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Change Log

Date	Change Description
2025-03-27	Initial release.

Introduction and supported models

This guide provides release information for FortiOS 6.4.16 build 2098.

For FortiOS documentation, see the Fortinet Document Library.

Supported models

FortiOS 6.4.16 supports the following models.

FortiGate	FG-40F, FG-40F-3G4G, FG-60E, FG-60E-DSL, FG-60E-DSLJ, FG-60E-POE, FG-60F, FG-61E, FG-61F, FG-80E, FG-80E-POE, FG-80F, FG-80F-BP, FG-80F-POE, FG-81E, FG-81E-POE, FG-81F, FG-81F-POE, FG-90E, FG-91E, FG-100E, FG-100EF, FG-100F, FG-101E, FG-101F, FG-140E, FG-140E-POE, FG-200E, FG-200F, FG-201E, FG-201F, FG-300D, FG-300E, FG-301E, FG-400D, FG-400E, FG-400E-BP, FG-401E, FG-500D, FG-500E, FG-501E, FG-600D, FG-600E, FG-601E, FG-800D, FG-900D, FG-1000D, FG-1100E, FG-1101E, FG-1200D, FG-1500D, FG-1500DT, FG-1800F, FG-1801F, FG-2000E, FG-2200E, FG-2201E, FG-2500E, FG-2600F, FG-2601F, FG-3000D, FG-3100D, FG-3200D, FG-3300E, FG-3301E, FG-3400E, FG-3401E, FG-3600E, FG-3601E, FG-3700D, FG-3800D, FG-3810D, FG-3815D, FG-5001D, FG-3960E, FG-3980E, FG-4200F, FG-4201F, FG-4400F, FG-4401F, FG-5001E, FG-5001E1
FortiWiFi	FWF-40F, FWF-40F-3G4G, FWF-60E, FWF-60E-DSL, FWF-60E-DSLJ, FWF-60F, FWF-61E, FWF-61F, FWF-80F-2R, FWF-81F-2R, FWF-81F-2R-POE, FWF-81F-2R-3G4G-POE
FortiGate Rugged	FGR-60F, FGR-60F-3G4G
FortiGate VM	FG-SVM, FG-VM64, FG-VM64-ALI, FG-VM64-ALIONDEMAND, FG-VM64-AWS, FG-VM64-AZURE, FG-VM64-GCP, FG-VM64-GCPONDEMAND, FG-VM64-HV, FG-VM64-IBM, FG-VM64-KVM, FG-VM64-OPC, FG-VM64-RAXONDEMAND, FG-VMX, FG-VM64-XEN
FortiFirewall	FFW-3980E, FFW-4200F, FFW-4400F, FFW-VM64, FFW-VM64-KVM
Pay-as-you-go images	FOS-VM64, FOS-VM64-HV, FOS-VM64-KVM, FOS-VM64-XEN

Special branch supported models

The following models are released on a special branch of FortiOS 6.4.16. To confirm that you are running the correct build, run the CLI command `get system status` and check that the `Branch point` field shows 2098.

FG-400F	is released on build 6181.
FG-401F	is released on build 6181.

FG-600F	is released on build 6181.
FG-601F	is released on build 6181.
FWF-1801F	is released on build 6180.
FWF-2600F	is released on build 6180.
FWF-4401F	is released on build 6180.

Special notices

CAPWAP traffic offloading

CAPWAP traffic will not offload if the ingress and egress traffic ports are on different NP6 chips. It will only offload if both ingress and egress ports belong to the same NP6 chip. The following models are affected:

- FG-900D
- FG-1000D
- FG-2000E
- FG-2500E

FortiClient (Mac OS X) SSL VPN requirements

When using SSL VPN on Mac OS X 10.8, you must enable SSLv3 in FortiOS.

Use of dedicated management interfaces (*mgmt1* and *mgmt2*)

For optimum stability, use management ports (*mgmt1* and *mgmt2*) for management traffic only. Do not use management ports for general user traffic.

Tags option removed from GUI

The Tags option is removed from the GUI. This includes the following:

- The *System > Tags* page is removed.
- The *Tags* section is removed from all pages that had a *Tags* section.
- The *Tags* column is removed from all column selections.

System Advanced menu removal (combined with System Settings)

Bug ID	Description
584254	- Removed *System > Advanced* menu (moved most features to *System > Settings* page). - Moved configuration script upload feature to top menu > *Configuration > Scripts* page. - Removed GUI support for auto-script configuration (the feature is still supported in the CLI). - Converted all compliance tests to security rating tests.

PCI passthrough ports

Bug ID	Description
605103	PCI passthrough ports order might be changed after upgrading. This does not affect VMXNET3 and SR-IOV ports because SR-IOV ports are in MAC order by default.

FG-80E-POE and FG-81E-POE PoE controller firmware update

FortiOS 6.4.0 has resolved bug 570575 to fix a FortiGate failing to provide power to ports. The PoE hardware controller, however, may require an update that must be performed using the CLI. Upon successful execution of this command, the PoE hardware controller firmware is updated to the latest version 2.18:

```
diagnose poe upgrade-firmware
```

AWS-On-Demand image

Bug ID	Description
589605	Starting from FortiOS 6.4.0, the FG-VM64-AWSONDEMAND image is no longer provided. Both AWS PAYG and AWS BYOL models will share the same FG-VM64-AWS image for upgrading and new deployments. Remember to back up your configuration before upgrading.

Azure-On-Demand image

Bug ID	Description
657690	Starting from FortiOS 6.4.3, the FG-VM64-AZUREONDEMAND image is no longer provided. Both Azure PAYG and Azure BYOL models will share the same FG-VM64-AZURE image for upgrading and new deployments. Remember to back up your configuration before upgrading.

FortiClient EMS Cloud registration

FortiOS 6.4.3 and later adds full support for FortiClient EMS Cloud service.

SSL traffic over TLS 1.0 will not be checked and will be bypassed by default

FortiOS 6.2.6 and 6.4.3 ended support for TLS 1.0 when `strong-crypto` is enabled under `system global`. With this change, SSL traffic over TLS 1.0 will not be checked so it will be bypassed by default.

To examine and/or block TLS 1.0 traffic, an administrator can either:

- Disable `strong-crypto` under `config system global`. This applies to FortiOS 6.2.6 and 6.4.3, or later versions.
- Under `config firewall ssl-ssh-profile`, set the following to `block` in the SSL protocol settings:
  - in FortiOS 6.2.6 and later:

  ```
  config firewall ssl-ssh-profile
      edit <name>
          config ssl
              set unsupported-ssl block
          end
      next
  end
  ```

  - in FortiOS 6.4.3 and later:

  ```
  config firewall ssl-ssh-profile
      edit <name>
          config ssl
              set unsupported-ssl-negotiation block
          end
      next
  end
  ```

RDP and VNC clipboard toolbox in SSL VPN web mode

Press `F8` to access the RDP/VNC clipboard toolbox. The functionality in previous versions with the clipboard toolbox in the right-hand side of the RDP/VNC page has been removed in FortiOS 6.4.7 and later.

Hyperscale incompatibilities and limitations

See Hyperscale firewall incompatibilities and limitations in the Hyperscale Firewall Guide for a list of limitations and incompatibilities with FortiOS 6.4.16 features.

CAPWAP offloading compatibility of FortiGate NP7 platforms

To work with FortiGate NP7 platforms, current FortiAP models whose names end with letter E or F should be upgraded to the following firmware versions:

- FortiAP (F models): version 6.4.7, 7.0.1, and later
- FortiAP-S and FortiAP-W2 (E models): version 6.4.7, 7.0.1, and later
- FortiAP-U (EV and F models): version 6.2.2 and later
- FortiAP-C (FAP-C24JE): version 5.4.3 and later

The CAPWAP offloading feature of FortiGate NP7 platforms is not fully compatible with FortiAP models that cannot be upgraded (as mentioned above) or legacy FortiAP models whose names end with the letters B, C, CR, or D. To work around this issue for these FortiAP models, administrators need to disable `capwap-offload` under `config system npu` and then reboot the FortiGate.

IP pools and VIPs are not considered local addresses for certain FortiOS versions

For FortiOS 6.4.9 and later, 7.0.1 to 7.0.12, 7.2.0 to 7.2.5, and 7.4.0, all IP addresses used as IP pools and VIPs are not considered local IP addresses if responding to ARP requests on these external IP addresses is enabled (`set arp-reply enable`, by default). For these cases, the FortiGate is not considered a destination for those IP addresses and cannot receive reply traffic at the application layer without special handling.

- This behavior affects FortiOS features in the application layer that use an IP pool as its source IP pool, including SSL VPN web mode, explicit web proxy, and the phase 1 local gateway in an interface mode IPsec VPN.
- The FortiGate will not receive reply traffic at the application layer, and the corresponding FortiOS feature will not work as desired.
- Configuring an IP pool as the source NAT IP address in a regular firewall policy works as before.

For details on the history of the behavior changes for IP pools and VIPs, and for issues and their workarounds for the affected FortiOS versions, see Technical Tip: IP pool and virtual IP behavior changes in FortiOS 6.4, 7.0, 7.2, and 7.4.

Upgrade information

Supported upgrade path information is available on the Fortinet Customer Service & Support site.

To view supported upgrade path information:

1. Go to https://support.fortinet.com.
2. From the *Download* menu, select *Firmware Images*.
3. Check that *Select Product* is *FortiGate*.
4. Click the *Upgrade Path* tab and select the following:
   - *Current Product*
   - *Current FortiOS Version*
   - *Upgrade To FortiOS Version*
5. Click *Go*.

Device detection changes

In FortiOS 6.0.x, the device detection feature contains multiple sub-components, which are independent:

- Visibility – Detected information is available for topology visibility and logging.
- FortiClient endpoint compliance – Information learned from FortiClient can be used to enforce compliance of those endpoints.
- Mac-address-based device policies – Detected devices can be defined as custom devices, and then used in device-based policies.

In 6.2, these functionalities have changed:

- Visibility – Configuration of the feature remains the same as FortiOS 6.0, including FortiClient information.
- FortiClient endpoint compliance – A new fabric connector replaces this, and aligns it with all other endpoint connectors for dynamic policies. For more information, see Dynamic Policy - FortiClient EMS (Connector) in the *FortiOS 6.2.0 New Features Guide*.
- MAC-address-based policies – A new address type is introduced (MAC address range), which can be used in regular policies. The previous device policy feature can be achieved by manually defining MAC addresses, and then adding them to regular policy table in 6.2. For more information, see MAC Addressed-Based Policies in the *FortiOS 6.2.0 New Features Guide*.

If you were using device policies in 6.0.x, you will need to migrate these policies to the regular policy table manually after upgrade. After upgrading to 6.2.0:

1. Create MAC-based firewall addresses for each device.
2. Apply the addresses to regular IPv4 policy table.

In 6.4.0, device detection related GUI functionality has been relocated:

1. The device section has moved from *User & Authentication* (formerly *User & Device*) to a widget in *Dashboard*.
2. The email collection monitor page has moved from *Monitor* to a widget in *Dashboard*.

In 6.4.4, a new sub-option, *Delete*, was added when right-clicking on the device. This option is not available when the device is online, or the device is retrieved from FortiClient.

FortiClient Endpoint Telemetry license

Starting with FortiOS 6.2.0, the FortiClient Endpoint Telemetry license is deprecated. The FortiClient Compliance profile under the Security Profiles menu has been removed as has the Enforce FortiClient Compliance Check option under each interface configuration page. Endpoints running FortiClient 6.2.0 now register only with FortiClient EMS 6.2.0 and compliance is accomplished through the use of Compliance Verification Rules configured on FortiClient EMS 6.2.0 and enforced through the use of firewall policies. As a result, there are two upgrade scenarios:

- Customers using only a FortiGate device in FortiOS 6.0 to enforce compliance must install FortiClient EMS 6.2.0 and purchase a FortiClient Security Fabric Agent License for their FortiClient EMS installation.
- Customers using both a FortiGate device in FortiOS 6.0 and FortiClient EMS running 6.0 for compliance enforcement, must upgrade the FortiGate device to FortiOS 6.2.0, FortiClient to 6.2.0, and FortiClient EMS to 6.2.0.

The FortiClient 6.2.0 for MS Windows standard installer and zip package containing FortiClient.msi and language transforms and the FortiClient 6.2.0 for macOS standard installer are included with FortiClient EMS 6.2.0.

Fortinet Security Fabric upgrade

FortiOS 6.4.16 greatly increases the interoperability between other Fortinet products. This includes:

- FortiAnalyzer 6.4.15
- FortiManager 6.4.15
- FortiExtender 4.2.4 and later (for compatibility with latest features, use latest 7.4 version)
- FortiClient EMS 6.4.3 build 1600 or later
- FortiClient 6.4.3 build 1608 or later
- FortiAP 6.4.4 build 0456 or later
- FortiSwitch 6.4.5 build 0461 or later

When upgrading your Security Fabric, devices that manage other devices should be upgraded first. Upgrade the firmware of each device in the following order. This maintains network connectivity without the need to use manual steps.

1. FortiAnalyzer
2. FortiManager
3. Managed FortiExtender devices
4. FortiGate devices
5. Managed FortiSwitch devices
6. Managed FortiAP devices
7. FortiClient EMS
8. FortiClient
9. FortiSandbox
10. FortiMail

11. FortiWeb
12. FortiADC
13. FortiDDOS
14. FortiWLC
15. FortiNAC
16. FortiVoice

> ⚠ If Security Fabric is enabled, then all FortiGate devices must be upgraded to 6.4.16. When Security Fabric is enabled in FortiOS 6.4.16, all FortiGate devices must be running FortiOS 6.4.16.

Minimum version of TLS services automatically changed

For improved security, FortiOS 6.4.16 uses the `ssl-min-proto-version` option (under `config system global`) to control the minimum SSL protocol version used in communication between FortiGate and third-party SSL and TLS services.

When you upgrade to FortiOS 6.4.16 and later, the default `ssl-min-proto-version` option is TLS v1.2. The following SSL and TLS services inherit global settings to use TLS v1.2 as the default. You can override these settings.

- Email server (`config system email-server`)
- Certificate (`config vpn certificate setting`)
- FortiSandbox (`config system fortisandbox`)
- FortiGuard (`config log fortiguard setting`)
- FortiAnalyzer (`config log fortianalyzer setting`)
- LDAP server (`config user ldap`)
- POP3 server (`config user pop3`)

Downgrading to previous firmware versions

Downgrading to previous firmware versions results in configuration loss on all models. Only the following settings are retained:

- operation mode
- interface IP/management IP
- static route table
- DNS settings
- admin user account
- session helpers
- system access profiles

Amazon AWS enhanced networking compatibility issue

With this enhancement, there is a compatibility issue with 5.6.2 and older AWS VM versions. After downgrading a 6.4.16 image to a 5.6.2 or older version, network connectivity is lost. Since AWS does not provide console access, you cannot recover the downgraded image.

When downgrading from 6.4.16 to 5.6.2 or older versions, running the enhanced NIC driver is not allowed. The following AWS instances are affected:

C5	Inf1	P3	T3a
C5d	m4.16xlarge	R4	u-6tb1.metal
C5n	M5	R5	u-9tb1.metal
F1	M5a	R5a	u-12tb1.metal
G3	M5ad	R5ad	u-18tb1.metal
G4	M5d	R5d	u-24tb1.metal
H1	M5dn	R5dn	X1
I3	M5n	R5n	X1e
I3en	P2	T3	z1d

A workaround is to stop the instance, change the type to a non-ENA driver NIC type, and continue with downgrading.

FortiLink access-profile setting

The new FortiLink `local-access` profile controls access to the physical interface of a FortiSwitch that is managed by FortiGate.

After upgrading FortiGate to 6.4.16, the interface `allowaccess` configuration on all managed FortiSwitches are overwritten by the default FortiGate `local-access` profile. You must manually add your protocols to the `local-access` profile after upgrading to 6.4.16.

To configure `local-access` profile:

```
config switch-controller security-policy local-access
    edit [Policy Name]
        set mgmt-allowaccess https ping ssh
        set internal-allowaccess https ping ssh
    next
end
```

To apply `local-access` profile to managed FortiSwitch:

```
config switch-controller managed-switch
    edit [FortiSwitch Serial Number]
        set switch-profile [Policy Name]
        set access-profile [Policy Name]
    next
end
```

FortiGate VM with V-license

This version allows FortiGate VM with V-License to enable `split-vdom`.

To enable `split-vdom`:

```
config system global
    set vdom-mode [no-vdom | split vdom]
end
```

FortiGate VM firmware

Fortinet provides FortiGate VM firmware images for the following virtual environments:

Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 Express Edition

- `.out`: Download the 64-bit firmware image to upgrade your existing FortiGate VM installation.
- `.out.OpenXen.zip`: Download the 64-bit package for a new FortiGate VM installation. This package contains the QCOW2 file for Open Source XenServer.
- `.out.CitrixXen.zip`: Download the 64-bit package for a new FortiGate VM installation. This package contains the Citrix XenServer Virtual Appliance (XVA), Virtual Hard Disk (VHD), and OVF files.

Linux KVM

- `.out`: Download the 64-bit firmware image to upgrade your existing FortiGate VM installation.
- `.out.kvm.zip`: Download the 64-bit package for a new FortiGate VM installation. This package contains QCOW2 that can be used by `qemu`.

Microsoft Hyper-V Server 2019 and Windows Server 2012R2 with Hyper-V role

- `.out`: Download the 64-bit firmware image to upgrade your existing FortiGate VM installation.
- `.out.hyperv.zip`: Download the 64-bit package for a new FortiGate VM installation. This package contains three folders that can be imported by Hyper-V Manager. It also contains the file `fortios.vhd` in the Virtual Hard Disks folder that can be manually added to the Hyper-V Manager.

VMware ESX and ESXi

- `.out`: Download either the 64-bit firmware image to upgrade your existing FortiGate VM installation.
- `.ovf.zip`: Download either the 64-bit package for a new FortiGate VM installation. This package contains Open Virtualization Format (OVF) files for VMware and two Virtual Machine Disk Format (VMDK) files used by the OVF file during deployment.

Firmware image checksums

The MD5 checksums for all Fortinet software and firmware releases are available at the Customer Service & Support portal, https://support.fortinet.com. After logging in, go to *Support > Firmware Image Checksums* (in the *Downloads* section), enter the image file name including the extension, and click *Get Checksum Code*.

FortiGuard update-server-location setting

The FortiGuard `update-server-location` default setting is different between hardware platforms and VMs. On hardware platforms, the default is `any`. On VMs, the default is `usa`.

On VMs, after upgrading from 5.6.3 or earlier to 5.6.4 or later (including 6.0.0 or later), `update-server-location` is set to `usa`.

If necessary, set `update-server-location` to use the nearest or low-latency FDS servers.

To set FortiGuard `update-server-location`:

```
config system fortiguard
   set update-server-location [usa|any]
end
```

FortiView widgets

Monitor widgets can be saved as standalone dashboards.

There are two types of default dashboard settings:

- Optimal: Default dashboard settings in 6.4.1
- Comprehensive: Default Monitor and FortiView settings before 6.4.1

Filtering facets are available for FortiView widgets in full screen and standalone mode.

WanOpt configuration changes in 6.4.0

Port configuration is now done in the profile protocol options. HTTPS configurations need to have certificate inspection configured in the firewall policy.

In FortiOS 6.4.0, `set ssl-ssh-profile certificate-inspection` must be added in the firewall policy:

```
config firewall policy
   edit 1
      select srcintf FGT_A:NET_CLIENT
      select dstintf FGT_A:WAN
      select srcaddr all
      select dstaddr all
```

```
        set action accept
        set schedule always
        select service ALL
        set inspection-mode proxy
        set ssl-ssh-profile certificate-inspection
        set wanopt enable
        set wanopt-detection off
        set wanopt-profile "http"
        set wanopt-peer FGT_D:HOSTID
    next
end
```

WanOpt and web cache statistics

The statistics for WanOpt and web cache have moved from *Monitor* to a widget in *Dashboard*.

IPsec interface MTU value

IPsec interfaces may calculate a different MTU value after upgrading from 6.2.

This change might cause an OSPF neighbor to not be established after upgrading. The workaround is to set `mtu-ignore` to `enable` on the OSPF interface's configuration:

```
config router ospf
    config ospf-interface
        edit "ipsce-vpnx"
            set mtu-ignore enable
        next
    end
end
```

HA role wording changes

The term master has changed to primary, and slave has changed to secondary. This change applies to all HA-related CLI commands and output. The one exception is any output related to VRRP, which remains unchanged.

Virtual WAN link member lost

The member of `virtual-wan-link` is lost after upgrade if the `mgmt` interface is set to `dedicated-to management` and part of an SD-WAN configuration before upgrade.

Enabling match-vip in firewall policies

As of FortiOS 6.4.3, `match-vip` is not allowed in firewall policies when the action is set to accept.

Hardware switch members configurable under system interface list

Starting in FortiOS 6.4.7, hardware switch members are also shown under `config system interface` with limited configuration options available.

VDOM link and policy configuration is lost after upgrading if VDOM and VDOM link have the same name

Affected versions:

- FortiOS 6.4.9 and later
- FortiOS 7.0.6 and later
- FortiOS 7.2.0 and later

When upgrading to one of the affected versions, there is a check within the set `vdom-links` function that rejects `vdom-links` that have the same name as a VDOM. Without the check, the FortiGate will have a kernel panic upon bootup during the upgrade step.

A workaround is to rename the `vdom-links` prior to upgrading, so that they are different from the VDOMs.

BIOS-level signature and file integrity checking during downgrade

When downgrading to a version of FortiOS prior to 6.4.13, 7.0.12, and 7.2.5 that does not support BIOS-level signature and file integrity check during bootup, the following steps should be taken if the BIOS version of the FortiGate matches the following versions:

- 6000100 or greater
- 5000100 or greater

To downgrade or upgrade to or from a version that does not support BIOS-level signature and file integrity check during bootup:

1. If the current security level is 2, change the security level to 0. This issue does not affect security level 1 or below.
2. Downgrade to the desired FortiOS firmware version.
3. If upgrading back to 6.4.13, 7.0.12, 7.2.5, 7.4.0, or later, ensure that the security level is set to 0.
4. Upgrade to the desired FortiOS firmware version.
5. Change the security level back to 2.

To verify the BIOS version:

The BIOS version is displayed during bootup:

```
Please stand by while rebooting the system.
Restarting system
FortiGate-1001F (13:13-05.16.2023)
Ver:06000100
```

To verify the security level:

```
# get system status
Version: FortiGate-VM64 v7.4.2,build2571,231219 (GA.F)
First GA patch build date: 230509
Security Level: 1
```

To change the security level:

1. Connect to the console port of the FortiGate.
2. Reboot the FortiGate (`execute reboot`) and enter the BIOS menu.
3. Press [I] to enter the *System Information* menu
4. Press [U] to enter the *Set security level* menu
5. Enter the required security level.
6. Continue to boot the device.

Product integration and support

The following table lists FortiOS 6.4.16 product integration and support information:

Web Browsers	• Microsoft Edge 114 • Mozilla Firefox version 113 • Google Chrome version 114 Other browser versions have not been tested, but may fully function. Other web browsers may function correctly, but are not supported by Fortinet.
Explicit Web Proxy Browser	• Microsoft Edge 114 • Mozilla Firefox version 113 • Google Chrome version 114 Other browser versions have not been tested, but may fully function. Other web browsers may function correctly, but are not supported by Fortinet.
FortiManager	See important compatibility information in Fortinet Security Fabric upgrade on page 13. For the latest information, see FortiManager compatibility with FortiOS in the Fortinet Document Library. Upgrade FortiManager before upgrading FortiGate.
FortiAnalyzer	See important compatibility information in Fortinet Security Fabric upgrade on page 13. For the latest information, see FortiAnalyzer compatibility with FortiOS in the Fortinet Document Library. Upgrade FortiAnalyzer before upgrading FortiGate.
FortiClient: • **Microsoft Windows** • **Mac OS X** • **Linux**	• 6.4.0 See important compatibility information in FortiClient Endpoint Telemetry license on page 13 and Fortinet Security Fabric upgrade on page 13. FortiClient for Linux is supported on Ubuntu 16.04 and later, Red Hat 7.4 and later, and CentOS 7.4 and later. If you are using FortiClient only for IPsec VPN or SSL VPN, FortiClient version 6.0 and later are supported.
FortiClient iOS	• 6.4.0 and later
FortiClient Android and FortiClient VPN Android	• 6.4.0 and later
FortiClient EMS	• 6.4.0
FortiAP	• 5.4.2 and later • 5.6.0 and later
FortiAP-S	• 5.4.3 and later • 5.6.0 and later
FortiAP-U	• 5.4.5 and later

FortiAP-W2	• 5.6.0 and later
FortiSwitch OS (FortiLink support)	• 3.6.9 and later
FortiController	• 5.2.5 and later Supported models: FCTL-5103B, FCTL-5903C, FCTL-5913C
FortiSandbox	• 2.3.3 and later

Fortinet Single Sign-On (FSSO)	• 5.0 build 0319 and later (needed for FSSO agent support OU in group filters)
	  • Windows Server 2022 Standard
	  • Windows Server 2022 Datacenter
	  • Windows Server 2019 Standard
	  • Windows Server 2019 Datacenter
	  • Windows Server 2019 Core
	  • Windows Server 2016 Datacenter
	  • Windows Server 2016 Standard
	  • Windows Server 2016 Core
	  • Windows Server 2012 Standard
	  • Windows Server 2012 R2 Standard
	  • Windows Server 2012 Core
	  • Windows Server 2008 64-bit (requires Microsoft SHA2 support package)
	  • Windows Server 2008 R2 64-bit (requires Microsoft SHA2 support package)
	  • Windows Server 2008 Core (requires Microsoft SHA2 support package)
	  • Novell eDirectory 8.8

FortiExtender	• 4.0.0 and later. For compatibility with latest features, use latest 4.2 version.
AV Engine	• 6.00176
IPS Engine	• 6.00160
Virtualization Environments	
Citrix	• Hypervisor 8.1 Express Edition, Dec 17, 2019
Linux KVM	• Ubuntu 18.0.4 LTS, 4.15.0-72-generic, QEMU emulator version 2.11.1 (Debian 1:2.11+dfsg-1ubuntu7.21)
Microsoft	• Windows Server 2012R2 with Hyper-V role • Windows Hyper-V Server 2019
Open Source	• XenServer version 3.4.3 • XenServer version 4.1 and later
VMware	• ESXi versions 6.5, 6.7, and 7.0

Language support

The following table lists language support information.

Language support

Language	GUI
English	✓
Chinese (Simplified)	✓
Chinese (Traditional)	✓
French	✓
Japanese	✓
Korean	✓
Portuguese (Brazil)	✓
Spanish	✓

SSL VPN support

SSL VPN web mode

The following table lists the operating systems and web browsers supported by SSL VPN web mode.

Supported operating systems and web browsers

Operating System	Web Browser
Microsoft Windows 7 SP1 (32-bit & 64-bit)	Mozilla Firefox version 113 Google Chrome version 113
Microsoft Windows 10 (64-bit)	Microsoft Edge Mozilla Firefox version 113 Google Chrome version 113
Ubuntu 20.04 (64-bit)	Mozilla Firefox version 113 Google Chrome version 113
macOS Big Sur 11.4	Apple Safari version 15 Mozilla Firefox version 113 Google Chrome version 113
iOS	Apple Safari

Operating System	Web Browser
	Mozilla Firefox
	Google Chrome
Android	Mozilla Firefox
	Google Chrome

Other operating systems and web browsers may function correctly, but are not supported by Fortinet.

Resolved issues

The following issues have been fixed in version 6.4.16. To inquire about a particular bug, please contact Customer Service & Support.

Log & Report

Bug ID	Description
958537	When one of the PSUs is not present, the event logs are constantly generated.

SSL VPN

Bug ID	Description
872745	SSL VPN web mode to RDP broker leads to connection being closed.
887345	When a user needs to enter credentials through a pop-up window, the key events for modification key detected by SDL were ignored.
1101837	Insufficient session expiration in SSL VPN using SAML authentication.

System

Bug ID	Description
855573	False alarm of the PSU2 occurs with only one installed.
904486	The FortiGate may display a false alarm message and subsequently initiate a reboot.
926035	With FortiGate D-series, false alarm during system integrity check failure causes firewall to reboot.

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Visit https://fortiguard.com/psirt for more information.

Bug ID	CVE references
761464	FortiOS 6.4.16 is no longer vulnerable to the following CVE Reference: • CVE-2023-36640 • CVE-2023-45583
1029403	FortiOS 6.4.16 is no longer vulnerable to the following CVE Reference: • CVE-2024-35279

Known issues

The following issues have been identified in version 6.4.16. To inquire about a particular bug or report a bug, please contact Customer Service & Support.

Anti Spam

Bug ID	Description
877613	*Mark as Reject* can be still chosen as an *Action* in an *Anti-Spam Block/Allow List* in the GUI.

Firewall

Bug ID	Description
719311	On the *Policy & Objects > Firewall Policy* page in 6.4.0 onwards, the IPv4 and IPv6 policy tables are combined but the custom section name (global label) is not automatically checked for duplicates. If there is a duplicate custom section name, the policy list may show empty for that section. This is a display issue only and does not impact policy traffic. **Workaround**: rename the custom section to unique name between IPv4 and IPv6 policies.
770541	Within the *Policy & Objects* menu, the firewall, DoS, and traffic shaping policy pages take around five seconds to load when the FortiGate cannot reach the FortiGuard DNS servers. **Workaround**: set the DNS server to the FortiGuard DNS server.

843554	If the first firewall service object in the service list (based on the order in the command line table) has a protocol type of *IP*, the GUI may incorrectly modify its protocol number whenever a new firewall service of the same protocol type *IP* is created in the GUI.
	This silent misconfiguration can result in unexpected behavior of firewall policies that use the impacted service. For example, some 6K and 7K platforms have firewall service *ALL* (protocol type *IP*) as the first service, and this can cause the *ALL* service to be modified unexpectedly.
	Workaround: create a new service in the CLI, or move a non-IP type services to the top of the firewall service list. For example, if `ALL` is the first firewall service in the list:
	
	`config firewall service custom`
	`    edit "unused"`
	`        set tcp-portrange 1`
	`    next`
	`    move "unused" before "ALL"`
	`end`

FortiView

Bug ID	Description
683654	FortiView pages with FortiAnalyzer source incorrectly display a *Failed to retrieve data* error on all VDOM views when there is a newly created VDOM that is not yet registered to FortiAnalyzer. The error should only show on the new VDOM view.

GUI

Bug ID	Description
440197	On the *System > FortiGuard* page, the override FortiGuard server for *AntiVirus & IPS Updates* shows an *Unknown* status, even if the server is working correctly. This is a display issue only; the override feature is working properly.
602397	Managed FortiSwitch and FortiSwitch *Ports* pages are slow to load when there are many managed FortiSwitches.
653952	*The web page cannot be found* is displayed when a dashboard ID no longer exists. **Workaround**: load another page in the navigation pane. Once loaded, load the original dashboard page (that displayed the error) again.
688016	GUI interface bandwidth widget does not show correct data for tunnel interface when ASIC offload is enabled on the firewall policy.
695163	When there are a lot of historical logs from FortiAnalyzer, the FortiGate GUI *Forward Traffic* log page can take time to load if there is no specific filter for the time range. **Workaround**: provide a specific time range filter, or use the FortiAnalyzer GUI to view the logs.
743477	On the *Log & Report > Forward Traffic* page, filtering by the *Source* or *Destination* column with negation on the IP range does not work.

HA

Bug ID	Description
771999	Sessions not synchronized to HA secondary on an FGSP and FGCP combined setup.
779180	FGSP does not synchronize the `helper-pmap` expectation session.
917159	HA cluster upgrade fails for primary unit but works for the secondary unit if upgrading from FortiOS 6.4.11 and earlier. Affected platforms: FG-601F only. **Workaround**: disable uninterruptable upgrades, or break the cluster and upgrade the devices separately.

Hyperscale

Bug ID	Description
734305	In the GUI, an FQDN or ISDB can be selected for a DoS policy, which is not supported (an error message appears). The CLI shows the correct options.
760560	The timestamp on the hyperscale SPU of a deny policy (policy id 0) is incorrect.
796368	Traffic shaping profile does not seem to have an effect on TCP/UDP traffic in hyperscale.
802369	Large client IP range makes fixed allocation usage relatively limited.

Intrusion Prevention

Bug ID	Description
763736	IPS custom signature logging shows (even after being disabled) after upgrading to FortiOS 6.4.7.

Log & Report

Bug ID	Description
850642	Logs are not seen for traffic passing through the firewall caused by numerous simultaneous configuration changes.
860822	When viewing logs on the *Log & Report > System Events* page, filtering by *domain\username* does not display matching entries. **Workaround**: use a double backslash (*domain\\username*) while filtering or searching by username only without the domain.

Proxy

Bug ID	Description
604681	WAD process with SoC SSL acceleration enabled consumes more memory usage over time, which may lead to conserve mode. **Workaround**: disable SoC SSL acceleration under the firewall SSL settings.

REST API

Bug ID	Description
759675	`Connection failed` error occurs on FortiGate when an interface is created and updated using the API in quick succession.

Routing

Bug ID	Description
924940	When there are a lot of policies (several thousands), the interface member selection for the *SD-WAN Zone* dialog may take up to a minute to load. **Workaround**: use the CLI to configure the SD-WAN zone.

Security Fabric

Bug ID	Description
614691	Slow GUI performance in large Fabric topology with over 50 downstream devices.

SSL VPN

Bug ID	Description
710657	The `dstaddr`/`dstaddr6` of an SSL VPN policy can be set to `all` when split tunnel mode is enabled and only the default portal is set.
730416	Forward traffic log does not generate logs for HTTP and HTTPS services with SSL VPN web mode.

Switch Controller

Bug ID	Description
925130	If the FortiGate manages a FortiSwitch with a FortiSwitch port exported to a tenant VDOM, the *Status* dashboard on the tenant VDOM cannot load due to an issue with the *Security Fabric* widget. The loading issue may also impact the loading of subsequent pages. **Workaround**: remove the *Security Fabric* widget in the tenant VDOM's *Status* dashboard.

System

Bug ID	Description
555616	When NTurbo is enabled, it is unexpectedly provided with the wrong traffic direction information (from server or from client) to decide the destination for the data. This causes the traffic to be sent back to the port where it came from.
602141	The extender daemon crashes on Low Encryption (LENC) FortiGates.
648085	Link status on peer device is not down when the admin port is down on the FG-500.
664856	A VWP named .. can be created in the GUI, but it cannot be edited or deleted.
666664	Interface belonging to other VDOMs should be removed from interface list when configuring a GENEVE interface.
669645	VXLAN VNI interface cannot be used with a hardware switch.
685674	FortiGate did not restart after restoring the backup configuration via FortiManager after the following process: disable NPU offloading, change NGFW mode from profile-based to policy-based, retrieve configuration from FortiGate via FortiManager, and install the policy package via FortiManager.
724085	Traffic passing through an EMAC-VLAN interface when the parent interface is in another VDOM is blocked if NP7 offloading is enabled. **Workaround**: set the `auto-asic-offload` option to `disable` in the firewall policy.
751715	Random LTE modem disconnections due to certain carriers getting unstable due to WWAN modem USB speed under super-speed.
879769	If the firewall session is in check-new mode, FortiOS will not flush its NPU offload entry when there is a MAC address update of its gateway.
923364	System goes into halt state with `Error: Package validation failed...` message in cases where there are no engine files in the FortiGate when the BIOS security level is set to 2. **Workaround**: set the BIOS security level to 0 or 1.
931299	When the URL filter requests the FortiGuard (FGD) rating server address using DNS, it will try to get both A (IPv4) and AAAA (IPv6) records.

Upgrade

Bug ID	Description
767808	The `asicdos` option for enabling/disabling NP6XLite DoS offloading is missing after upgrading to 6.4.9. Affected platforms: NP6XLite.
840921	When upgrading from 6.0.15 to 6.4.11, an existing explicit flow-based web filter profile changes to proxy-based.

Bug ID	Description
903113	Upgrading FortiOS firmware with a local file from 6.2.13, 6.4.12, 7.0.11, or 7.2.4 and earlier may fail for certain models because the image file size exceeds the upload limit. Affected models: FortiGate 6000 and 7000 series, FWF-80F-2R, and FWF-81F-2R-POE. **Workaround**: upgrade the firmware using FortiGuard, or manually increase the HTTP request size limit to 200 MB. ```config system global set http-request-limit 200000000end```

User & Authentication

Bug ID	Description
778521	SCEP fails to renew if the local certificate name length is between 31 and 35 characters.
823884	When a search is performed on a user (*User & Authentication > User Definition* page), the search results highlight all the groups the user belongs to.
920157	When using *Guest Management* and creating a new guest user where the *User ID* is set to *Specify*, the GUI does not allow administrators to configure the *User ID*. **Workaround**: use the *Email* or *Auto Generated User ID* type for guest accounts, or generate a specific user ID in the CLI. ```# diagnose test guest add <guest_group> <user_id> <username> <password> <company> <expiry_time_in_seconds>```

VM

Bug ID	Description
596742	Azure SDN connector replicates configuration from primary device to secondary device during configuration restore.
617046	FG-VMX manager not showing all the nodes deployed.
639258	Autoscale GCP health check is not successful (port 8443 HTTPS).
668625	During every FortiGuard UTM update, there is high CPU usage because only one vCPU is available.
764392	Incorrect VMDK file size in the OVF file for hw13 and hw15. **Workaround**: manually correct the hw13 and hw15 OVF file's `ovf:size` value.

WiFi Controller

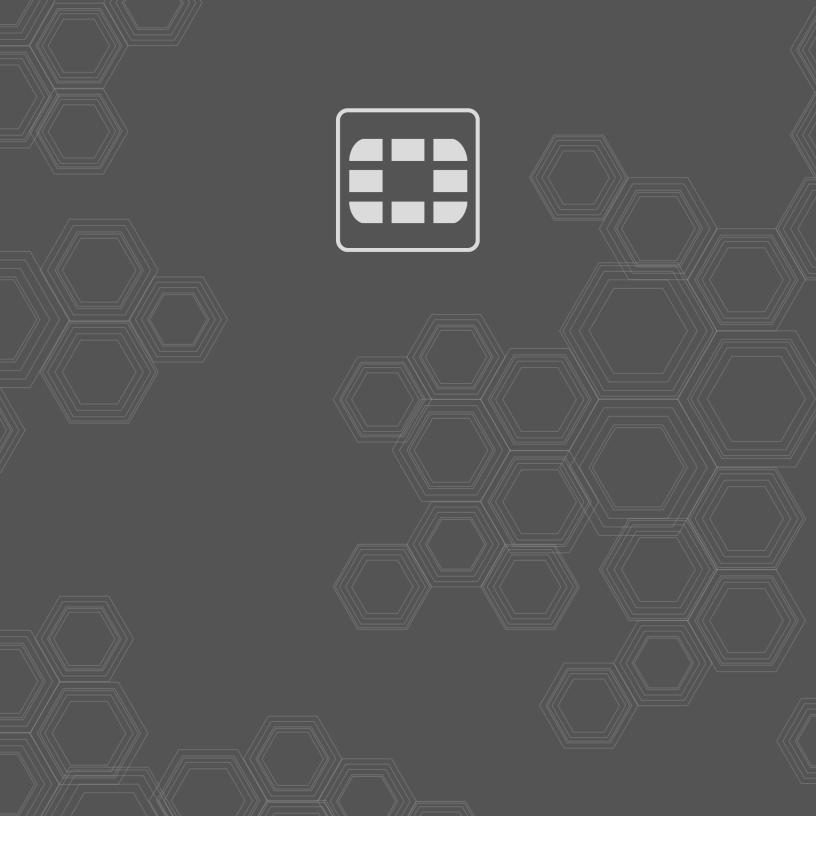| Bug ID	Description
662714	The `security-redirect-url` setting is missing when the `portal-type` is `auth-mac`.

Limitations

Citrix XenServer limitations

The following limitations apply to Citrix XenServer installations:

- XenTools installation is not supported.
- FortiGate-VM can be imported or deployed in only the following three formats:
  - XVA (recommended)
  - VHD
  - OVF
- The XVA format comes pre-configured with default configurations for VM name, virtual CPU, memory, and virtual NIC. Other formats will require manual configuration before the first power on process.

Open source XenServer limitations

When using Linux Ubuntu version 11.10, XenServer version 4.1.0, and libvir version 0.9.2, importing issues may arise when using the QCOW2 format and existing HDA issues.

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