Database to be replicated.
Note: For Local/NFS Event DB installs, `rsync` is used and this runs continually in the background.

- Finally, run the following command in the primary SSH session and enter the output under the Role: Secondary, **Primary DB Password** field.

Note: The **Primary DB Password** field initially looks like it has a populated value. This is **false**, and the following step must be completed.

Primary DB Password:

```
/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool -showDatabasePassword
```

```
[root@site1 ~]# /opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool --showDatabasePassword
EPicip@8CORi
```



Keep a copy of this password for [Step 4](#) under [FortiSIEM Secondary Node](#).

The completed Primary role details will appear similar to the following:

← All Settings > Database > Replicate	
Role: Primary	Role: Secondary
Host: site1.fsm-mssp.com	Host:
IP: 10.10.2.31	IP:
UUID: 564D662C 553B56EFFF	UUID:
Primary DB Password:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMDB Replication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CMDB Replication
Mount Point: /something	Mount Point:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Configuration and Profile Replication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Configuration and Profile Replication
SSH Public Key: 0+u3XGxXzzFoiJVLFXRH1cMTzvpLkVjXE7Gv FxeleND8cnxM= admin@site1.fsm-mssp.com	SSH Public Key:
SSH Private Key Path: /opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa	SSH Private Key Path:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replication Frequency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replication Frequency
Value: 10 Minutes	Value: 30 Minutes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EventDB Replication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EventDB Replication

Now move on to configuring the Secondary nodes details.

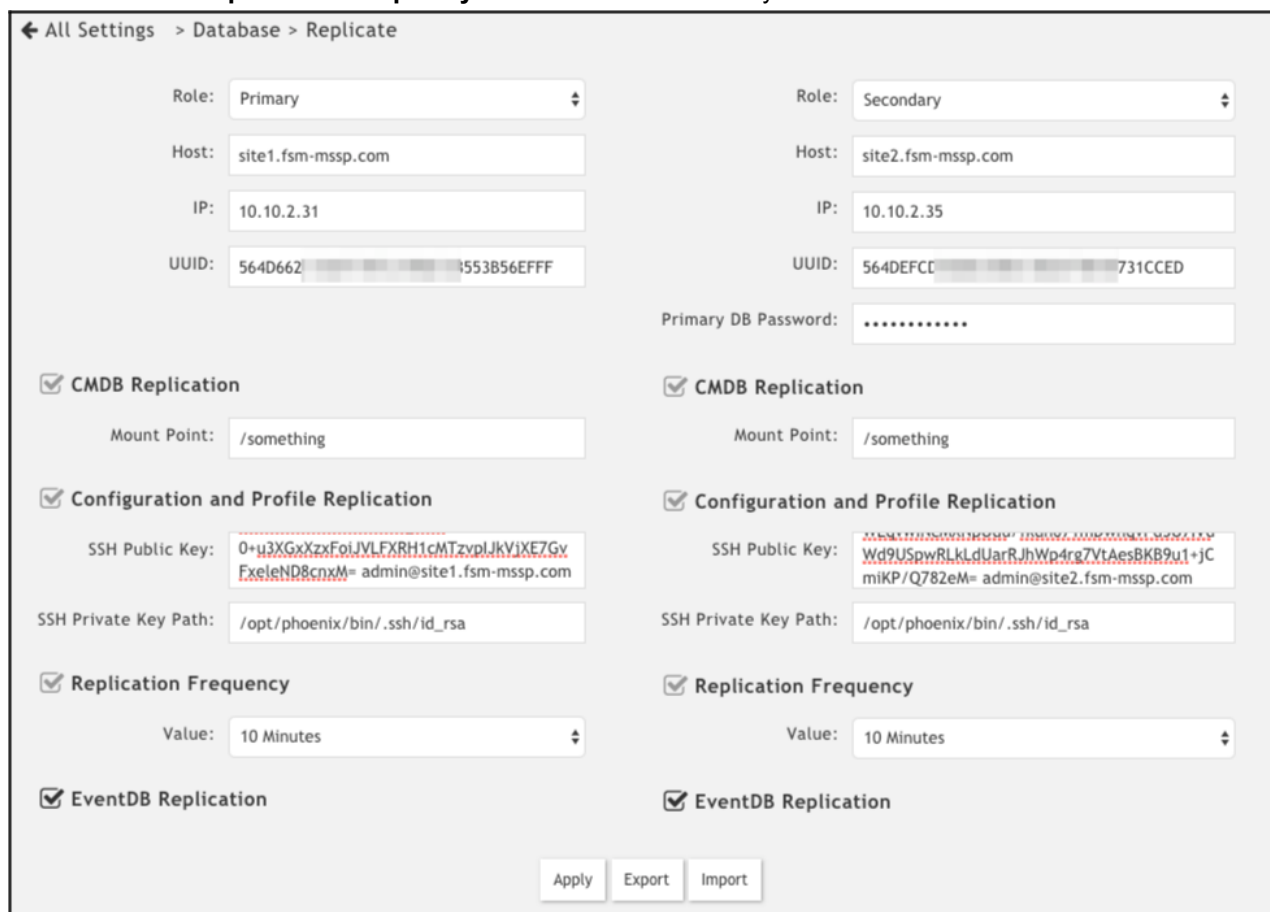
- For the **Secondary**, enter the **Host** and **IP** information.
- For the **UUID**, obtain the **Hardware ID** value through an SSH session on the secondary node by entering the following command:
`/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool --show`
- For the **CMDB Replication** mount point enter `/something` (this can be any fake mount point). **Note:** this value is not actually used today.

16. Under **Configuration and Profile Replication**, generate the **SSH Public Key** and **SSH Private Key Path** by entering the following in your SSH session on your secondary node:

```
su - admin
ssh-keygen -t rsa -b 4096
```

#Leave the file location as default, and press enter at the passphrase prompt.

17. For the **SSH Public Key** enter the following command, and copy **all** of the output into the field:
`cat /opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`
18. For the **SSH Private Key Path**, enter the following into the field: `/opt/phoenix/bin/.ssh/id_rsa`.
19. Exit the admin user in the SSH session by entering the following command:
`exit`
20. Select the same **Replication Frequency** as were set on the Primary node.



21. Click **Export** and download a file named `replicate.json`. **Note:** This file contains all of the DR settings, except the Primary DB Password.
22. Click **Apply**.
Note: This should result in the following message in the GUI, where it will stick at 40% until the **Secondary node configuration** is completed.



FortiSIEM Secondary Node

On the Secondary FortiSIEM node, log into the FortiSIEM GUI:

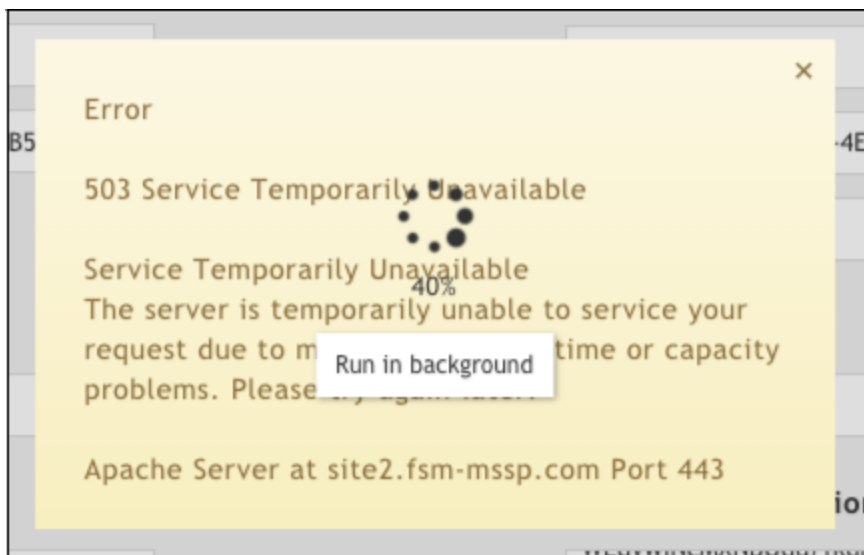
1. Navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
2. Select **Enable Replication**.
3. Click **Import**, and select the `replicate.json` file downloaded from the Primary node.
4. Copy the **Primary DB Password**, from [Step 12 in FortiSIEM Primary Node](#).

If you do not have the password handy, run the following command on the Primary node's SSH session and enter the output under the **Primary DB Password** field.

```
#On the PRIMARY node
/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool -showDatabasePassword
```

5. Click **Apply**.

At this point, the Secondary node will display the following while the backend scripts are disabling services, etc.



Note: There will be disruption of services on both nodes, while the setup is taking place behind the scenes. While initial replication is taking place, you can view the status on the Primary node, Jobs, and Errors (Red Alert Symbol, top right of GUI) on what Step (out of 10) the process is currently at.

Start Time	User	Organization	Collector	Job	Status	Progress	Parameters
Apr 22 2020, 11:35:29 AM	admin	Super		Replication Setting Change	Started	40%	Step 5: Run BDR script
Apr 22 2020, 11:26:35 AM		Super	collector.fsm-...	Collector EPS Update	Done	100%	0

Backend logs will better display the current status of the replication and DR scripts being run.

Troubleshooting Disaster Recovery Setup

- [Backend Logs](#)
- [Alternative Logs](#)
- [FortiSIEM Services Status on Primary and Secondary Node](#)
- [Understanding FortiSIEM Operations in DR Mode](#)
- [Verify Elasticsearch Snapshots for Data Replication](#)

Backend Logs

On both the Primary and Secondary nodes, use the `cat` command to view the backend logs:

```
cat /opt/phoenix/config/pgMasterRep/bdrlog
```

Note: This process can take a while. The output below was a new installation with minimal test data and it took around 5 minutes to complete, For a live system it will take a lot longer. (It is recommended to `tail -f` the log).

Successful Enablement of Disaster Recovery on the Primary node

```
[root@site1 ~]# cat /opt/phoenix/config/pgMasterRep/bdrlog
bdr_connection_count for 10.10.2.31 is
back up pg_hba.conf and postgresql.conf
setting bdr configuration ...
inserting pg_hba records ...
finished setting bdr configuration
restart postgresql9.4
ext_btree_gist_count is 0
ext_bdr_count is 0
bdr_node1_count is 0
please wait the bdr building ...
no primary file exist, add primary file
Waiting for Secondary 10.10.2.35 to finish up synch Primary CMDB
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Waiting for Secondary 10.10.2.35 to finish up synch Primary CMDB
Waiting for Secondary 10.10.2.35 to finish up synch Primary CMDB
Secondary 10.10.2.35 finished synch Primary CMDB
```

Successful Enablement of Disaster Recovery on the Secondary node

```
[root@site2 ~]# cat /opt/phoenix/config/pgMasterRep/bdrlog
slave - bdr_connection_count for 10.10.2.31 is
Backup unsynchable system properties from ph_sys_conf before replicating CMDB from Primary
CMDB
dump file ph_sys_server.sql and ph_sys_conf.sql ...
Shutdown App Server to preparing synch CMDB from primary Stopping crond: [ OK ]
Stopping postgresql-9.4 service: [ OK ]
wait port 5432 to stop...
port 5432 stopped
join connection according cmdb buffer ... master ip = 10.10.2.31, slave ip = 10.10.2.35 bdr_
init_copy: starting ...
Getting remote server identification ...
Detected 1 BDR database(s) on remote server
Updating BDR configuration on the remote node:
phoenixdb: creating replication slot ...
phoenixdb: creating node entry for local node ...
Creating base backup of the remote node...
194081/194081 kB (100%), 1/1 tablespace
Creating restore point on remote node ...
Bringing local node to the restore point ...
Transaction log reset
Initializing BDR on the local node:
phoenixdb: adding the database to BDR cluster ...
All done
please wait the connection building ...
synching CMDB from Primary, status= c
Done synching CMDB from Primary
DELETE 1
DELETE 8
DELETE 0
DELETE 58
DELETE 6
DELETE 361
import sql ph_sys_server.sql ...
COPY 1
COPY 1
Restoring non-replicable system properties
```

```

COPY 3
Stop running all quartz jobs on secondary
restart App Server ...
Starting crond: [ OK ]
ALTER ROLE
Done replication CMDB

```

Alternative Logs

It is also possible to track the DR scripts by examining the `phoenix.log` file. Use the `grep` command on both Primary and Secondary nodes to track progress.

```

grep "521-ReplicationRoleChange" /opt/phoenix/log/phoenix.log
[root@site1 log]# grep "521-ReplicationRoleChange" /opt/phoenix/log/phoenix.log 2020-04-
15T20:04:55.143563+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6866,[phLogDetail]=521-
ReplicationRoleChange, Step 1.1: check command type
2020-04-15T20:04:55.143667+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6875,[phLogDetail]=521-
ReplicationRoleChange, Step 1.2: check command data
2020-04-15T20:04:55.143729+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6882,[phLogDetail]=521-
ReplicationRoleChange, Step 2: load replication setting
2020-04-15T20:04:55.183173+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6897,[phLogDetail]=521-ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3: handle
replication
role change
2020-04-15T20:04:55.183344+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6916,[phLogDetail]=521-
ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.1: handle replication role change on super
2020-04-15T20:04:55.183442+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
[PH_GENERIC_INFO]:[eventSeverity]=PHL_INFO,[procName]=phMonitorSupervisor,
[fileName]=phMonitorProcess.cpp,[lineNumber]=6919,[phLogDetail]=521-
ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.2: prepare role info
2020-04-15T20:04:55.218565+02:00 site1 phMonitorSupervisor[4874]:
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ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.5: run database replication script
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ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.6: wait appsvr back

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  processes
on super
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  ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.9: notify processes on super
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  ReplicationRoleChange, Step 3.10: finish role change on super
```

FortiSIEM Services Status on Primary and Secondary Node

On the Primary node, all FortiSIEM `ph*` services will be in an "up" state. (They will all restart, but it may take up to 3 to 5 minutes to restart.)

On the Secondary node, most `ph*` services will be "down" except for `phQueryMaster`, `phQueryWorker`, `phDataPurger`, and `phMonitor`.

This can be seen in the following images. They illustrate the Primary Node and Secondary Node after a full CMDB sync:

```
Every 1.0s: /opt/phoenix/bin/phstatus.py
System uptime: 18:11:06 up 52 min, 1 user, load average: 0.52, 0.44, 0.27
Tasks: 25 total, 0 running, 24 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 8 cores, 3.1%us, 0.9%sy, 0.0%ni, 96.0%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%st
Mem: 8060332k total, 7628060k used, 432272k free, 77548k buffers
Swap: 25165820k total, 0k used, 25165820k free, 1832908k cached
```

PROCESS	UPTIME	CPU%	VIRT_MEM	RES_MEM
phParser	01:58	0	1837m	222m
phQueryMaster	00:48	0	910m	71m
phRuleMaster	01:55	0	591m	53m
phRuleWorker	01:55	0	1338m	321m
phQueryWorker	01:55	0	1377m	320m
phDataManager	01:55	0	1133m	67m
phDiscover	01:58	0	423m	44m
phReportWorker	01:55	0	1429m	94m
phReportMaster	01:55	0	496m	58m
phIdentityWorker	01:55	0	938m	58m
phIdentityMaster	01:55	0	398m	31m
phAgentManager	01:58	0	1504m	45m
phCheckpoint	01:55	0	117m	22m
phPerfMonitor	01:58	0	756m	55m
phReportLoader	01:55	0	736m	320m
phBeaconEventPackager	01:58	0	1046m	57m
phDataPurger	01:55	0	516m	58m
phEventForwarder	01:58	0	476m	38m
phMonitor	47:53	0	1228m	582m
Apache	49:04	0	224m	6088
Node.js-charting	48:57	0	922m	73m
Node.js-pm2	47:56	0	0	114m
AppSvr	51:30	1	11170m	2907m
DBSvr	52:03	0	376m	28m
Redis	51:35	0	130m	7608

```
Every 1.0s: /opt/phoenix/bin/phstatus.py
System uptime: 18:11:24 up 52 min, 2 users, load average: 0.30, 0.49, 0.33
Tasks: 25 total, 0 running, 9 sleeping, 15 stopped, 0 zombie
Cpu(s): 8 cores, 1.0%us, 0.5%sy, 0.0%ni, 98.6%id, 0.0%wa, 0.0%hi, 0.0%st
Mem: 8060332k total, 6192344k used, 1867988k free, 84284k buffers
Swap: 25165820k total, 0k used, 25165820k free, 1905852k cached
```

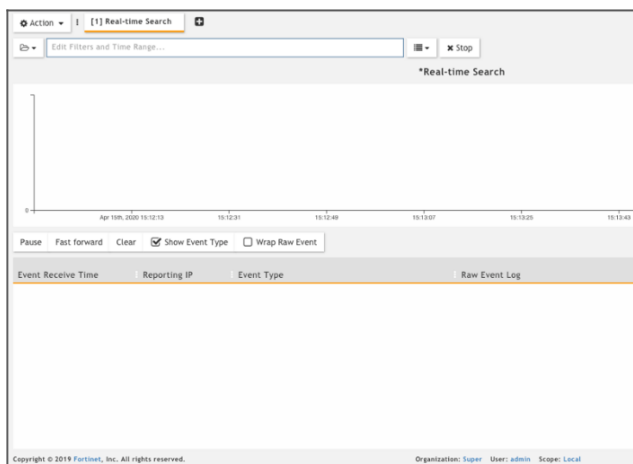
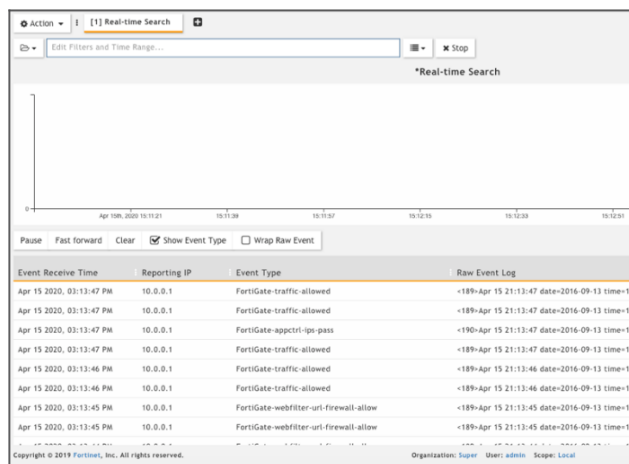
PROCESS	UPTIME	CPU%	VIRT_MEM	RES_MEM
phParser	DOWN			
phQueryMaster	00:49	0	910m	68m
phRuleMaster	DOWN			
phRuleWorker	DOWN			
phQueryWorker	00:49	0	1366m	317m
phDataManager	DOWN			
phDiscover	DOWN			
phReportWorker	DOWN			
phReportMaster	DOWN			
phIdentityWorker	DOWN			
phIdentityMaster	DOWN			
phAgentManager	DOWN			
phCheckpoint	DOWN			
phPerfMonitor	DOWN			
phReportLoader	DOWN			
phBeaconEventPackager	DOWN			
phDataPurger	00:49	0	516m	50m
phEventForwarder	DOWN			
phMonitor	00:30	0	999m	27m
Apache	48:53	0	224m	6088
Node.js-charting	48:47	0	923m	74m
Node.js-pm2	48:14	0	0	102m
AppSvr	04:15	0	11046m	2044m
DBSvr	05:40	0	374m	28m
Redis	51:26	0	130m	7612

Understanding FortiSIEM Operations in DR Mode

When operating in DR Replication mode, there are a few things to bear in mind:

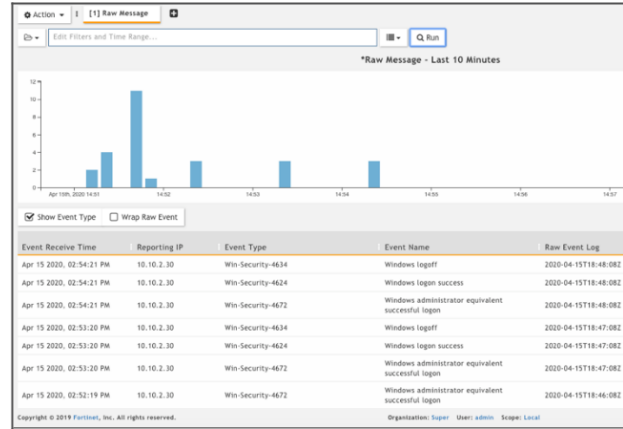
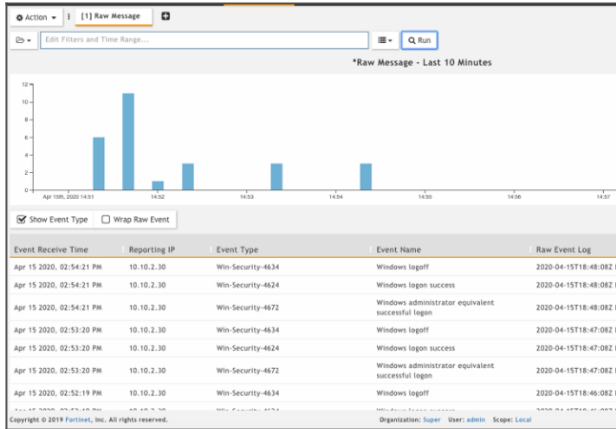
- Both the Primary and Secondary nodes GUI are available for login.
- The CMDB is set in a multi-master mode, so any changes on the Secondary are replicated over to the Primary.
- Although the CMDB can be edited from either site, it is recommended to do all edits on the Primary site.
- Analytical queries and reports can be run from either node.
- Performing Real-Time queries: You will see results only on the Primary node, as this is done in memory before storage.

Primary vs Secondary – Real-Time Search



- Performing Historical Queries: Bear in mind the data on the Secondary node will be slightly out of date, dependent upon how much data is being replicated, but this is ideal for running large complex queries on the Secondary without impacting the Primary's performance.

Primary vs Secondary – Historical Search (Last 10 Minutes)



- Any notifications or scheduled report deliveries are performed on the Primary node only. (Since most of the required ph* processes are down on the Secondary).

DR Change When the Primary site is Unavailable

It is important to note that it is a manual process to promote the Secondary node to be the Primary.

As soon as the Primary node is unavailable (that is, down/unavailable), any collector nodes will start to buffer their uploads, as the Worker Upload addresses they deliver to will be unavailable.

On the Secondary FortiSIEM node, log into the GUI:

1. Navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
2. Change the **Role selector** for the Secondary node to be **Primary**.

← All Settings > Database > Replication

Enable Replication

Host Info

Role: Primary

Host: site1.fsm-mssp.com

IP: 10.10.2.31

UUID: 56[REDACTED]

CMDB Replication

Host Info

Role: **Secondary**

Host: site2.fsm-mssp.com

IP: 10.10.2.35

UUID: 56[REDACTED]

Primary DB Password:

CMDB Replication

3. Notice how the original Primary Role has now switched to Secondary, and the **PrimaryDB** Password field moves across to the left.

← All Settings > Database > Replication

Enable Replication

Host Info

Role: Secondary

Host: site1.fsm-mssp.com

IP: 10.10.2.31

UUID: 56[REDACTED]

Primary DB Password: [REDACTED]

CMDB Replication

Host Info

Role: **Primary**

Host: site2.fsm-mssp.com

IP: 10.10.2.35

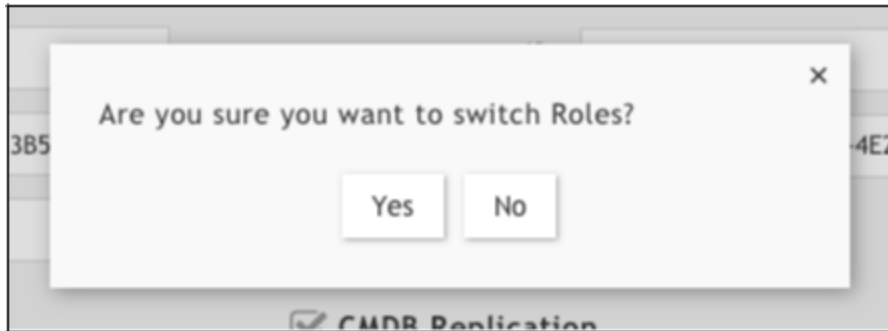
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CMDB Replication

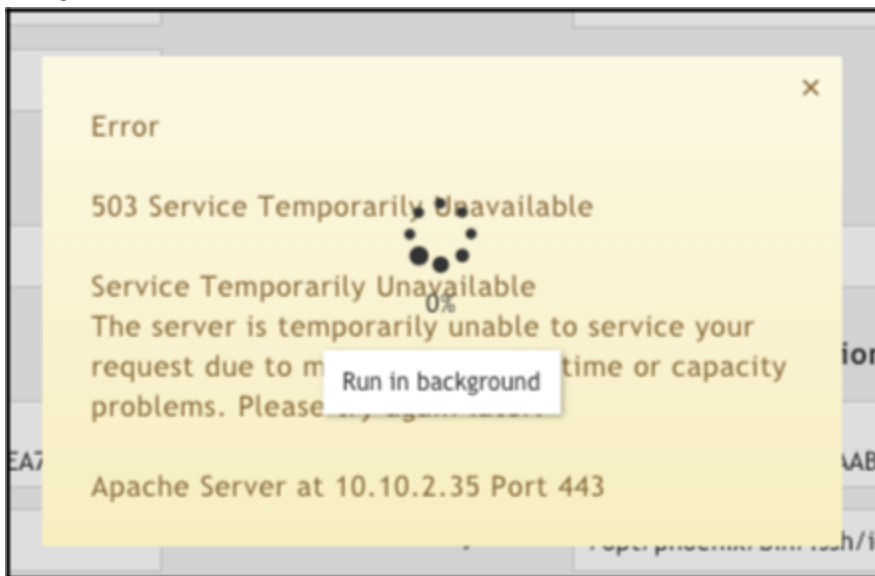
This field must be input again, but it can be obtained from an SSH session to the Secondary now, as it now has the same database as the Primary. Run the following command and paste the output into the **Primary DB Password** field.

```
#On the SECONDARY node
/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool -showDatabasePassword
```

4. Click **Apply**.
5. Click **Yes** to the warning, Are you sure you want to switch Roles?.



At this time, the following will appear in the GUI and it will seem to disconnect and the DR scripts will be run in the background.



After a short period of time, all the backend processes will start and the GUI will return to the login page.

If you run a Real-Time search you will probably find no data is still being received. This is because a DNS change is now required for the shared DNS addresses for the Supervisor node and the Worker upload settings, as in this example case:

DNS Address	Old Value	New Value
site.fsm-mssp.com	CNAME -> site1.fsm-mssp.com	CNAME -> site2.fsm-mssp.com
worker1.fsm-mssp.com	198.51.100.20	203.0.113.20
worker2.fsm-mssp.com	198.51.100.21	203.0.113.21

Change the DNS addresses and data will start to flow in normally.

Note: When the original Primary is recovered and powered back on, it will detect this and take on the Secondary role automatically.

Change-Over Where Both Systems are Operational

Operationally, there may be a need to perform a DR change over while both nodes are actually up and running.

Again, to note, this is a manual process of promoting the Secondary node to be the Primary.

On the Primary FortiSIEM node, log into the GUI:

1. Navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
2. Change the **Role selector** for the Primary node to be **Secondary**.
3. Populate the **Primary DB Password** field.

Run the following command on either the Primary or Secondary node via SSH:

```
#On the PRIMARY or SECONDARY node  
/opt/phoenix/bin/phLicenseTool --showDatabasePassword
```

4. Click **Apply**, and respond **Yes** to the warning, "Are you sure you want to switch Roles?".
Note: The extra steps below are very important. You will have a cluster which thinks it has two Primary nodes if you do not follow the two steps below.
5. Switch to the Secondary node GUI, and navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
6. Change the Roles (unless the CMDB sync has already updated).
7. Click **Apply**.

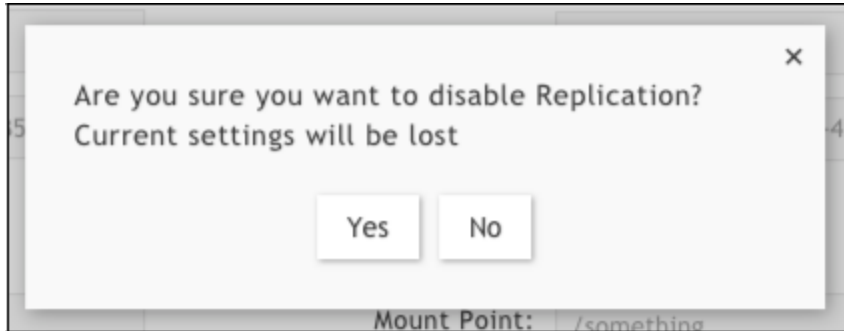
Remember to change the DNS addresses after the migration.

Turning Off the Disaster Recovery Feature

There are cases where the DR Replication feature needs to be disabled, such as performing upgrades.

On the Primary FortiSIEM node, log into the GUI:

1. Navigate to **Admin > Settings > Database > Replicate** (or **Replication** in 5.3+).
2. Deselect the **Enable Replication** check box.
3. Respond **Yes** to the warning regarding disabling the Replication.



4. Click **Apply**.
5. Wait for the response `Replicate settings applied`.

Since the database is shared, this only needs to be performed on one node.

But, due to a bug in 5.2.8, it can only be re-enabled from the opposite node, Secondary in this case.



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