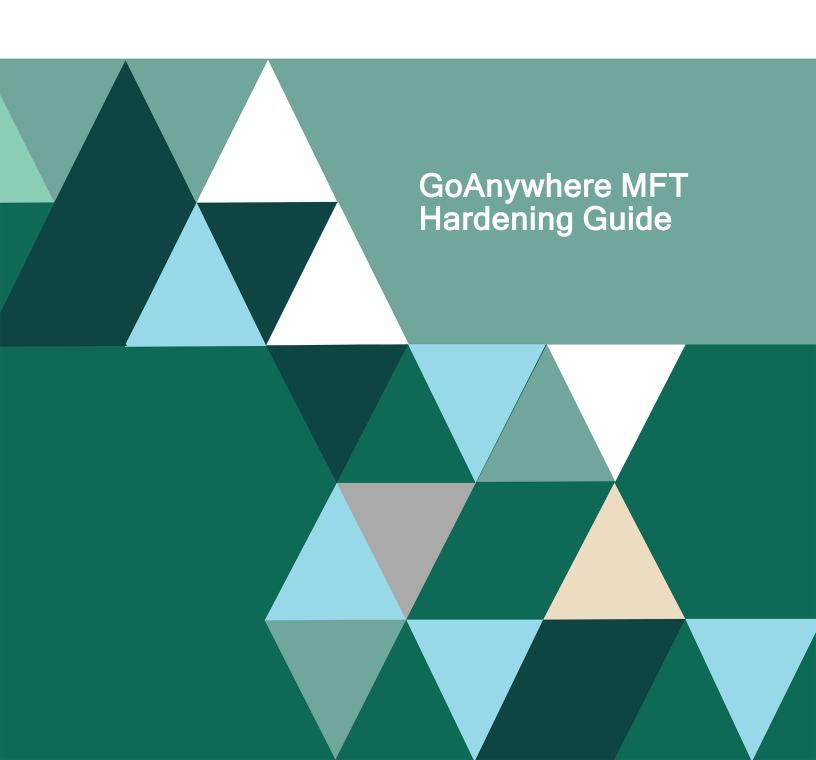
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Introduction

Fortra strives to apply security best practices in the design, development, and testing of GoAnywhere MFT. However, securing a GoAnywhere MFT environment requires active participation from administrators, and the needs and operating procedures of your organization must be considered. Involve your security team throughout the hardening process.

This guide does not guarantee the security of your application or environment, however it is a resource to follow for best-practices when hardening your deployment of GoAnywhere MFT. It is written with the current cybersecurity landscape in mind and provides specific configuration guidelines for anyone involved in deploying GoAnywhere MFT.

Getting Assistance

Fortra encourages receiving a Health Check if you are not confident in implementing the steps defined in this guide. If you need assistance, please reach out to our Professional Services team for consulting.

You are also encouraged to visit the knowledge base at http://www.goanywheremft.com/forum/ to find answers to common questions.

Operating System and Environment Recommendations

NOTE: Please see the GoAnywhere End of Support Life (EOSL) policy for more information on the current supported versions of the GoAnywhere products. For additional questions, please see the GoAnywhere Forum.

NOTE: GoAnywhere products should only be run on vendor systems (OS, databases, file systems, etc) that are up to date with the latest security patches and have not reached End of Life (EOL).

This guide outlines the steps required for hardening GoAnywhere products. Before you begin:

- Keep your operating system up to date.
- GoAnywhere is constantly being upgraded with security patches. Due to these regular security enhancements Fortra recommends that you keep your GoAnywhere environment up to date with current releases.
- To stay ahead of security threats that target the JRE, externalize your Java environment and keep it up to date with the latest version supported by your GoAnywhere product.

NOTE: Fortra recommends keeping the JRE up to date for all three GoAnywhere products: MFT, Gateway, and Agents. For instructions on externalizing the JRE and keeping it up to date, see the GoAnywhere MFT, GoAnywhere Gateway, and the GoAnywhere Agents Installation Guides.

 Following the principle of least privilege, create a service account for running your GoAnywhere products.

NOTE: On Linux and Unix, the service account will need elevated permissions to bind to privileged ports (1 - 1024).

 Following the principle of least privilege, limit access to the installation locations of your GoAnywhere products to select users.

IMPORTANT: Due to the sensitive nature of the ghttpsroot, adminroot and tomcat/webapps/ROOT directories, Fortra recommends practicing additional caution when determining who can access these locations.

- Fortra recommends using a firewall or another device to limit traffic to any hosted GoAnywhere Services (Admin, HTTPS, AS2, AS4, FTP/S, SFTP, GoFast, Agents, and PeSIT). Further, Fortra recommends updating your firewall to ensure the admin ports are not publicly accessible. The default admin ports are 8000 and 8001. Review your Admin Server configuration to determine which ports are being used by your Admin Client.
- Disable non-blocking entropy gathering on Linux, Unix, Solaris, and MacOS servers. Using blocking entropy gathering helps to generate more secure cryptographic keys. Note, this requires editing a startup script for MFT. To edit this script:
 - 1. Open the goanywhere_catalina.sh file for editing.
 - 2. Change the JAVA_OPTS section from /dev/urandom to /dev/random.

We recommend using Linux tools to help gathering entropy on the OS.

NOTE:

Enabling this option can cause slower startup times while the operating system gathers enough entropy to properly generate randomness for use in cryptographic functions.

Inbound & Outbound Data Security Considerations

The following section provides considerations for hardening your overall managed file transfer environment in addition to the GoAnywhere application.

Inbound Data Security Considerations

There are risks when accepting inbound data transfers from the internet, even from trusted trading partners. See the <u>Antivirus Settings</u> section for instructions on how to enable automatic AV scanning for inbound data transfers. This helps prevent malware from entering your environment and causing damage.

Fortra recommends the *GoAnywhere Threat Protection* bundle which combines Clearswift ICAP Gateway with GoAnywhere MFT for proven, compatible, best-in-class threat protection.

Outbound Data Security Considerations

When sharing data, you may need to mask aspects of that data or put further controls on sensitive information. This can ensure that trading partners do not leak sensitive information, intentionally or accidentally. This also allows you to keep track of which files are outside of your environment, and even control access by revoking rights to this data.

Fortra recommends the *GoAnywhere Zero Trust File Transfer* bundle for tackling best-inclass controls on both outbound and inbound data transfers.

Getting Started

This guide is organized by topic and mirrors the GoAnywhere MFT application. For example, the Secure Forms Settings topic can be found under the Services section, just as Secure Forms Settings can be found under Services on the application menu bar.

This guide makes regular reference to the GoAnywhere MFT Admin User Guide, and Fortra recommends that you have the User Guide readily available as you move through the hardening process.

While it is not absolutely necessary to use this guide in a linear fashion, it helps ensure that all elements of the application are considered and addressed.

WARNING:

Implementing the configuration settings recommended throughout this guide can result in unintended consequences, such as connectivity failures to systems that do not support the latest security standards. Consult with your security team and other involved parties to determine the ramifications of hardening your installation of GoAnywhere MFT. Fortra also recommends you first harden a test or non-production installation before applying these changes to a production instance. Fortra is not responsible for any damages caused by the usage of this guide.

Services

GoAnywhere services are used for inbound connections from your trading partners, customers, employees, and remote sites. The available services (protocols) are HTTPS, AS2, AS4, FTP, SFTP, GoFast, Agents, and PeSIT.

HTTPS/AS2/AS4

The following section provides the recommended settings for hardening the HTTPS/AS2/AS4 Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the HTTPS/AS2/AS4 Service:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Service Manager link.
- 3. Click Action next to the HTTPS Service, and then click Edit.

Web Client

Enabled	✓	
Allow Browsers to Save Login Credentials		
Allow Session ID in URL		
Allow Embedding within an IFrame		
Allow Embedding Secure Forms From	No Website ▼	
HTTP Strict Transport Security		
Including this header will instruct supported blocking users from overriding invalid certifica	browsers to prevent all HTTP communication by enforcing HTTPS and the warnings.	
Include Header	✓	
Maximum Age *	86400 Seconds	
Include Subdomains		
Include Preload Option		
HTTP Content Security Policy		
The content security policy mitigates potential threats by restricting which domains content can be loaded from.		
Policy Default -		
default-src 'self' *.goanyw 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; img-sr	here.com; script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval'; style-src rc * data: blob:;	

Enabled

Enable the Web Client if you plan to use it. If not, disable this feature.

Allow Browsers to Save Login Credentials

Disable this feature. This will prevent browsers from storing credentials for this web page. Saved login credentials can increase the chance of stolen or misused user privileges.

Allow Session ID in URL

Disable this feature. This will prevent the URL from displaying the Session ID. Information gathered from exposed Session IDs can help attackers in malicious activities.

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

Enabling the HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) header will instruct supported browsers to prevent all HTTP communication to GoAnywhere MFT by enforcing HTTPS and blocking users from overriding invalid certificate warnings.

Include Header

Enabled

Maximum Age

Set the maximum age to greater than 10368000 seconds (120 days).

HTTP Content Security Policy (CSP)

The Content Security Policy (CSP) response header allows Admin Users to control which resources GoAnywhere is allowed to load for a given page. The CSP mitigates potential threats by restricting which domains content can be loaded from.

Policy

Begin with 'Default' setting. Consult your internal security team and customize as needed.

NOTE:

Adjusting the CSP policy can impact application functionality. Please test all changes before applying them to a production environment.

Secure Folders Tab

Secure Folders allows Web Users to work with authorized folders and files on the network through the HTTPS Web Client.

Enable Java Applet

Disable this feature.

Enable Quick Downloads

Disable this feature if you do not plan to use it.

Enable Quick Uploads

Disable this feature if you do not plan to use it.

User Interface Tab

Help File/URL

If the Help link will open a document (for example, a PDF, text file, or HTML document), that file must be copied to the [installdirectory]/ghttpsroot/custom

folder, where **[installdirectory]** is the installation directory of GoAnywhere. Valid file types are txt, xhtml, html, pdf, doc, docx, rtf, and odt.

NOTE:

Even though file types will be validated, Fortra recommends following the principle of least privilege when determining who has access to the **ghttpsroot** directory.

HTTPS



Maximum Upload File Size

Configuring a maximum upload size can help prevent attacks that consume server resources. Therefore, limit the maximum upload size according to your company's needs and security policy. Fortra also recommends limiting disk space for Web Users and Web User Groups to help prevent this type of attack.

Allow Files with No Extension

Fortra recommends that you disable this feature, as this could help prevent the upload of malicious files.

Allow Files with an Extension

Fortra recommends that you enable this feature. Most valid file uploads will include a file extension. In addition, enabling this feature along with choosing a File Extension Filter allows GoAnywhere MFT to prevent unwanted files from being uploaded.

File Extension Filter

This text area allows you to list the file types that are allowed to be uploaded via GoAnywhere MFT. Limiting allowed file types can help prevent the upload of malicious files.

NOTE: Type all file extensions without a period (.), separate them with commas, and do not add line breaks or spaces (for example, if you want to allow only .txt, .xls, .xlsx and .csv files, type: txt,xls,xlsx,csv).

Fortra recommends choosing valid file extensions according to your company's needs and security policy.

AS₂

The settings on the AS2 tab configure the identity, security, and file restrictions for AS2 communications. The AS2 service supports multiple AS2 Recipients, each with their own AS2 ID, certificate alias, upload folder destinations, MDN receipts, and message security.

AS2 General Tab



Enabled

Enable this Service only if you intend to use it.

AS2 Recipients



Message Decryption

Specify the key used to decrypt incoming messages. The corresponding certificate should be sent to all Web Users who will be sending AS2 messages to GoAnywhere MFT.

Key Location

Specify the key used to decrypt incoming messages. Use the System Key vault whenever possible. RSA keys with a key size of 2048 bits or larger are recommended. The corresponding certificate should be sent to all Web Users who will be sending AS2 messages to GoAnywhere. Use a dedicated SSL certificate for message decryption.

Keep Receipts

Enable

MDN Signature

Specify the location and name of the private key that will be used to sign the AS2 message receipt. This ensures nonrepudiation.

Key Location

Use a dedicated SSL certificate for message signatures.

Message Security Tab



Require Encryption

Enable this feature. Messages sent without encryption will be denied and will result in an error.

Require Signature

Enable this feature. Messages sent without a signature will be denied and will result in an error.

Require Authentication

Enable this feature. Messages sent without requiring authentication will be denied and will result in an error.

AS4

General Tab

Only enable the AS4 Service if you plan to use it.

Reception Awareness Tab

Set the Maximum receipt Wait Time as low as possible without triggering errors.

A low wait time gives attackers less time to fake a response.

AS4 Message Channels

If you are using a Message Channel that does not have subchannels enabled, assign access to a single user. This ensures that the messages placed in this channel are sent to the correct recipient and prevents data leaks to non-privelaged users.

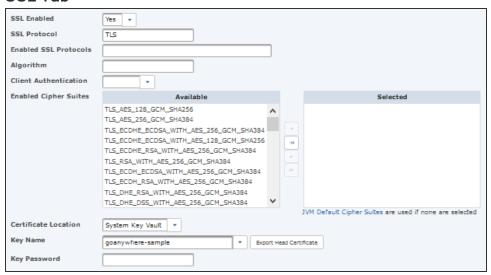
Server

Listener

Server Header

Set the Server Header name to something generic (such as 'Null', 'None', or 'Web Server'). Information gathered from the header name can help attackers in malicious activities.

SSL Tab



SSL Enabled

Enable. It is best practice enable SSL on Listeners unless redirecting from HTTP to HTTPS.

SSL Protocol

Use the default, TLS protocol. SSL is a deprecated protocol. This field is inherited from the System Security Settings.

Enabled SSL Protocols

Leave this field blank. Settings will be inherited from the Global Security Settings page.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, use 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Use this list to further limit the protocol specific Cipher Suites beyond those specified in the Global Security Settings.

Certificate Location

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply them to the HTTPS listener. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server. See the HTTPS Certificate Quick Start Guide in the GoAnywhere Admin User Guide for more information.

Redirection Tab

HTTP/HTTPS traffic can be automatically redirected to the intended protocol, host and/or port. The redirect process substitutes the appropriate portion of the URL ([protocol]://[host][:port]).

To securely redirect from HTTP to HTTPS, set up an HTTP listener and enable redirection on that listener. Configure the redirection fields as necessary, set the redirection protocol as HTTPS, and redirect to the existing HTTPS listener.

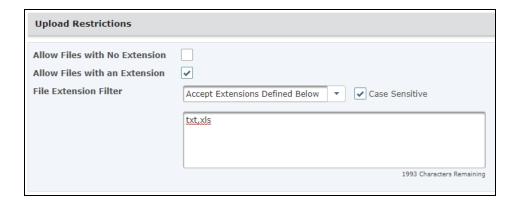
FTP

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the FTP Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the FTP Service:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Service Manager link.
- 3. Click Action next to the FTP Service, and then click Edit .

Upload Restrictions



Allow Files with No Extension

Fortra recommends that you disable this feature, as this could help prevent the upload of malicious files.

Allow Files with an Extension

Fortra recommends that you enable this feature. Most valid file uploads will include a file extension. In addition, enabling this feature along with choosing a File Extension Filter allows GoAnywhere MFT to prevent unwanted files from being uploaded.

File Extension Filter

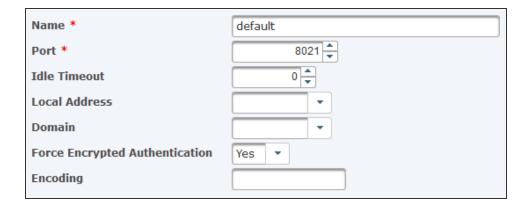
This text area allows you to list the file types that are allowed to be uploaded via GoAnywhere MFT. Limiting allowed file types can help prevent the upload of malicious files.

NOTE: Type all file extensions without a period (.), separate them with commas, and do not add line breaks or spaces (for example, if you want to allow only .txt, .xls, .xlsx and .csv files, type: txt,xls,xlsx,csv).

Fortra recommends choosing valid file extensions according to your company's needs and security policy.

Server

Listener



The listener specifies on which port the FTP service will monitor traffic.

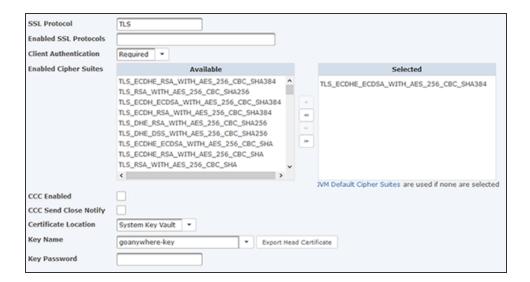
Idle Timeout

Consult your security team to determine the optimal Idle Timeout setting.

Force Encrypted Authentication

Set to **Yes**, ensuring that credentials are always secure when authenticating with this server.

Explicit SSL



An Explicit SSL connection will start on any available FTP port. The Explicit SSL configuration verifies a connection is made and then requests and verifies an SSL connection before transmitting login or file data.

Enabled SSL Protocol

Leave this field blank. Settings will be inherited from the Global Security Settings page.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, use 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Cipher Suites should be set globally on the Security Settings page. You can further limit the protocol specific Cipher Suites using this option.

CCC Enabled

Disable unless otherwise requested by your security team. If a Web User sends the CCC command, it terminates the encryption on the command channel and all subsequent FTP communication on the command channel will be transmitted in plain text.

Certificate Location

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply them to the FTP listener. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server.

Data Connection



Force Encrypted Data Channels

Set to Yes. This setting forces SSL/TLS encryption on the data channels and rejects any attempts at plain text data transfers.

Active



With an "active" Data Connection, the client computer connects to the server on the control port and specifies to the server which port it is listening on for the data. This can cause issues with a firewall on the client side as it may block the incoming data connection from the server.

Enabled

It is strongly recommended to use a passive data connection unless absolutely necessary.

Validate IP

Set to Yes. This option specifies if the server should check if the IP address for the data connection is the same as for the control port. If the IP is not valid, the connection will fail.

Passive



In a passive Data Connection, the client computer initiates the connection while the host decides the control port, using a port range within the firewall rules.

Validate IP

Set to Yes. This option specifies if the server should check if the IP address for the data connection is the same as for the control port. If the IP is not valid, the connection will fail.

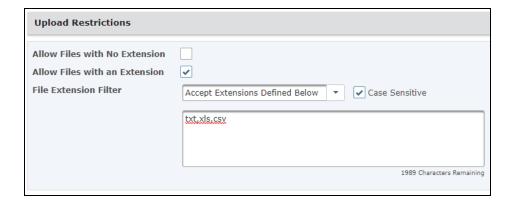
FTPS

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the FTPS Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the FTPS Service:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Services** and then click the **Service Manager** link.
- 3. Click **Action** next to the FTPS Service, and then click **Edit**.

Upload Restrictions



Allow Files with No Extension

Fortra recommends that you disable this feature, as this could help prevent the upload of malicious files.

Allow Files with an Extension

Fortra recommends that you enable this feature. Most valid file uploads will include a file extension. In addition, enabling this feature along with choosing a File Extension Filter allows GoAnywhere MFT to prevent unwanted files from being uploaded.

File Extension Filter

This text area allows you to list the file types that are allowed to be uploaded via GoAnywhere MFT. Limiting allowed file types can help prevent the upload of malicious files.

NOTE: Type all file extensions without a period (.), separate them with commas, and do not add line breaks or spaces (for example, if you want to allow only .txt, .xls, .xlsx and .csv files, type: txt,xls,xlsx,csv).

Fortra recommends choosing valid file extensions according to your company's needs and security policy.

Server

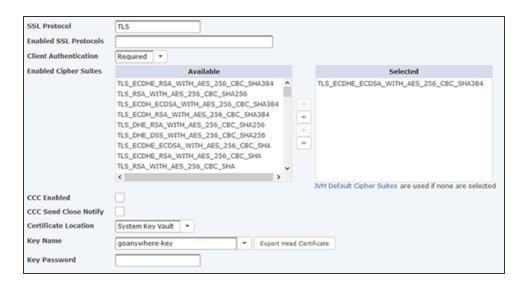
Listener

The listener specifies on which port the FTPS service will monitor traffic.

Idle Timeout

Consult your security team to determine the optimal Idle Timeout setting.

Implicit SSL



An Implicit SSL connection will start on any available FTP port. The Implicit SSL configuration verifies a connection is made and then requests and verifies an SSL connection before transmitting login or file data.

SSL Protocol

Use the default, TLS protocol. SSL is a deprecated protocol. This field is inherited from the System Security Settings.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, use 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Use this list to further limit the protocol specific Cipher Suites beyond those specified in the Security Settings.

CCC Enabled

Disable unless otherwise requested by your security team. If a Web User sends the CCC command, it terminates the encryption on the command channel and all subsequent FTPS communication on the command channel will be transmitted in plain text.

Certificate Location

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply them to the FTPS listener. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server.

Data Connection

Force Encrypted Data Channels

Set to Yes. This setting forces SSL/TLS encryption on the data channels and rejects any attempts at plain text data transfers.

Active



With an "active" Data Connection, the client computer connects to the server on the control port and specifies to the server which port it is listening on for the data. This can cause issues with a firewall on the client side as it may block the incoming data connection from the server.

Enabled

It is strongly recommended to use a 'Passive' data connection unless absolutely necessary.

Validate IP

Set to Yes. This option specifies if the server should check if the IP address for the data connection is the same as for the control port. If the IP is not valid, the connection will fail.

Passive



In a passive Data Connection, the client computer initiates the connection while the host decides the control port, using a port range within the firewall rules.

Validate IP

Set to Yes. This option specifies if the server should check if the IP address for the data connection is the same as for the control port. If the IP is not valid, the connection will fail.

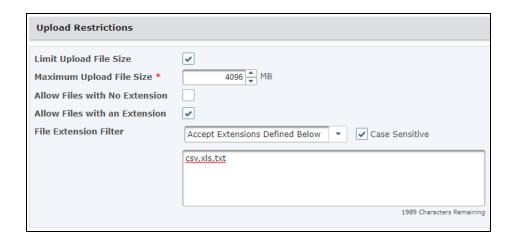
SFTP

The following section provides the recommended settings for hardening the SFTP Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the SFTP Service:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Services** and then click the **Service Manager** link.

Upload Restrictions



Limit Upload File Size

Fortra recommends that you enable this setting.

Maximum Upload File Size

Configuring a maximum upload size can help prevent attacks that consume server resources. Therefore, limit the maximum upload size according to your company's needs and security policy. Fortra also recommends limiting disk space for Web Users and Web User Groups to help prevent this type of attack.

Allow Files with No Extension

Fortra recommends that you disable this feature, as this could help prevent the upload of malicious files.

Allow Files with an Extension

Fortra recommends that you enable this feature. Most valid file uploads will include a file extension. In addition, enabling this feature along with choosing a File Extension Filter allows GoAnywhere MFT to prevent unwanted files from being uploaded.

File Extension Filter

This text area allows you to list the file types that are allowed to be uploaded via GoAnywhere MFT. Limiting allowed file types can help prevent the upload of malicious files.

NOTE: Type all file extensions without a period (.), separate them with commas, and do not add line breaks or spaces (for example, if you want to allow only .txt, .xls, .xlsx and .csv files, type: txt,xls,xlsx,csv).

Fortra recommends choosing valid file extensions according to your company's needs and security policy.

Server

SCP Enabled

Disable this option unless you are using it. Reducing the number of endpoints helps administrators focus security efforts.

Min DH Group Exchange Key Size Use a 2048 minimum key size.

Enabled Key Exchange Algorithms

Please consult with your security team on which algorithms should be enabled. Please see the *GoAnywhere MFT User Guide* for more information.

NOTE:

Enable ECDSA keys to allow for more Public Key Signature Algorithms.

Enabled Cipher Algorithms

Please consult with your security team on which algorithms should be enabled.

Please see the *GoAnywhere MFT User Guide* for more information.

Enabled Mac Algorithms

Please consult with your security team on which algorithms should be enabled.

Please see the *GoAnywhere MFT User Guide* for more information.

Enabled Compression Algorithms

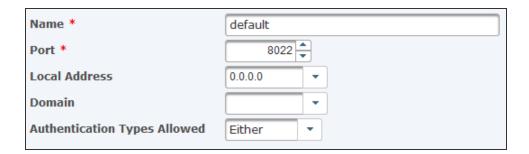
Please consult with your security team on which algorithms should be enabled.

Please see the *GoAnywhere MFT User Guide* for more information.

Software Version

The software name or version should be something generic such as 'Null', 'None', 'SFTP Server', etc. Information gathered from server header can help attackers in malicious activities.

Listener



The listener specifies on which port the SFTP service will monitor traffic.

Authentication Types Allowed

Set to 'Either', and set Public Key and Password to required in the Web User configuration settings. Defer to company policy and your security team to make sure authentication types chosen are those allowed by your organization.

Host Keys

Generate a new SSH RSA or ECDSA key under the System Key Vault of size 2048 or greater and use it for the SFTP Service. Remove any DSA key in the configuration. DSA keys are not allowed when FIPS 140-2 mode is enabled.

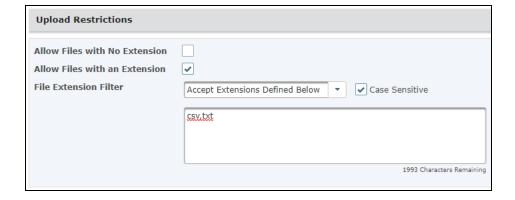
GoFast

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the GoFast Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the GoFast Service:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Service Manager link.
- 3. Click Action next to the GoFast Service, and then click Edit.

Upload Restrictions



Allow Files with No Extension

Fortra recommends that you disable this feature, as this could help prevent the upload of malicious files.

Allow Files with an Extension

Fortra recommends that you enable this feature. Most valid file uploads will include a file extension. In addition, enabling this feature along with choosing a File Extension Filter allows GoAnywhere MFT to prevent unwanted files from being uploaded.

File Extension Filter

This text area allows you to list the file types that are allowed to be uploaded via GoAnywhere MFT. Limiting allowed file types can help prevent the upload of malicious files.

NOTE: Type all file extensions without a period (.), separate them with commas, and do not add line breaks or spaces (for example, if you want to allow only .txt, .xls, .xlsx and .csv files, type: txt,xls,xlsx,csv).

Fortra recommends choosing valid file extensions according to your company's needs and security policy.

Control Channel SSL



Enabled SSL Protocols

Leave this field blank. This setting is covered by the Global Security Settings.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, us 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Use this option to limit the list of enabled Cipher Suites beyond those enabled in the Global Security Settings.

Certificate Location

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply it. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server.

Agent Service

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the Agents Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the Agent Service:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Services** and then click the **Service Manager** link.
- 3. Click **Action** next to the Agent Service, and then click **Edit**.

Registration

Require Approval

It is best practice to require approval for all Agent registrations. This allows for a two-step process before an Agent can connect to the server.

Notify Agent Managers

Select this options so that administrators can monitor Agent registrations.

Server

SSL

SSL Protocol

Leave this field blank.

Enabled SSL Protocols

Leave this field blank. The default SSL/TLS for the JVM will be used. These settings can be changed on the Security Settings page.

NOTE:

Add other algorithms as needed from the Security Settings page.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Use this option to limit the list of enabled Cipher Suites beyond those enabled in the Security Settings.

PeSIT

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the PeSIT Service. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the PeSIT Service:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Service Manager link.
- 3. Click Action next to the PeSIT Service, and then click Edit.

SSL

SSL Enabled

Enable.

Enabled SSL Protocol

Leave this field blank. Settings will be inherited from the Global Security Settings page.

NOTE:

Add other algorithms as needed from the Global Security Settings page.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, us 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Cipher Suites should be set on the Global Security Settings page. You can further limit the protocol specific Cipher Suites using this option.

Key Name

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply them to the PeSIT listener. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server.

GoAnywhere Gateway

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening GoAnywhere Gateway. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the GoAnywhere Gateway:

- Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Services** and then click the **Gateway Manager** link.

Gateway Manager

Gateway IP Filter and Log Rejected IP Addresses

Gateway IP Filter

Enable the Gateway IP Filter. This allows the gateway to filter client connections based on the IP Filter Allow List and Block List managed by GoAnywhere.

Log Rejected IP Address

Enable Log Rejected IP Addresses. GoAnywhere Gateway will log rejected IP addresses in the Gateway log file on the Gateway installation.

Gateway Configuration

Control Channel Security

SSL Enabled

Enable. It is best practice enable SSL on Listeners unless redirecting from HTTP to HTTPS.

Implicit SSL

Disable. This helps prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.

SSL Context Protocol

Enable only TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3, if available.

NOTE:

Connecting to outdated GoAnywhere Gateway servers may cause connectivity issues.

Secure Mail Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening the Secure Mail feature. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage Secure Mail Settings:

- Log in as an Admin User with the Secure Mail Manager role. If your user account
 is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute
 actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Secure Mail, Settings link.

General

Secure Mail Enabled

Enable Secure Mail only if it is actively being used.

File Limit per Package

Set the File Limit per Package with consideration to your disk space.

Send Package

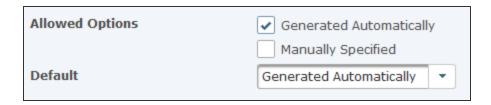
Protection Level



Disable URL Protected and enable Password Protected and Certified Delivery.

Set the Default to **Certified Delivery**. When Certified Delivery is enabled, Web Users will be given an option to require recipients to register before they can access the message.

Password Generation



Enable **Generated Automatically** and disable **Manually Specified**. Manually specified passwords can be set to a single character and are not as secure.

Set the Default to Generated Automatically.

Password Notification



Enable Email and Text Message (SMS).

Set the Default to **Text Message (SMS)** if SMS has been configured.

Enable Send in Separate Email.

Package Expiration



Enable **Enforce Range**.

Set the Default to a number of days less than the desired enforced range.

Maximum Downloads



Enable **Enforce Range**.

Set the Default to a number of days less than the desired enforced range.

Reply

Disable Allowed.

Set the Default to **No**. This prevents Web Users from receiving potentially risky files. In addition, enabling data loss prevention scanning using Triggers can further mitigate risk.

Request Files

Request Protection Level



Disable URL Protected and enable Certified Delivery.

Set the Default to the **Certified Delivery**. When Certified Delivery is enabled, Web Users will be given an option to require recipients to register before they can access the message.

Request Expiration



Enable Enforce Range.

Set the Default to a number of days less than the desired enforced range. Enforcing a range prevents links from being used in the future should a user's inbox be compromised.

Outlook Plugin Policy



Set the Max File Size Options to All file Sizes.

Disable **Ask Before Sending** and enable **Enforce These Settings**. Enforcing setting through the plugin policy ensures that all users adhere to the same settings when sending messages from Outlook.

Address Rules

Address Rules are used to define the Web User email addresses that are permitted to send Secure Mail, and to which recipient email addresses can be sent to.

Configure the address rules to permit the least number of email addresses necessary.

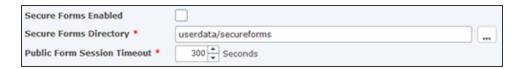
Secure Forms Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for hardening Secure Forms.

To manage Secure Forms Settings:

- Log in as an Admin User with the Secure Forms Manager role. If your user
 account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or
 execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Secure Forms,Settings link.

Hardening Recommendations



If you plan to use Secure Forms, set a **Public Form Session Timeout**. If you are not using Secure Forms, uncheck **Secure Forms Enabled**.

Secure Form Configuration

The following section provides all recommended settings for Secure Form Configuration. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To configure a Secure Form:

- Log in as an Admin User with the Secure Forms Manager role. If your user
 account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or
 execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- From the main menu bar, select Services > Secure Forms > Form Manager.

Access

Enabling **Web Client Enabled** is recommended. Limit enabling access points to only those that are needed.

Disabling **Public Access** is recommended, but can be enabled if business needs require it. If Public Access is enabled, we recommend not allowing embedded forms.

Web Users

Assign Web Users using the principal of least privilege.

Web Groups

Assign Web Groups using the principal of least privilege.

Components

Utilize the Mask Input option to hide user input and the Encrypt Data option to ensure that sensitive data will not be shown in plaintext anywhere within the application.

Agent Manager

The following section provides all recommended settings for Agent Manager. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

Rotate Agent Key

Force Restart

True. This will force the Agent to immediately reauthenticate to MFT using its new key pair.

WARNING: Selecting "Force Restart" will restart the Agent immediately and force the Agent to begin using the new authentication key. Any jobs or transfers will be terminated.

Fortra recommends regularly rotating authentication keys. Consult your internal security team to ensure you are rotating keys in accordance with your organization's security policy.

WARNING: If you are rotating your Agent's authentication key because you suspect the Agent has been compromised, you should immediately unregister and reregister the Agent. The reregistration process can help reestablish the identity and legitimacy of the Agent. Simply rotating the Agent's authentication key may not be enough to recover a compromised Agent.

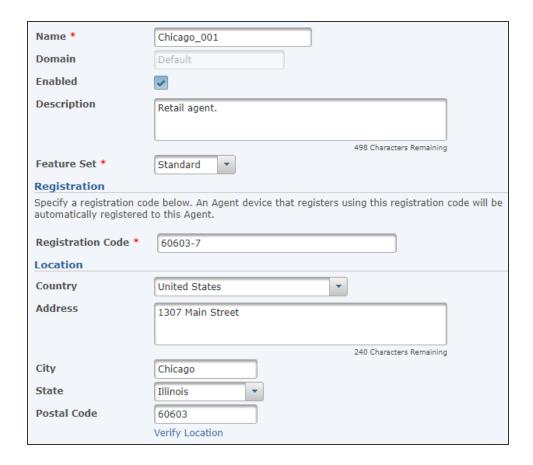
Agent Configuration

The following section provides all recommended settings for Agent Configuration. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage Agents:

- Log in as an Admin User with the Agent Manager role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- From the main menu bar, select Services and then click the Agents, Agent Settings link.

General



Use a unique registration code for each Agent. To automate for larger deployments, configure Agent settings through the Agent Service Listener. See the GoAnywhere MFT User Guide for more information.

Alerts

While not directly security related, alerting Agent Managers when an Agent goes offline can call attention to security issues.

Users

Admin Users and Admin User Templates

The following section provides all recommended settings for Admin Users and Admin User Templates. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To add or edit Admin Users or Admin User Templates:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Admin Users** or the **Admin User Templates** link.

Fortra recommends creating a service account for all automated aspects of the application - Secure Forms, Triggers, Monitors, SLAs, etc. Avoid using 'root' or 'administrator' accounts for this purpose.

Fields for Admin Users and Admin User Templates

Two-Factor Authentication

Enable some form of two-factor authentication: RADIUS (for example, RSA SecurID and Duo), Time-based One-Time Password (for example, Google Authenticator), or GoAnywhere One-Time Password.

Roles

Assign roles using the principle of least privilege.

Groups

Assign groups using the principal of least privilege.

Domains

Assign domains using the principle of least privilege.

File Permissions

Limit Admin User folder access through the File Manager Settings. Use the principle of least privilege.

NOTE:

Fortra recommends providing 'Read Only' access to Admin Users and only on an as-needed basis. Create Web Users (even for internal employees) for fully managed and audited access to files. Due to the sensitive nature of the **ghttpsroot** and **adminroot** directories, Fortra recommends practicing caution when determining who has access to these locations.

Admin User Groups

The following section provides all recommended settings for Admin User Groups.

To configure Admin User Groups:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Admin Users** link.

Be advised that any permissions given will be passed to all Admin Users within the Admin User Group.

Admin User Group Fields

Group Roles

Assign group member roles using the principle of least privilege.

Group Domains

Assign group member domains using the principle of least privilege.

Admin Security Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for Admin Security Settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage Admin Security Settings:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click **Admin Security Settings**.

General



Session Timeout

Set the session timeout according to company policy. OWASP recommends high risk applications be set from 120 to 300 seconds and 900 to 1800 for low risk applications.

Allow Browsers to Save Login Credentials

Disable this option to prevent login credentials from being used by another user.

Allow Viewing of Resource Passwords

Disable this option to prevent unwanted access to resource passwords.

Allow Session ID in URL

Disable this option. Information exposed in the URL can be used by intruders.

Allow Embedding within an IFrame

Disable this option to prevent click-jacking and cross frame reference attacks.

Default Resource Permissions for All Admin Users

Disable all options.

HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

Include Header

Enabled

Maximum Age

Leave this on the default setting unless your security team requires otherwise.

Include Subdomains

Enable this option.

Include Preload Option

Fortra recommends enabling this option if possible. See the GoAnywhere MFT User Guide for details.

HTTP Content Security Policy (CSP)

Policy

Start with the 'Default' setting and customize as needed. Consider consulting your internal security team and testing changes to the CSP before applying changes to a production environment.

Password Policy

Set password policy parameters in accordance with company password policy. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

NOTE:

These settings only apply when using the GoAnywhere login method. If you use Active Directory to authenticate users, your password policy is managed by Active Directory.

Password Strength

Enforce Settings

Enforce password strength settings.

Minimum Password Length

Set the minimum password strength to 8.

Minimum Number of Upper Case Letters

Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Lower Case Letters

Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Digits

Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Special Characters

Set a minimum of 1.

Allowable Special Characters

Allow all special characters.

Password Age

Maximum Password Age

Do not set the Maximum Password Age to zero (0). The industry standard is 90 days. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

NOTE:

Applying a Maximum Password Age can affect automated and service level accounts that use the internal login method.

Password History

Enforce Password History

Enable.

Disallow Reuse of the Last

Disallow reuse of passwords. The number should depend on the maximum age setting. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

Web Users

The following section provides all recommended settings for the Web Users. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To configure Web Users:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Web User Manager** role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select Users, and then click the **Web Users** link.

Authentication

Password Options

Enable 'Allow User to Change Password' if secure password polices are in place.

Password Expiration Interval

Leave this setting at 'Default' unless otherwise necessary. The Password Expiration Interval will be defined in the Web User Password Policy.

Authentication Types

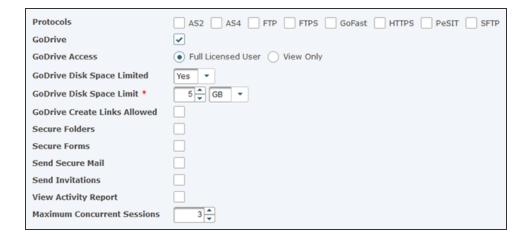
It is best practice to use two-factor authentication, regardless of the protocol.

Enable 'SAN/DN' whenever possible.

Groups

Assign Web User Groups using the principle of least privilege.

Features



Assign features using the principal of least privilege.

GoDrive Disk Space Limited

Set a reasonable GoDrive disk space limit.

Maximum Concurrent Sessions

Set a reasonable maximum number of concurrent sessions based upon user need and company security policy. This helps prevent denial of service attacks.

Folders

Assign folder permissions using the principle of least privilege.

Limit Disk Space

Setting the **Limit Disk Space** option to 'Yes' can help prevent attacks that consume server resources. Therefore, set the **Limit Disk Space** option and **Disk Quota** configuration according to your company's needs and security policy.

NOTE:

Disk space limits can cause negative performance impacts in large scale environments.

Forms

Assign forms using the principle of least privilege.

IP Filter

Enable IP Filter

Enable this feature. These filters control which IP addresses or address ranges have access to the various protocols.

Filter Type

Enable 'Allow List'.

Time Limits

Disable Account When No Activity

Set to 'Default (As defined in the web user security settings).

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Pull Processing Modes

Signal Message Decryption

Use a unique key pair for each trading partner.

User Message Signature

Enable Sign User Message. Signed messages help ensure nonrepudiation.

User Message Encryption

Enable this feature if possible. Use the highest agreed upon algorithm possible to ensure pull request message responses are encrypted.

Message Options

Enable **Reception Awareness**. Reception Awareness allows GoAnywhere to report whether a message has been successfully received or not.

Push Processing Modes

Receipt Signature

Enable **Sign Receipt**. Signed receipts help ensure nonrepudiation. Use the highest agreed upon algorithm possible. Signed receipts help ensure nonrepudiation.

Message Decryption

Use a unique key pair for each trading partner.

Message Options

Set the **Reply Mode** to 'Synchronous'. This ensure that the message receipt arrives at the correct endpoint.

Uploads

Ensure that the upload directory is pointing to an encrypted folder where files will be encrypted at rest.

Require

Set **Encryption** and **Signature** to 'Yes'. This allows GoAnywhere to throw an error if either are missing from a message.

Web User Settings

The following section provides all recommendations for the Web User Settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage the Web User Settings:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Web User Settings** link.

General

Disable Inactive Web User Accounts After

Do not set this value to '0' as this disables the setting. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

Password Policy

Set password policy parameters in accordance with company password policy. If you do not have an official security policy, our recommendations follow. Consult your internal security team for further recommendations.

NOTE:

If you use Active Directory to authenticate users, you password policy is managed by Active Directory.

Password Strength

Enforce Settings

Enforce password strength settings.

Minimum Password Length
Set the minimum password strength to 8.

Minimum Number of Upper Case Letters Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Lower Case Letters Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Digits
Set a minimum of 1.

Minimum Number of Special Characters Set a minimum of 1.

Allowable Special Characters
Allow all special characters.

Password Age

Minimum Password Age
Set a Minimum Password Age to 1.

Maximum Password Age

Do not set the Maximum Password Age to zero (0). The industry standard is 90 days. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

NOTE:

Applying a Maximum Password Age can affect automated and service level accounts that are not LDAP managed.

Password History

Enforce Password History

Enable.

User Name Policy

Set password policy parameters in accordance with company password policy. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

NOTE:

If you use Active Directory to authenticate users, your password policy is managed by Active Directory.

Device Policy

PIN Verification Required

Enable PIN verification.

PIN Length

Set a PIN length of at least 6 digits.

Admin Approval Required

Require admin approval for all devices.

Notify Web User Device Managers

Enable so that Device Managers are notified via email when a Web User registers a device.

Notify Additional Email Addresses

Add one or more email recipients to be notified when a Web User registers a device for GoDrive and the device requires admin approval or has become activated. Separate multiple email addresses with commas.

Require Device Reauthentication

Enable.

Reauthenticate Every

Set reauthentication to every 7 days. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

Profile

Enable the 'Unique Email Addresses' setting to allow for consolidated permissions and better traceability. Consult your internal security team for recommendations.

Anonymous

Disable 'Allow Anonymous Web User'.

Web User Self-Registration

The following section provides all recommended settings for Web User Self Registration. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To access the Web User Self-Registration page:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Web User Self-Registration** link.

Web User Self-Registration

Self-Registration Allowed

Disable this feature. Web User Self-Registration allows your employees and trading partners to create an account in GoAnywhere through the Web Client interface.

NOTE:

If using Certified Delivery, users will need to be manually created or sync'd with LDAP/SAML if this setting is disabled.

If your environment requires the use of Web User Self-Registration, it is recommended to ensure the following configurations are in place.

Email Pattern

Limit the email patterns allowed to self register.

Permission

Allow **only** the emails necessary to register. **Deny** all others.

Web User Template

Select a Web User Template that gives created Web Users the minimum permissions necessary to GoAnywhere.

NOTE:

When configuring the Home Directory for created Web Users, it is recommended to generate the users' home folders based upon the user.name variable. The default setting for Home Directory will use this value to create the Web Users home directory under the configured webdocs location. Using the other offered variable values is not recommended, as these values are not required to be unique within GoAnywhere. Ensure that careful consideration is given to any folder access given to a Web User, to ensure that selected variable values do not unintentionally give Web Users access to the same directory locations.

Requires Approval

Enable Requires Approval

Notify Web User Managers
Enable Notify Web User Managers

User Email as User Name
Enable Use Email as User Name

Domains

The following section provides all recommended settings for GoAnywhere Domains. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage Domains:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Domains** link.

Allow Execute Native Command

This option determines if Projects and Triggers in this Domain can use the Execute Native Command task or Execute Native Command Trigger action to run commands on the server where GoAnywhere is running. Use the principle of least privilege.

File Access Restrictions

The File Access Restrictions options determine if Web Users, Admin Users, and Resources in this Domain are restricted to specific folders. Use the principle of least privilege.

Key Management System

Allow File Based Keys

Disable file based keys whenever possible as file based keys are accessible from the file system.

Login Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for user Login Settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To manage Login Settings:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu bar, select **Users**, and then click the **Login Settings** link.

Two-Factor Authentication Options

Enable two-factor authentication. If you are using LDAP or SAML SSO, enable multi-factor authentication through your authentication provider.

Reporting

Logs, reports, and log settings are available to authorized Admin Users from the Reporting drop-down menu.

Logs are useful for troubleshooting errors and monitoring events such as file transfers and server activity. The logs can be sorted by column, as well as exported to a CSV formatted file.

Log Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for Log Settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

To administer Logs, log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role.

From the main menu bar, point to **Reporting** and then click **Log Settings**.

General Tab

Tamper-Evident Logging
Enable Tamper-Evident Logging

NOTE:

If you have any log exemptions configured, those events will not be logged.

Encryption

Encrypted Folders

The Encrypted Folders page allows authorized users to create and manage encrypted folders for use within GoAnywhere.

To manage encrypted folders:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu, select **Encryption**, and then click the **Encrypted Folders** link.
- Fortra recommends encrypting as many locations accessed by GoAnywhere MFT as possible.

Folder Restrictions

To prevent encryption of vital GoAnywhere system resources, GoAnywhere has restrictions on which folders can be encrypted:

- You cannot encrypt a root drive. For example, you would not be able to encrypt C:\.
- You cannot encrypt the GoAnywhere install directory, or any parent directory of the install directory.
- The WebDocs and Workspace directories are the only directories within the GoAnywhere install directory where encryption is allowed. The locations of these folders are configured on the Domain.
- You cannot encrypt a child folder of a directory that is already encrypted.
- You cannot encrypt a parent folder of a directory that contains an encrypted child directory.

NOTE:

When using encrypted folders in GoAnywhere, data at rest can only be accessed through the GoAnywhere application.

Master Encryption Keys

GoAnywhere MFT ships with a product encryption key that, by default, is used to encrypt passwords, keys, and other sensitive data. The Master Encryption Keys feature allows administrators to create and manage master keys. The most recently created Master Encryption Key will always be set to the 'current' key and will be labeled as such in the list of keys.

To manage Master Encryption Keys:

- Log in as an Admin User with both Product Administrator and Security Officer
 roles. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to
 view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified
 for that role.
- Select Encryption from the main menu bar and then click the Master Encryption Keys link.

IMPORTANT: Fortra recommends creating a new Master Encryption Key. Rotate Master Encryption Keys as directed by your organization's security policy.

System

Global Settings

The following section provides all recommendations for Global Settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

These settings can be viewed and modified by an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.

From the main menu, select **System**, and then click the **Global Settings** link.

SMTP Tab

Connect to an SSL enabled port. Configure the SMTP settings to use User Name and Password whenever possible.

SMS Tab

When using SMS, refer to your SMS provider for best practices.

Security Settings

The following section provides all recommended settings for the Security Settings page. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

The Security Settings option is only available to Admin Users with the **Security Officer** role.

Any changes to Security Settings are implemented globally throughout GoAnywhere MFT.

From the main menu bar, select **System**, and then click **Security Settings**.

NOTE: Changes to Security Settings requires a restart of GoAnywhere MFT.

Cryptography Tab

FIPS 140-2 Compliance

Enable FIPS 140-2 Compliance Mode

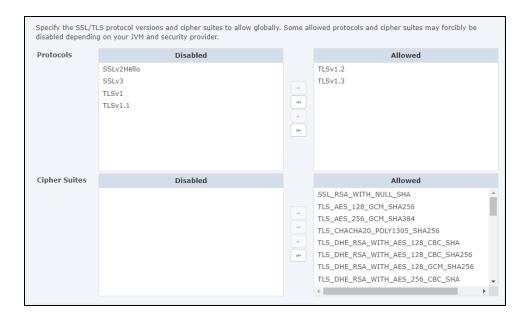
Enabling FIPS mode is optional but strongly recommended.

DRBG Required Entropy

DRBG Required Entropy Bits

The 'Default' option represents the minimum required entropy bits to meet the latest security standard. Configuration above this level is supported, but it may affect performance. Check with your security team to determine an acceptable number of entropy bits to use.

SSL/TLS Algorithms Tab



Protocols

Enable only TLSv1.2 and TLSv1.3, if available.

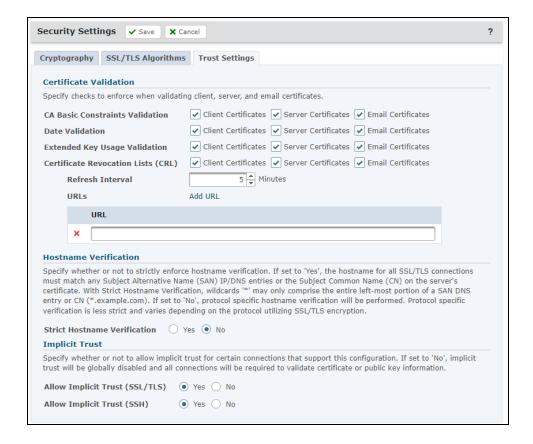
NOTE:

Connecting to outdated servers may cause connectivity issues.

Cipher Suites

Consult with your Security Team to determine which cipher suites should be allowed globally. For more information on cipher suite support, please review the 'Security Settings' section of the *GoAnywhere MFT User Guide*.

Trust Settings Tab



Certificate Validation

CA Basic Constraints Validation

Enable all certificate checks.

Date Validation

Enable all certificate checks.

Extended Key Usage Validation

Enable all certificate checks.

NOTE:

If running in a clustered system with Agents, rotate the Agent server key to an SSL certificate that has been generated with the Client and Server Extended Key Usage attributes defined.

NOTE:

If enabling client SSL certificate validation, make sure that any users authenticating with SSL certificates are using certificates that have the Client Extended Key Usage attribute defined.

Certificate Revocation Lists (CRL)

Enable all certificate checks. Consult your security team to determine which CRL to pull from and how often it is refreshed.

Hostname Verification

Strict Hostname Verification Enable.

Implicit Trust

Allow Implicit Trust (SSL/TLS)

Disable. This helps prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.

Allow Implicit Trust (SSH)

Disable. This helps prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.

Antivirus Settings

The following section provides all recommendations for Antivirus Settings. This section will only address fields and options that have recommended settings.

Antivirus Settings are used to configure automatic antivirus scanning for files uploaded to GoAnywhere Services.

These settings can be viewed and modified by an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your

ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.

From the main menu, select System, and then click the Antivirus Settings link.

Enabled

Enabling antivirus scanning can help prevent the upload of malicious or unwanted data to your GoAnywhere server.

Upload Options

File Buffer Size

The maximum file size GoAnywhere will store in memory while awaiting a response from the ICAP server. Therefore, limiting the file buffer size according to your company's needs and security policy can help prevent attacks that consume server resources. Fortra also recommends limiting disk space for Web Users and Web User Groups to help prevent this type of attack.

Service Limits

It is best practice to scan all uploads made to GoAnywhere Services with an ICAP Solution.

File Actions

Default file actions have been configured with best practices in mind. If your team needs to adjust these rules, ensure that uploads which receive an ICAP response signifying the discovery of unwanted data within the file are denied.

Default File Action

Fortra recommends selecting deny for the Default File Action. Denying uploads that do not return any of your expected ICAP responses can help prevent the upload of unwanted or unexpected data.

ICAP Server is Unavailable

Fortra recommends selecting deny if the ICAP server is unavailable. This will ensure that no malicious data is uploaded to your server in the event the ICAP server becomes inaccessible to GoAnywhere.

File Exemptions

Do not configure file exemptions. File Exemptions help narrow the scope of the ICAP configuration (for example, by a particular user or file size). Therefore, uploads that meet exemption criteria will not be scanned by ICAP.

Admin Server

The following section provides all recommended settings for the Admin Server page. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

IMPORTANT: Fortra recommends *not* making the admin web portal publicly available.

To manage the Admin Server:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.
- 2. From the main menu, select **System** and then click the **Admin Server** link. From the Admin Server page, click **Edit** to edit the Admin Server.

Listener

General Tab

Server Header

Set the Server Header name to something generic (such as 'Null', 'None', or 'Web Server'). Information gathered from the header name can help attackers in malicious activities.

Force Identity Provider Login

If you are using SAML Single Sign-On, enable this field. This will force all authentication requests to be routed through your identity provider.

SSL Tab

SSL Enabled

Enable. It is best practice to enable SSL on Listeners unless redirecting from HTTP to HTTPS.

SSL Protocol

Use the default, TLS protocol.

Enabled SSL Protocols

Leave this field blank. Settings will be inherited from the Global Security Settings page.

Client Authentication

If all users are authenticating with certificates, set this option to 'Required'. If only some users are authenticating with certificates, use 'Optional'. Otherwise, use 'None'.

Enabled Cipher Suites

Use this list to further limit the protocol specific Cipher Suites beyond those specified in the Security Settings.

Certificate Location

Import your company's private SSL key into the Key Management System and apply them to the HTTPS listener. If a signed certificate is not available, create an SSL certificate and apply it. Use the latest version of SSL certificate as possible and the largest key size possible. If using certificate version 3, be sure that the certificate extended key usage is set to an SSL/TLS server. See the HTTPS Certificate Quick Start Guide in the GoAnywhere Admin User Guide for more information.

Redirection Tab

HTTP/HTTPS traffic can be automatically redirected to the intended protocol, host and/or port. The redirect process substitutes the appropriate portion of the URL ([protocol]://[host][:port]).

To securely redirect from HTTP to HTTPS, set up an HTTP listener and enable redirection on that listener. Configure the redirection fields as necessary, set the redirection protocol as HTTPS, and redirect to the existing HTTPS listener.

Database Configuration

The Database Configuration page displays the current database configuration and provides options to edit the current database configuration or migrate the embedded GoAnywhere database to an external database.

To manage the database:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Product Administrator** role.
- 2. From the main menu, select **System**, and then click the **Database Configuration** link.

By default, GoAnywhere stores its configuration settings and application data in an embedded Derby database. Fortra recommends switching to an external database so that a database administrator can manage database security. Enable SSL communication with the database if possible.

WARNING:

Only perform the database switch when no other users are using GoAnywhere. The migration will stop Monitors, Scheduled Jobs, Service Level Agreements, and Projects from executing. Additionally, all services, Web User sessions, and the GoAnywhere Gateway connection will be stopped.

See the Switch Database topic in the GoAnywhere User Guide for instructions on how to switch databases.

NOTE:

You need to export the internal database's certificate to a local file-based trust store, then specify that trust store in your JDBC URL *Example: &trustStore=C:\Program Files\HelpSystems\GoAnywhere\userdata\keys\x509\trustedCertificates.jks&trustStorePassword=goanywhere*

System Alerts

The following section provides recommendations for System Alerts settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed. The System Alert settings do not directly affect the security of the application, however they can alert administrators to potential security issues.

When system alerts are enabled, GoAnywhere can email Product Administrators when the system is started, shut down, when memory is reaching a set threshold, the GoAnywhere license is set to expire, or when changes are made to a GoAnywhere Cluster. System Alerts are useful in pointing to stability and security issues.

To modify System Alerts:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the Product Administrator role.
- 2. From the main menu, select System, and then click the System Alerts link.

General Settings

System Alerts Enabled Enable.

Administration

GoAnywhere Started

Notify Product Administrators Enable.

GoAnywhere Shutdown

Notify Product Administrators Enable.

JVM Memory

Available Memory Less Than Set a memory limit.

Notify Product Administrators Enable.

Notify Additional Email Addresses

Enable this feature if additional users need to be notified.

License Expiring

License Expiring Within Set a time limit.

Notify Product Administrators Enable.

Web Users

Web User Deactivated

Notify Web User Managers Enable.

Certificates

Certificate Expiring

Certificate Expiring Within Set a time limit.

Notify Key Managers

Enable.

PGP Keys

PGP key Expiring

PGP Key Expiring Within

Set a time limit.

Notify Key Managers

Enable.

Triggers

Trigger Failed

Notify Trigger Managers

Enable.

Gateway

Gateway Connected

Notify Product Administrators

Enable.

Gateway Disconnected

Notify Product Administrators

Enable.

Clustering

Cluster Membership Changes

Notify Product Administrators

Enable.

IP Filter

The IP Filter page provides the options to create and configure the global IP filter list. To manage IP filters, log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.

From the main menu, select **System**, and then click the **IP Filter** link.

Set 'IP Filtered Enabled' to true.

Filter Entries

As a best practice, create a list of allowed addresses to limit who can connect to GoAnywhere's Admin Client and hosted services.

IP Block Listing

The following section provides all recommendations for IP Block Listing settings. Only fields and options with recommended settings will be addressed.

The Automatic IP Block List feature in GoAnywhere monitors the active services for repeated unsuccessful access attempts. The Automatic IP Block List can detect bruteforce and denial of service (DoS) attacks, as well as monitor for malicious user names.

To manage Automatic IP Block Lists:

- 1. Log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role.
- 2. From the main menu, select **System**, and then click the **Automatic IP Block List** link.

WARNING: Some networking devices may mask the true remote IP address of a client connection. Please work with your networking team to ensure GoAnywhere MFT is receiving the correct remote IP address. Receiving an incorrect IP may negatively affect GoAnywhere's IP Filter and IP Block Listing functionality.

Automatic IP Block List

Automatic Block List Enabled Enable this feature.

Brute-force Attack Monitor Enabled

Enable the brute-force monitor and set the Sensitivity to 'Very High' with a Ban Type of 'Permanent'.

DoS Attack Monitor Enabled

Enable the DoS attack monitor and set the Sensitivity to 'Very High' with a Ban Type of 'Permanent'.

Malicious User Name Monitor Enabled

Enable malicious user name monitoring and add a list of common user names that you are not using within the application. (root, admin, administrator, ec2-user, etc.).

Automatic IP Block List Exemptions

The Automatic IP Block List Exemptions feature in GoAnywhere excludes specified IP addresses from being block listed after repeated unsuccessful access attempts.

To manage Automatic IP Block Lists Exemptions, log in as an Admin User with the **Security Officer** role. If your user account is assigned to a custom Admin User Role, your ability to view, modify, or execute actions on this page is based on the permissions specified for that role.

From the main menu, select **System**, and then click the **Automatic IP Block List** link. Click the **Exemptions** icon Exemptions button on the Automatic IP Block List page.

Security Settings Audit Report

While the Security Settings Audit report is intended to analyze your GoAnywhere product's security settings and determine if they comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI-DSS), this report is also useful in locating potential weaknesses in your GoAnywhere configuration.

For each security setting, the report will indicate if the setting meets the PCI-DSS standard using one of the following statuses:

- Pass The setting meets the PCI-DSS requirement.
- Fail The setting does not meet the PCI-DSS requirement. Recommended steps to correct the setting are provided.
- Warning Further research is required to ensure your system meets the specified requirement. Recommended steps to correct the setting are provided.
- Not Applicable A check on this setting is not required, typically due to GoAnywhere features that you are not licensed to use.
- Fatal Indicates a configuration problem is preventing GoAnywhere from accessing the appropriate data.

NOTE:

Running the Security Settings Audit Report requires the Advanced Reporting Module. If you do not have access to this feature, reach out to your sales rep for temporary access.

Glossary

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nonrepudiation

Creating a proof of the origin or delivery of data, thus preventing the recipient from falsely denying that data has been received and preventing the sender from falsely asserting that data has been sent.

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principle of least privilege

A user should be given only those privileges needed to complete a given task. If a user does not need an access right, the user should not have that right.