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INTRODUCTION

This project focuses on building, configuring, and managing a multi-branch Fortinet security infrastructure using **FortiManager** and **FortiGate firewalls** within a simulated GNS3 environment.

The goal of the project is to understand centralized firewall management, policy deployment, troubleshooting connectivity issues, and ensuring proper communication between FortiManager and distributed FortiGate devices.

Throughout this project, we created a complete topology consisting of:

- One FortiManager appliance
- Three FortiGate devices (HQ, Branch 1, Branch 2)
- A cloud network acting as the WAN/Internet
- LAN segments for each branch

We configured addressing, routing, policies, and management settings to enable:

- Device registration on FortiManager
- Policy installation
- Device reachability
- Centralized monitoring and administration

This documentation explains all steps taken across four weeks, problems encountered, troubleshooting methods used, and the final functional setup.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Build a functional Fortinet environment using GNS3
- Configure FortiManager for centralized device control
- Register and manage multiple FortiGate devices
- Apply and install firewall policies
- Troubleshoot connectivity and version compatibility issues
- Understand FGFM protocol and ADOM versions
- Document all steps, findings, and results

1. OVERVIEW

During Week 1, the main objective was to set up the complete Fortinet environment inside **GNS3**, deploy all virtual devices, configure basic connectivity, and ensure communication between FortiManager and the different FortiGate firewalls.

The work consisted of importing appliance images, building the topology, assigning IP addressing, configuring policies, and preparing the infrastructure for centralized management.

NETWORK TOPOLOGY

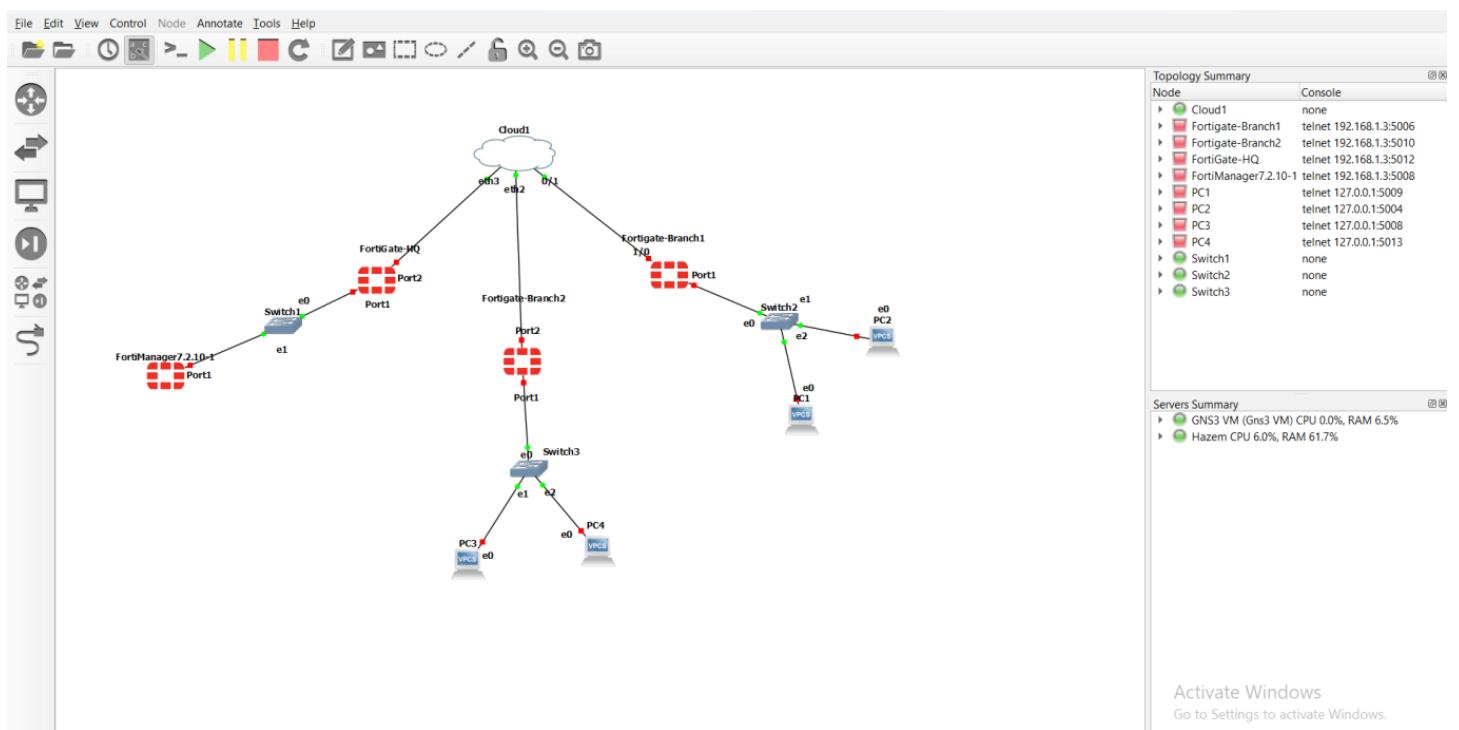


Figure 1 — Project Topology in GNS3

Lab Setup in GNS3

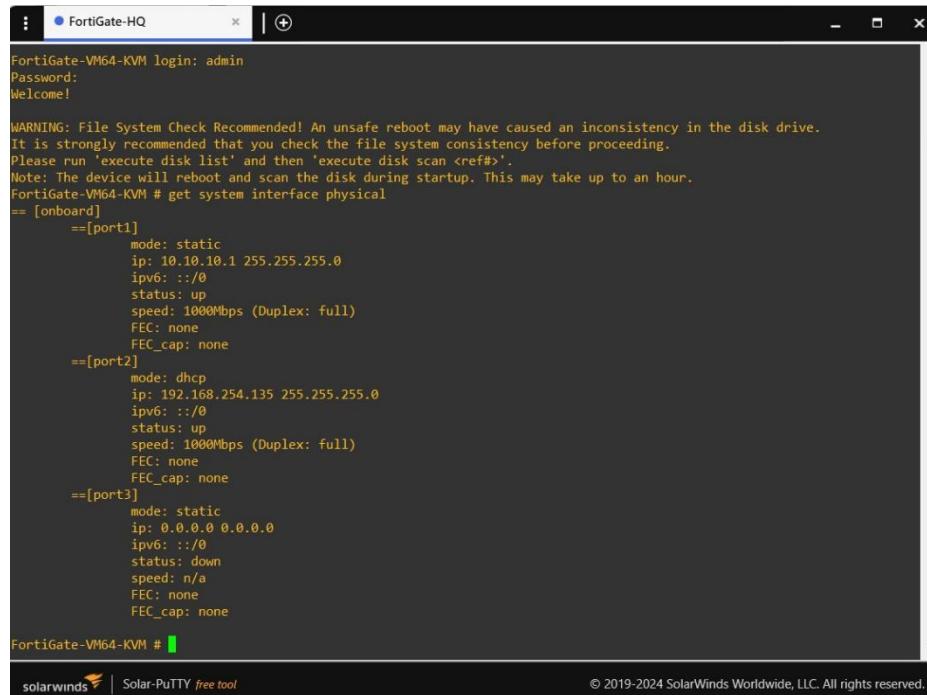
We used **GNS3** to emulate the full network. The following virtual appliances were added:

- **FortiManager** version **7.2.10**
- **FortiGate HQ** – version **7.0.9**
- **FortiGate Branch 1** – version **7.0.9**
- **FortiGate Branch 2** – version **7.0.9**

4. DEVICE IP CONFIGURATION

FORTIGATE HQ

- **WAN (port2):** 192.168.254.135 (DHCP)
- **LAN (port1):** 10.10.10.1



The screenshot shows a SolarPuTTY terminal window titled "FortiGate-HQ". The session is connected to "FortiGate-VM64-KVM". The terminal displays the following text:

```
FortiGate-VM64-KVM login: admin
Password:
Welcome!

WARNING: File System Check Recommended! An unsafe reboot may have caused an inconsistency in the disk drive.
It is strongly recommended that you check the file system consistency before proceeding.
Please run 'execute disk list' and then 'execute disk scan <ref#>'.
Note: The device will reboot and scan the disk during startup. This may take up to an hour.
FortiGate-VM64-KVM # get system interface physical
== [onboard]
  ==[port1]
    mode: static
    ip: 10.10.10.1 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
  ==[port2]
    mode: dhcp
    ip: 192.168.254.135 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
  ==[port3]
    mode: static
    ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: down
    speed: n/a
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
```

At the bottom of the window, there is a SolarWinds logo and the text "SolarPuTTY free tool". A copyright notice at the bottom right reads "© 2019-2024 SolarWinds Worldwide, LLC. All rights reserved."

FORTIGATE BRANCH 1

- **WAN (port2):** 192.168.254.133 (DHCP)
- **LAN (port1):** 10.20.20.1

```

ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
ipv6: ::/0
status: down
speed: n/a
FEC: none
FEC_cap: none
==[port4]

FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
Fortigate-VM64-KVM #
Fortigate-VM64-KVM # get system interface physical
== [onboard]
==[port1]
    mode: static
    ip: 10.20.20.1 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
==[port2]
    mode: dhcp
    ip: 192.168.254.134 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
==[port3]
    mode: static
    ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: down
    speed: n/a
    FEC: none
--More-- [green bar]

```

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FORTIGATE BRANCH 2

- **WAN (port2):** 192.168.254.134 (DHCP)
- **LAN (port1):** 10.30.30.1

```

FortiGate-VM64-KVMadminn:
Password:
Welcome!

WARNING: File System Check Recommended! An unsafe reboot may have caused an inconsistency in the disk drive.
It is strongly recommended that you check the file system consistency before proceeding.
Please run 'execute disk list' and then 'execute disk scan <ref#>'.
Note: The device will reboot and scan the disk during startup. This may take up to an hour.
FortiGate-VM64-KVM # get system interface physical
== [onboard]
==[port1]
    mode: static
    ip: 10.30.30.1 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
==[port2]
    mode: dhcp
    ip: 192.168.254.133 255.255.255.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: up
    speed: 1000Mbps (Duplex: full)
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none
==[port3]
    mode: static
    ip: 0.0.0.0 0.0.0.0
    ipv6: ::/0
    status: down
    speed: n/a
    FEC: none
    FEC_cap: none

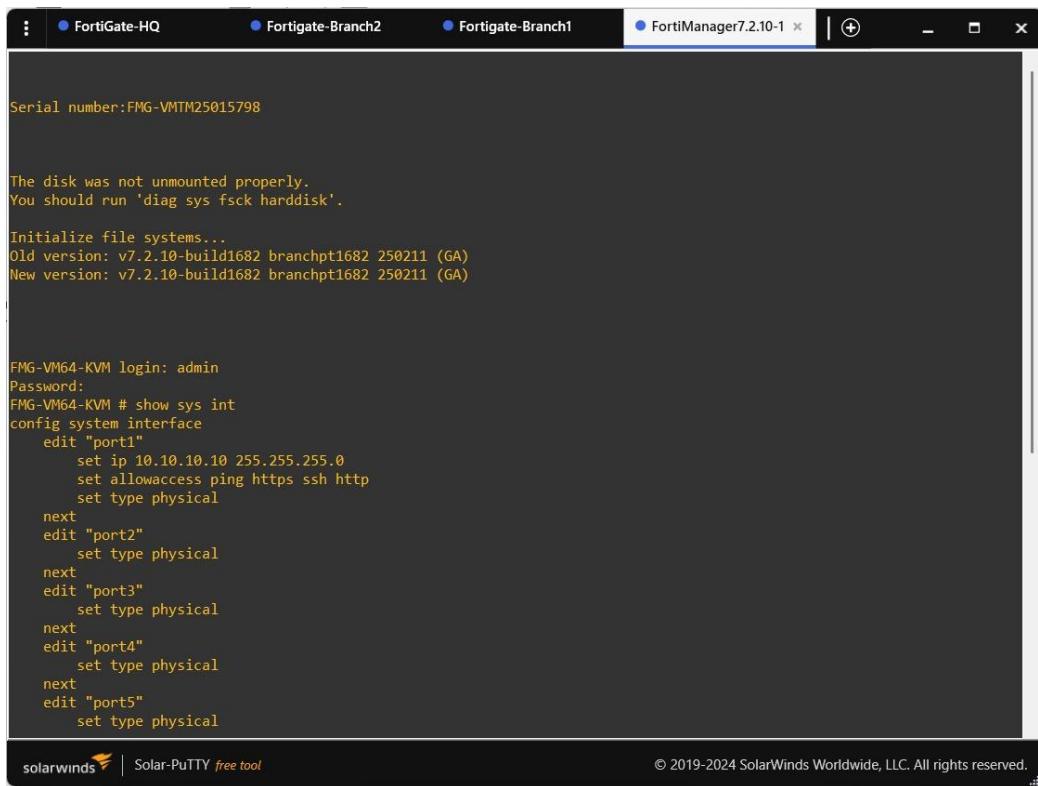
```

FortiGate-VM64-KVM # [green bar]

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FORTIMANAGER

- **port1:** 10.10.10.10



The screenshot shows a SolarWinds Solar-PUTTY terminal window titled "FortiManager7.2.10-1". The window displays a command-line interface for configuring FortiManager. The user has run the command "show sys int config system interface" and is editing port configurations. The output shows the creation of five physical ports (port1 to port5) with specific IP addresses and access types.

```
Serial number:FMG-VMTM25015798

The disk was not unmounted properly.
You should run 'diag sys fsck harddisk'.

Initialize file systems...
Old version: v7.2.10-build1682 branchpt1682 250211 (GA)
New version: v7.2.10-build1682 branchpt1682 250211 (GA)

FMG-VM64-KVM login: admin
Password:
FMG-VM64-KVM # show sys int
config system interface
edit "port1"
    set ip 10.10.10.10 255.255.255.0
    set allowaccess ping https ssh http
    set type physical
next
edit "port2"
    set type physical
next
edit "port3"
    set type physical
next
edit "port4"
    set type physical
next
edit "port5"
    set type physical

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```

FIREWALL POLICIES CONFIGURED

firewall policies were created on each FortiGate device to ensure basic communication between LAN networks, the cloud network, and FortiManager.

Below are the policies **for each device separately**.

5.1 FORTIGATE HQ – FIREWALL POLICIES

POLICY 1 – LAN → WAN

Allows internal HQ users to access the Internet.

VIP FOR FORTIMANAGER ACCESS

To allow access to the FortiManager GUI from the WAN/Cloud network, we created a VIP:

POLICY 2 — WAN → LAN (FOR VIP ACCESS)

PURPOSE: ALLOW FORTIMANAGER MANAGEMENT GUI ACCESS THROUGH VIP.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Policy' dialog for a 'wan-to-lan' policy. The policy details are as follows:

- Name:** wan-to-lan
- Incoming Interface:** port2
- Outgoing Interface:** port1
- Source:** all
- Destination:** fmg
- Schedule:** always
- Service:** ALL
- Action:** ✓ ACCEPT (selected)

Inspection Mode: Flow-based

Protocol Options: PROT default

Security Profiles:

- AntiVirus: off
- Web Filter: off
- DNS Filter: off
- Application Control: off
- IPS: off

Statistics (since last reset):

ID	2
Last used	14 second(s) ago
First used	2 hour(s) ago
Active sessions	0
Hit count	1,143
Total bytes	23.32 MB
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Last 7 Days Bytes:

Additional Information:

- API Preview
- Edit in CLI

Activate Windows: Go to Settings to activate Windows.

5.2 FORTIGATE BRANCH 1 – FIREWALL POLICIES

POLICY 1 — LAN → WAN

PURPOSE: ALLOWS BRANCH1 LAN TO ACCESS THE INTERNET.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Policy' dialog for a 'Lan-to-wan' policy. The policy details are as follows:

- Name:** Lan-to-wan
- Incoming Interface:** port1
- Outgoing Interface:** port2
- Source:** all
- Destination:** all
- Schedule:** always
- Service:** ALL
- Action:** ✓ ACCEPT (selected)

Inspection Mode: Flow-based

Protocol Options: PROT default

Security Profiles:

- AntiVirus: off

Statistics (since last reset):

ID	1
Last used	N/A
First used	N/A
Active sessions	0
Hit count	0
Total bytes	0 B
Current bandwidth	0 bps

Additional Information:

- API Preview
- Edit in CLI

Documentation:

- Online Help
- Video Tutorials
- Consolidated Policy Configuration

Activate Windows: Go to Settings to activate Windows.

POLICY 2 — WAN → LAN

PURPOSE: ALLOWS FORTIMANAGER TO REACH BRANCH1/2.

The screenshot shows the FortiGate management interface for version 7.0.9. The left sidebar navigation includes: Dashboard, Network, Policy & Objects (selected), Firewall Policy, IPv4 DoS Policy, Addresses, Internet Service Database, Services, Schedules, Virtual IPs, IP Pools, Protocol Options, Traffic Shaping, Security Profiles, VPN, User & Authentication, System, Security Fabric, and Log & Report. The main content area is titled 'Edit Policy' for 'wan-to-lan'. It shows the following configuration:

- Name: wan-to-lan
- Incoming Interface: port2
- Outgoing Interface: port1
- Source: all
- Destination: all
- Schedule: always
- Service: ALL
- Action: ACCEPT (selected)
- Inspection Mode: Flow-based
- Firewall / Network Options:
 - NAT: Off
 - Protocol Options: PROT default
- Security Profiles:
 - AntiVirus: Off
 - Web Filter: Off
 - DNS Filter: Off

On the right side, there are 'Statistics (since last reset)' and 'Additional Information' sections, along with links for API Preview, Edit in CLI, Documentation, Online Help, Video Tutorials, and Consolidated Policy Configuration. A message at the bottom right says 'Activate Windows Go to Settings to activate Windows.'

5.3 FORTIGATE BRANCH 2 – FIREWALL POLICIES THE SAME AS BRANCH 1

6 CONNECTIVITY & REACHABILITY VERIFICATION

Before connecting the FortiGate devices to FortiManager, we verified the reachability between all sites to ensure that communication works properly.

1. BRANCHES → HQ AND FORTI MANAGER CONNECTIVITY

WE TESTED THAT BRANCH1 AND BRANCH2 CAN REACH THE HQ FIREWALL AND FORTI MANAGER :

```
: ● Fortigate-Branch1 x | +  
  
execute ping 192.168.254.135  
PING 192.168.254.135 (192.168.254.135): 56 data bytes  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=3.4 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=2.8 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=2.0 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=1.6 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=1.7 ms  
  
--- 192.168.254.135 ping statistics ---  
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.6/2.3/3.4 ms  
  
FortiGate-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.140  
PING 192.168.254.140 (192.168.254.140): 56 data bytes  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=0 ttl=63 time=5.0 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=4.3 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=2.4 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=5.3 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=3.6 ms  
  
--- 192.168.254.140 ping statistics ---  
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 2.4/4.1/5.3 ms  
  
FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
```

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```
: ● Fortigate-Branch2 x | +  
  
execute ping 192.168.254.135  
PING 192.168.254.135 (192.168.254.135): 56 data bytes  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=3.3 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=1.9 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=1.1 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=1.5 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=1.1 ms  
  
--- 192.168.254.135 ping statistics ---  
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.1/1.7/3.3 ms  
  
FortiGate-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.140  
PING 192.168.254.140 (192.168.254.140): 56 data bytes  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=0 ttl=63 time=6.2 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=1 ttl=63 time=2.7 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=2 ttl=63 time=1.9 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=3 ttl=63 time=3.9 ms  
64 bytes from 192.168.254.140: icmp_seq=4 ttl=63 time=6.0 ms  
  
--- 192.168.254.140 ping statistics ---  
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.9/4.1/6.2 ms  
  
FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
```

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2. HQ → BRANCHES CONNECTIVITY AND FORTIMANAGER REACHABILITY

WE ALSO ENSURED THAT HQ CAN REACH THE PUBLIC IPs OF BRANCH1 , BRANCH2 AND FORTI MANAGER :

```
FortiGate-HQ # ping 192.168.254.134
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=1.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=2.6 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=2.3 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=1.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=1.1 ms

--- 192.168.254.134 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.1/1.8/2.6 ms

FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
FortiGate-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.133
PING 192.168.254.133 (192.168.254.133): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: icmp_seq=0 ttl=255 time=2.5 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: icmp_seq=1 ttl=255 time=2.1 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: icmp_seq=2 ttl=255 time=3.1 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: icmp_seq=3 ttl=255 time=2.4 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: icmp_seq=4 ttl=255 time=2.3 ms

--- 192.168.254.133 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 2.1/2.4/3.1 ms

FortiGate-VM64-KVM # execute ping 10.10.10.10
PING 10.10.10.10 (10.10.10.10): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 10.10.10.10: icmp_seq=0 ttl=64 time=1.9 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.10.10: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=2.4 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.10.10: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=2.8 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.10.10: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=1.8 ms
64 bytes from 10.10.10.10: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=3.0 ms

--- 10.10.10.10 ping statistics ---
5 packets transmitted, 5 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.8/2.3/3.0 ms

FortiGate-VM64-KVM #
```

3. FORTIMANAGER → FORTIGATE DEVICES REACHABILITY

After confirming that all FortiGate devices can reach each other, we verified that **FortiManager can also reach the HQ and Branch firewalls** .

```
FMG-VM64-KVM #
FMG-VM64-KVM #
FMG-VM64-KVM # ^?^?^?

FMG-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.134
PING 192.168.254.134 (192.168.254.134): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: seq=0 ttl=254 time=5.042 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: seq=1 ttl=254 time=3.856 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.134: seq=2 ttl=254 time=4.296 ms
^C
--- 192.168.254.134 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 3.856/4.398/5.042 ms

FMG-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.133
PING 192.168.254.133 (192.168.254.133): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: seq=0 ttl=254 time=6.108 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: seq=1 ttl=254 time=5.721 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.133: seq=2 ttl=254 time=3.739 ms
^C
--- 192.168.254.133 ping statistics ---
3 packets transmitted, 3 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 3.739/5.189/6.108 ms

FMG-VM64-KVM # execute ping 192.168.254.135
PING 192.168.254.135 (192.168.254.135): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: seq=0 ttl=255 time=4.213 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: seq=1 ttl=255 time=2.529 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: seq=2 ttl=255 time=2.136 ms
64 bytes from 192.168.254.135: seq=3 ttl=255 time=1.751 ms

--- 192.168.254.135 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 1.751/2.657/4.213 ms

FMG-VM64-KVM #
```

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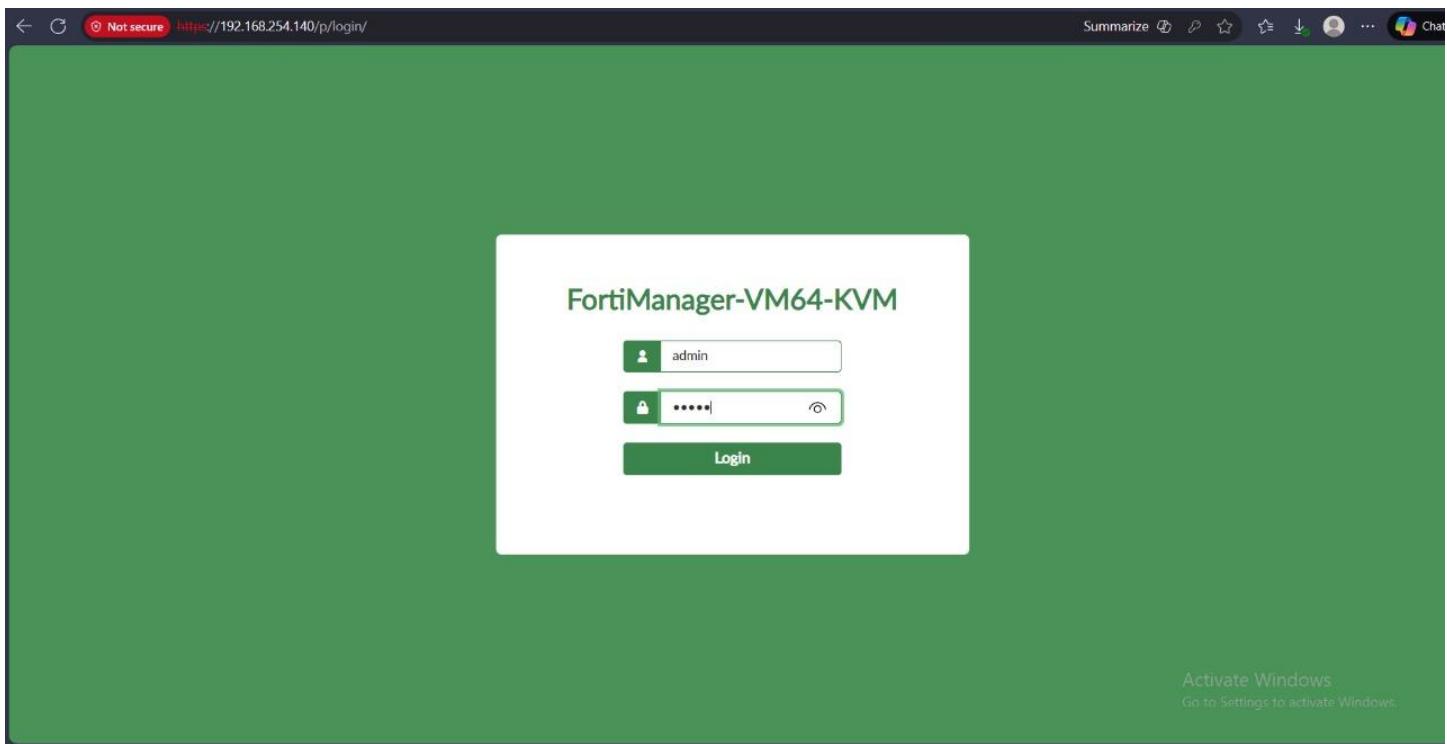
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5. OPENING FORTIMANAGER & CREATING ADOM

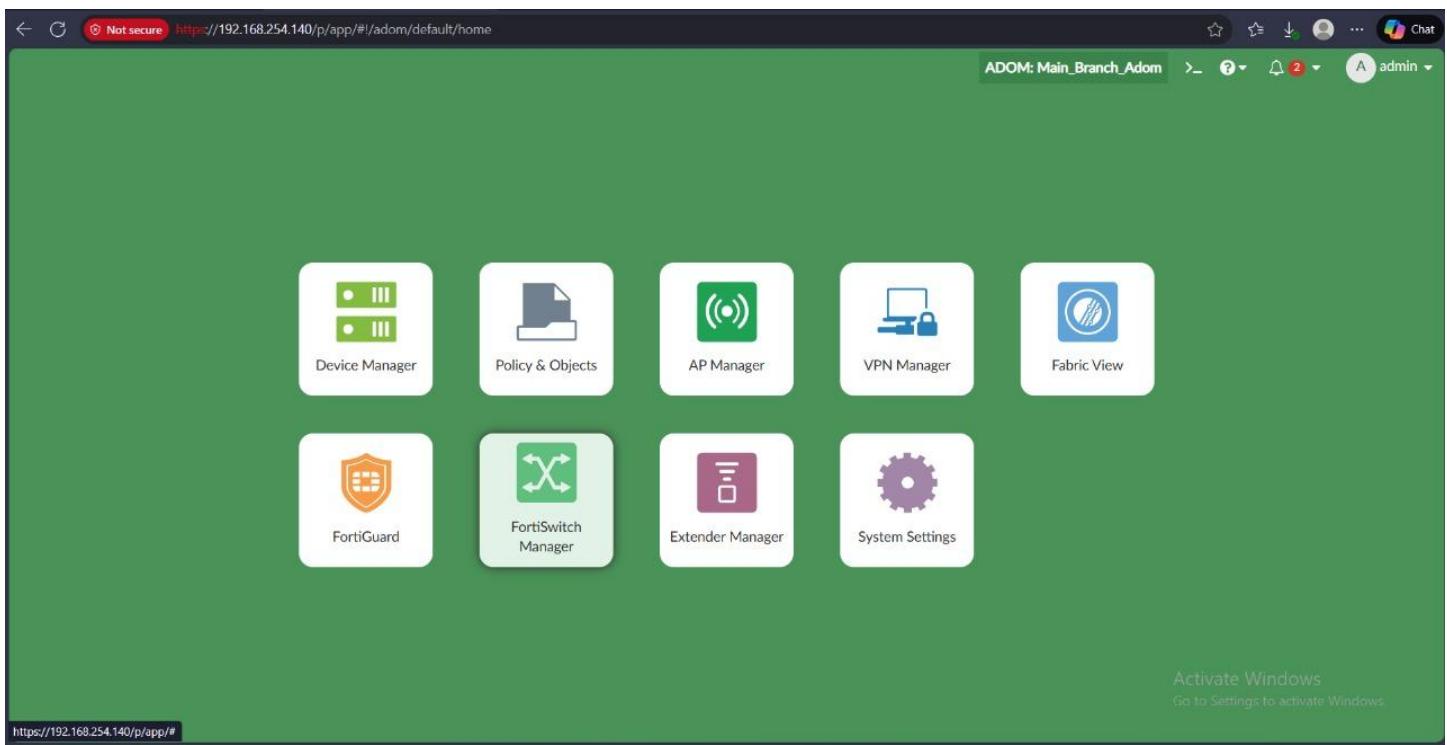
After ensuring full connectivity between FortiGate devices and the FortiManager server, we proceeded to access the FortiManager Web GUI and prepare the management environment.

5.1 ACCESSING FORTIMANAGER GUI

We connected to FortiManager using the assigned VIP:



A successful login indicated that the VIP, policies, and routing were all correctly configured.



5.2 CREATING A NEW ADOM

Inside the FortiManager dashboard, we created a new ADOM to logically separate and manage our FortiGate devices.

Name: Main_Branch_Adom

Type: FortiGate

Description:

Devices

No record found.

Mode: Normal

Central Management

Default Device Selection for Install

Perform Policy Check Before Every Install

Auto-Push Policy Packages When Device Back Online

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows
OK Cancel

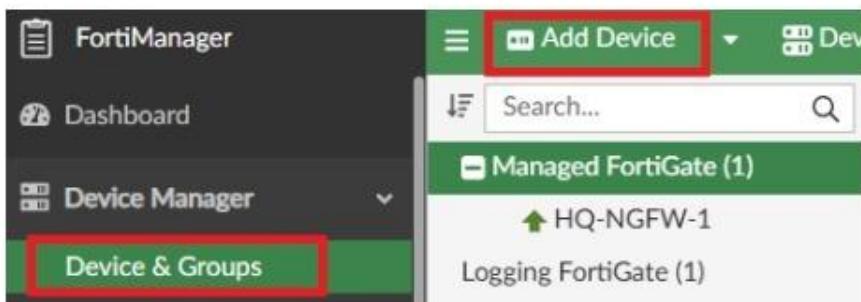
6. ADDING DEVICES INTO FORTIMANAGER

After creating the ADOM, we added the FortiGate devices (HQ, Branch1, Branch2) into FortiManager to begin centralized management.

6.1 ADDING A FORTIGATE DEVICE

Inside the newly created ADOM:

- Navigate to **Device Manager**
- Select **Add Device**



- Enter the device information:
 - **Device IP:** (e.g., HQ → 192.168.254.135)
 - **Login Credentials:** admin account

Add Device - Discover Device (2/3)

The following information has been discovered from the device:

IP Address	192.168.254.135
Host Name	HQ-NGFW-1
SN	FGVM027M24013423
Model	FortiGate-VM64-KVM
Firmware Version	7.6.0, build 2401 (GA)
HA Status	Standalone
Administrator	admin

Please input the following information to complete addition of the device:

Name	<input type="text" value="HQ-NGFW-1"/>
Description	<input type="text" value="Description"/>
Provisioning Templates	<input type="button" value="+"/>
Add To Folder	<input type="button"/>
Add To Device Group	<input type="button"/>
Copy Device Dashboard	<input type="button" value="Click to select"/>

< Back

Next >

Cancel

R3_DEP13_MNF3_IS58_S1 For... | FortiManager-VM64-KVM: 192.168.254.135 | FortiGate - FortiGate-VM64-KVM | +

Not secure 192.168.254.135/ng/log/view/traffic/forward

admin

FortiGate-VM64-KVM

Dashboard Network Policy & Objects Security Profiles VPN User & Authentication System Security Fabric Log & Report Forward Traffic Local Traffic Sniffer Traffic Events AntiVirus Web Filter SSL DNS Query File Filter Application Control Intrusion Prevention Anomaly

Add Filter

Date/Time	Source	Device	Destination	Application Name	Result	Policy ID
6 seconds ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.05 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
21 seconds ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.04 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
38 seconds ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.69 kB / 6.00 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
54 seconds ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.74 kB / 7.79 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.74 kB / 7.81 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.70 kB / 7.77 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.04 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.1		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.24 kB / 440 B	wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.1		192.168.254.140			wan-to-lan (2)
Minute ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.69 kB / 6.00 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
2 minutes ago	192.168.254.1		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.24 kB / 486 B	wan-to-lan (2)
2 minutes ago	192.168.254.1		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.24 kB / 486 B	wan-to-lan (2)
2 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.74 kB / 7.90 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
2 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.05 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
2 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.04 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
3 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.05 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
3 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.05 kB	wan-to-lan (2)
3 minutes ago	192.168.254.134		192.168.254.140		✓ 3.73 kB / 6.02 kB	wan-to-lan (2)

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

0% 6.025

The screenshot shows the FortiManager interface with the ADOM set to 'My.ADOM'. On the left, the navigation menu includes 'Dashboard', 'Device Manager' (selected), 'Device & Groups' (selected), 'Scripts', 'Provisioning Templates', 'Firmware Templates', 'Monitors', 'Policy & Objects' (selected), 'SD-WAN Manager', and 'VPN Manager'. The main content area displays 'Managed FortiGate (2)' with entries for 'BR1-FGT-1' and 'HQ-NGFW-1'. Below this, a table lists the devices with their configuration status, provisioning templates, and policy package status. The 'Policy Package Status' column shows 'Synchronized' for both devices, with rows for BR1-FGT-1 and HQ-NGFW-1 highlighted with a red box.

	Device Name	Config Status	Provisioning Templates	Policy Package Status	Manage
<input type="checkbox"/>	BR1-FGT-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Synchronized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BR1-FGT-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Dis
<input type="checkbox"/>	HQ-NGFW-1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Synchronized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> default	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HQ-NGFW-1	<input type="checkbox"/> Dis

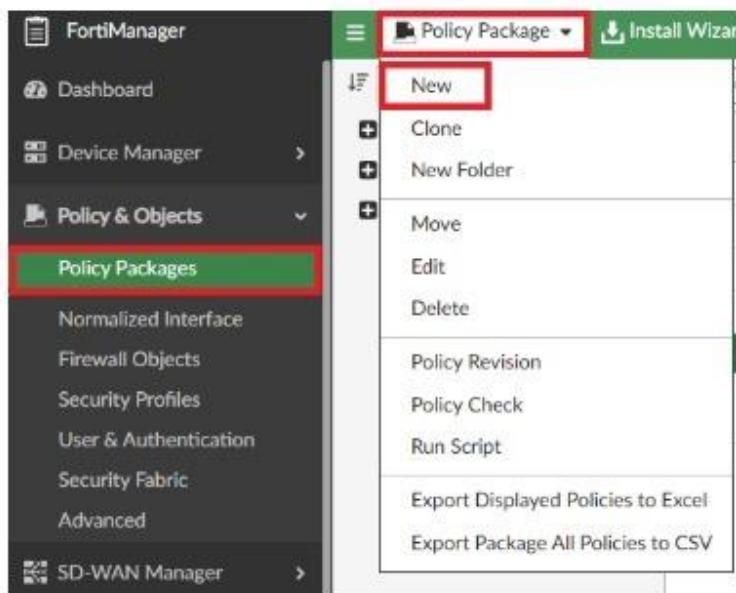
8. CREATING CENTRALIZED POLICIES ON FORTIMANAGER & INSTALLING THEM ON FORTIGATES

After all FortiGate devices were successfully added and authorized in FortiManager, we proceeded to create centralized policies to manage security rules from a single point. These policies were then installed directly on HQ, Branch1, and Branch2.

8.1 CREATING A NEW POLICY PACKAGE

Inside the ADOM:

1. Navigate to **Policy & Objects**
2. Select **Policy Packages**
3. Click **Create New**
4. Name:
 - o **HQ-Package** for HQ
 - o **Branch1-Package** for Branch 1
 - o **Branch2-Package** for Branch 2
5. Assign each package to its corresponding FortiGate device.



A screenshot of the FortiManager 'Policy Packages' list. The 'IPv4 Policy' item is selected and highlighted with a red box. The 'Dynamic-Policy' item is also visible.

Installation Targets	#	Name	From	To	Source

Create New Firewall Policy

ID	0
Name	Direct Internet Access
ZTNA	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Disable <input type="radio"/> Full ZTNA <input type="radio"/> IP/MAC filtering
Incoming Interface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LAN <input type="checkbox"/>
Outgoing Interface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAN1 <input type="checkbox"/> WAN2 <input type="checkbox"/>
Source Internet Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
IPv4 Source Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Branch Network <input type="checkbox"/>
IPv6 Source Address	<input type="checkbox"/> +
Source User	<input type="checkbox"/> +
Source User Group	<input type="checkbox"/> +
FSSO Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> +
Destination Internet Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
IPv4 Destination Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all <input type="checkbox"/>
IPv6 Destination Address	<input type="checkbox"/> +
Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL <input type="checkbox"/>
Schedule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> always <input type="checkbox"/>
Action	<input type="radio"/> Deny <input checked="" type="radio"/> Accept <input type="radio"/> IPSEC
Inspection Mode	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Flow-based <input type="radio"/> Proxy-based
Firewall/Network Options	
NAT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> NAT <input type="radio"/> NAT46 <input type="radio"/> NAT64
IP Pool Configuration	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Use Outgoing Interface Address <input type="radio"/> Use Dynamic IP Pool
Preserve Source Port	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protocol Options	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> default <input type="checkbox"/>

OK **Cancel**

Policy & Objects > **Policy Packages**

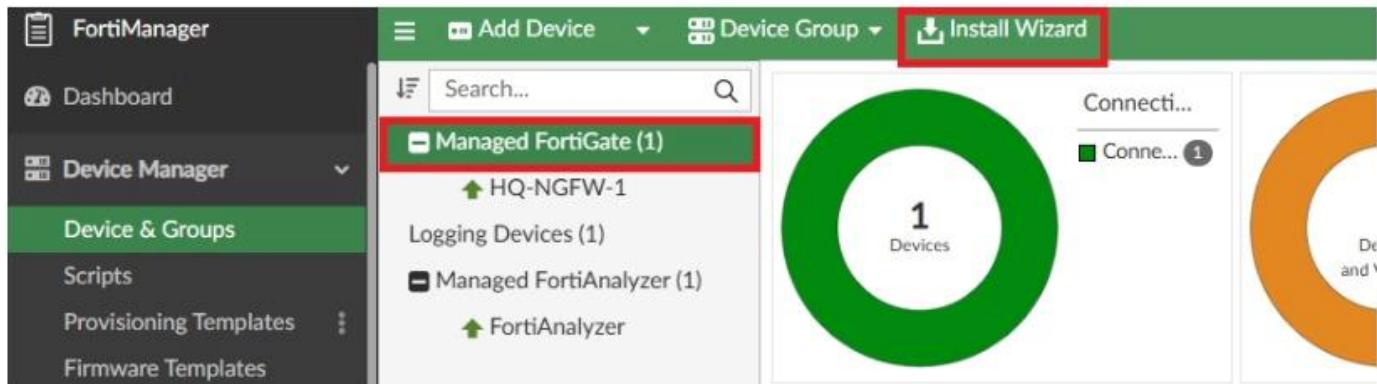
BR1-FGT-1 > **Firewall Policy**

Internet (1 row)

#	Name	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service
1	Internet	portA	portB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> always	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL

Implicit (2/2 Total) (2 rows)

#	Implicit Deny	From	To	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service
1	any	any	any	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> always	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL
2	Implicit Deny	any	any	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> always	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL



8. CONCLUSION

This project demonstrated the complete process of deploying and managing multiple FortiGate firewalls using FortiManager within a virtual GNS3 environment. Throughout the implementation, we successfully built a full topology consisting of FortiManager, FortiGate HQ, FortiGate Branch 1, and FortiGate Branch 2, all connected through a cloud network using DHCP addressing.

We configured core network components, including interface settings, static policies (LAN → WAN and WAN → LAN), and VIPs to ensure proper reachability between FortiManager and all FortiGate devices. After resolving version compatibility issues and initial connectivity problems, we were able to access the FortiManager GUI, create an ADOM, import device configurations, and centralize firewall management.

By the end of the project, FortiManager was fully integrated with all FortiGate units, allowing centralized monitoring, policy installation, and configuration control across the entire network.

Overall, this project enhanced our understanding of Fortinet technologies, centralized management concepts, troubleshooting techniques, and the importance of version alignment and network reachability in real-world deployments.