

Qualys WAS Plugin for Jenkins

User Guide

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Preface

Welcome to Qualys Cloud Platform! In this guide, we'll show you how to install and use the Jenkins Plugin for Qualys WAS to see your Qualys WAS scan data in Jenkins.

About Qualys

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Introduction to Qualys WAS Plugin for Jenkins

The Qualys WAS Jenkins plugin empowers DevOps teams to build application vulnerability scans into their existing CI/CD processes. By integrating scans in this manner, application security testing is accomplished earlier in the SDLC to catch and eliminate security flaws.

We'll help you: Install the Plugin | Configure the Plugin

Install the Plugin

You can install the Jenkins plugin for WAS in two ways. Install the plugin from within Jenkins or download the plugin from Qualys and then install the plugin into your Jenkins instance.

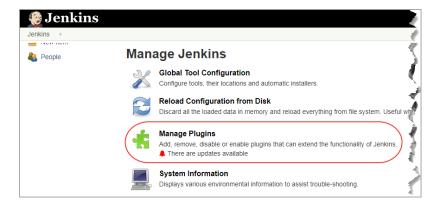
We do not support WAS plugin upgrade from version 2.0.2 to 2.0.3 and above. To install plugin with a version higher than 2.0.2, you need to uninstall the older plugin version and then re-configure their existing jobs post installing WAS plugin.

Install the Plugin from Jenkins

To install the WAS plugin from Jenkins, log into your instance of Jenkins and click Manage Jenkins.

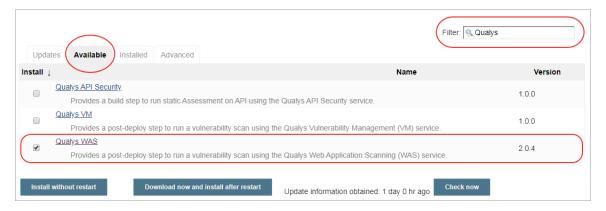


Next, click Manage Plugins.



If you are installing the WAS plugin for the first time, click the Available tab and search for Qualys WAS using the Filter bar. Select the plugin and click either Install without restart or Download now and Install after restart.

After the WAS plugin is installed, it will be listed in the Installed tab.



If the plugin is already installed in Jenkins and you want to update the WAS plugin, go to the Updates tab, search for the WAS plugin and click "Download now and Install after restart".

Note that the plugin is also listed in the plugin store at https://plugins.jenkins.io/.

Download and Install the plugin

Optionally, you can download the plugin from Qualys. The plugin comes in the form of a .hpi file. You can find it here at https://community.qualys.com/docs/DOC-6384.

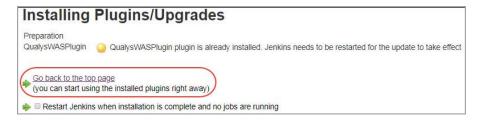
Once you have the .hpi file, log into your instance of Jenkins and click Manage Jenkins > Manage Plugins. Go to the "Advanced" tab.



Browse to select the .hpi file you downloaded and click the Upload button. Upload will autoupgrade your current version of plugin to the installed version.



Confirm that the Success message appears. You must restart Jenkins to complete the plugin installation.



That's it! The installation is now complete. Read on to learn about configuring the plugin.

Configure the Plugin for Pipeline projects

Open your application's pipeline project and click "Pipeline Syntax" to enter the Snippet Generator.



Select "qualysWASScan" from the drop-down menu.



Now you are ready to configure the plugin. The first step is to confirm that Jenkins can communicate to the Qualys Cloud Platform via the WAS API. You'll need valid account credentials for an active Qualys WAS subscription. The account must have API access enabled as well as a role assigned with all necessary permissions. Qualys recommends using a service account restricted to API access only (no UI access) and having the least privileges possible.

Select the Qualys platform/portal where your Qualys account resides and your account credentials for authenticating to the WAS API server. Use the Add button to add account credentials in the Jenkins store for the new user. Once added, the credential is listed in the "Credentials" drop-down.

Note that what you select here depends on the Qualys platform your organization is using. Learn more.

If your Jenkins instance does not have direct Internet access and a proxy is required, click the "Use Proxy Settings" checkbox and enter the required information.



Click the "Test Connection" button. Assuming you have selected the correct platform for your subscription and the credentials are valid, you will see the message "Connection test successful!".

Next, select the web application in Qualys WAS that you wish to scan.

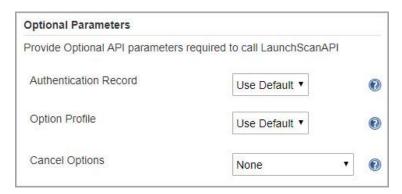


By default, the WAS scan name will be:
[job_name]_jenkins_build_[build_number] + timestamp

You can edit the scan name, but a timestamp will automatically be appended regardless.

You can choose to run a Discovery scan or Vulnerability scan. The default is Vulnerability scan.

Next, configure optional scan parameters.



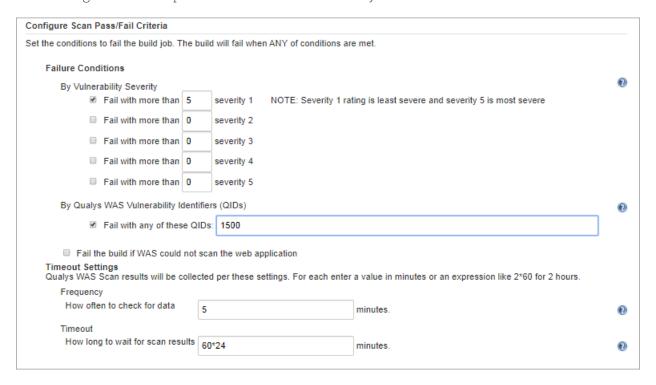
Authentication Record – You can choose to run the scan without authentication (the default) but keep in mind the scanner will not be able to log into the web application and test the authenticated surface area of the application in that case. You may instead want to select "Use

Default", in which case the default authentication record for the web app in WAS (if any) will be used. Optionally, you can also select the Other option and choose a specific authentication record ID if desired.

Option Profile – The option profile contains the various scan settings such as the vulnerability types that should be tested (detection scope), scan intensity, error thresholds, etc. Selecting "Use Default" will use the default option profile for the web app in WAS. This is the recommended setting; however, you can also select the Other option and choose a specific option profile ID if desired.

Cancel Options – The default is not to cancel the scan, in which case the scan will run to completion. However, you can choose to the cancel the scan after a set number of hours. Keep in mind you may not get any results if the scan is canceled before finishing. Next, configure the pass/fail criteria for a build, scan status polling frequency and timeout duration for the scan.

Next configure the scan pass/fail criteria to fail a build job.



You can set conditions to fail a build by 1) Vulnerability Severity, 2) Qualys WAS Vulnerability Identifiers (QIDs) and 3) WAS Plugin initiates the scan but WAS module could not complete this scan due to some issues such as scanners not found and so on.

Configure to fail a build if the number of detections exceeds the limit specified for one or more severity types and/or if specified QIDs are found in scan results. For example, to fail a build if severity 5 vulnerabilities count is more than 2, select the "Fail with more than severity 5" option and specify 2.

Note that a Qualys severity "5" rating is the most dangerous vulnerability while severity "1" is the least.

In the Timeout settings, specify the polling frequency in minutes for collecting the WAS scan status data and the timeout duration for a running scan.

Next, click "Generate Pipeline Script". This is your pipeline snippet for launching a WAS scan.

Generate Pipeline Script

qualysWASScan authRecord: 'useDefault', cancelOptions: 'none', credsId: '4a84332f-d6f8-472b-96b9-61b0d81e039f', optionProfile: 'useDefault', platform: 'US_PLATFORM_1', pollingInterval: '5', proxyPassword: '2d2822980dc64922b3e19a79a12ec46f', proxyPort: 3128, proxyServer: '10.115.27.54', proxyUsername: 'admin', scanName: '[job_name]_jenkins_build_[build_number]', scanType: 'VULNERABILITY', useProxy: true, vulnsTimeout: '60*24', webAppId: '21325'

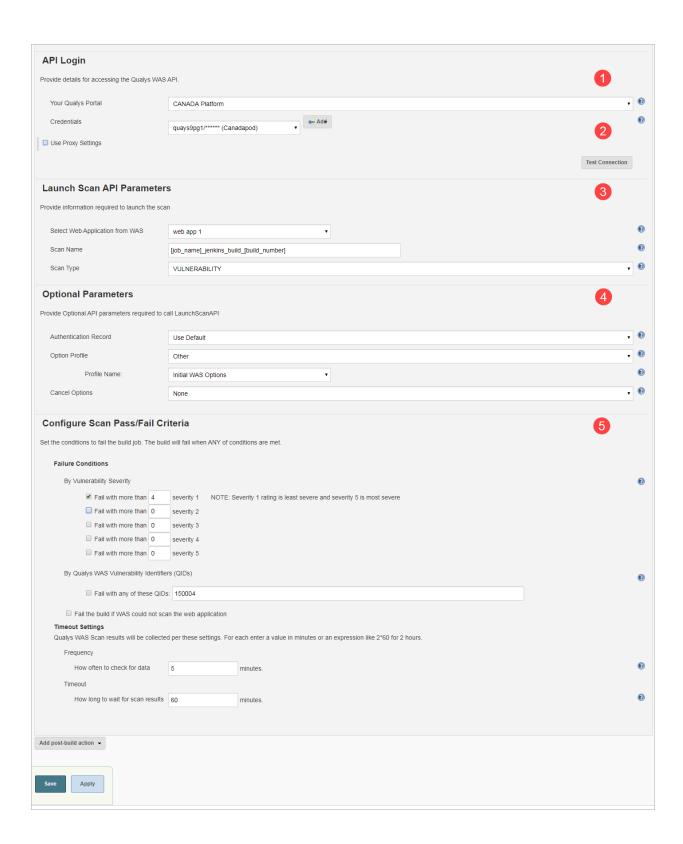
The pipeline snippet is now ready to be plugged into your pipeline script.

Configure the Plugin for Freestyle Projects

As the configuration settings are same as Pipeline Project, see "Configure the Plugin Pipeline Project" for detailed configuration.

Provide the following configuration details:

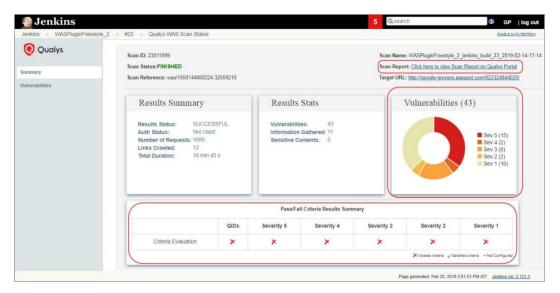
- 1) Provide your login account credentials to access the Qualys WAS API server on the Qualys cloud platform. Select Use Proxy Settings to provide proxy information if your Jenkins server is behind a firewall.
- 2) Click Test Connection to verify that the plugin can connect to the Qualys WAS API server.
- 3) Provide parameters: web application name, scan name and scan type required to call the launch scan API.
- 4) Optional parameters that you can pass to launch scan API.
- 5) Build fail conditions by vulnerabilities detected for severity types and by QIDs. Provide data collection frequency and timeout duration for the running scan. Finally, click Save.



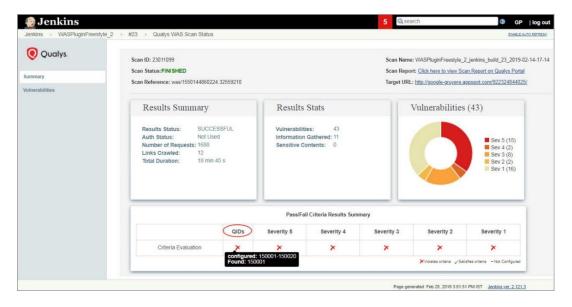
Qualys WAS Scan Status

After the scan completes, the Summary tab will show two sections: Vulnerabilities and Pass/Fail Criteria Results Summary. Summary section shows graphical data for the number of vulnerabilities by severity types for the Web application. Pass/Fail Criteria Results Summary shows the pass/fail criteria and whether they are violated or satisfied. When the criteria are violated, the icon is shown while for satisfied criteria, the icon is shown.

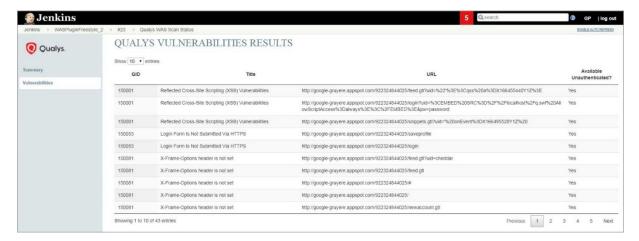
Click the link shown in the Scan Report field to view the detailed WAS scan report on the Qualys portal.



Move the mouse over the * and * icons to view the value that you have configured for the criteria, and the actual value obtained after the scan.



The Vulnerabilities tab is available to provide you the details of vulnerabilities, such as QIDs, vulnerability titles, URLs where the vulnerabilities occur and authentication status.



Troubleshooting

You entered valid Qualys credentials, but the drop-down menu to select a Web application is empty or does not show the desired Web application.

This issue occurs when the Qualys account provided does not have proper role or scope to access the web application you wish to scan. Ensure that the account has been set up with the required roles and scope to access the desired Web application.

You entered valid Qualys credentials, but the drop-down menu for Authentication Record Name or Profile Name is empty or does not show the desired item.

This issue occurs when the Qualys account provided does not have proper role or scope to access the auth record or option profile you wish to use. Ensure that the account has been set up with the required roles and scope to access the desired authentication record or option profile.

URL to the Qualys API Server

The Qualys API URL you should use for API requests depends on the Qualys platform where your account is located.

Click here to identify your Qualys platform and get the API URL.