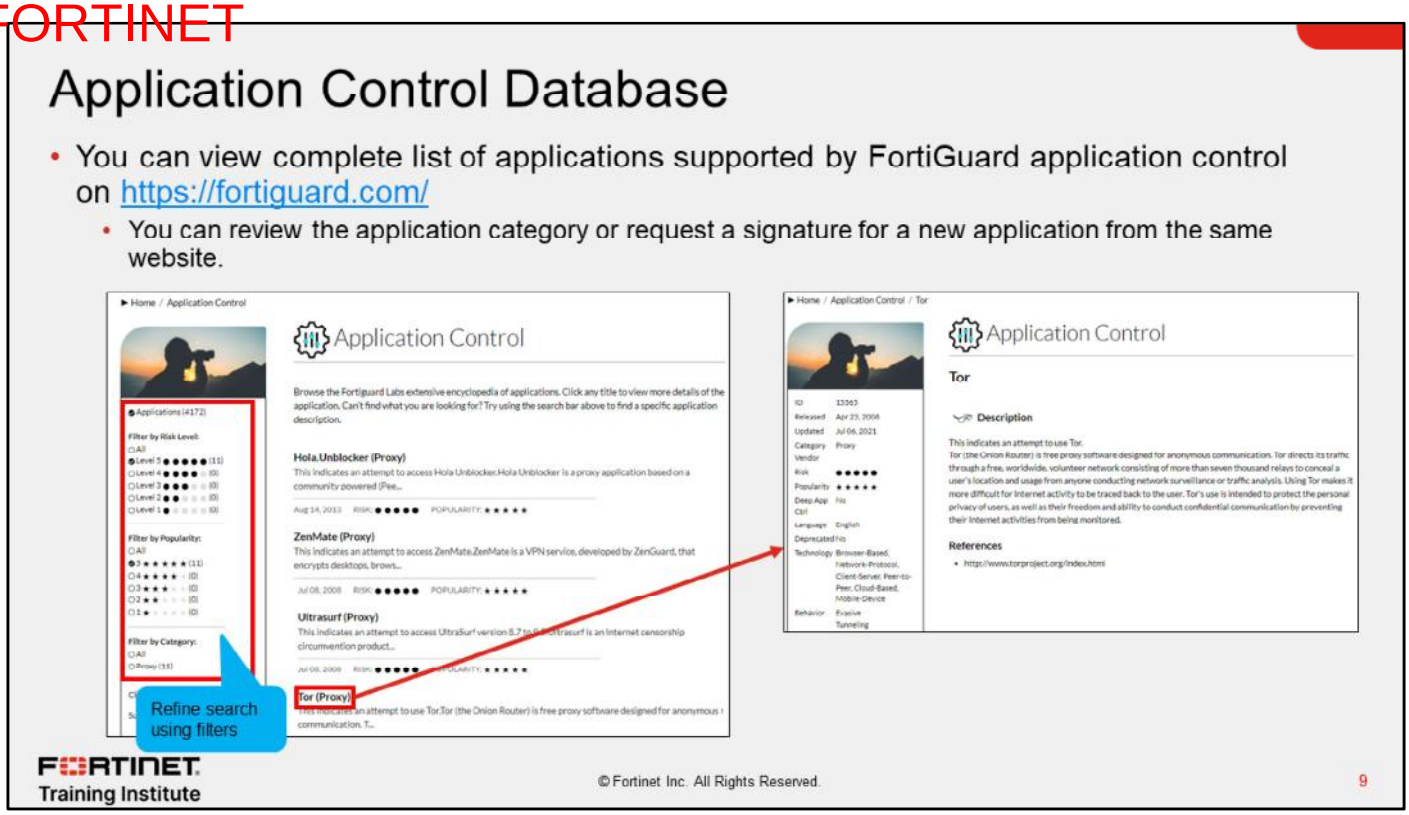


You can view the latest version of the application control database on the FortiGuard website, or by clicking an individual application signature in the application control profile.

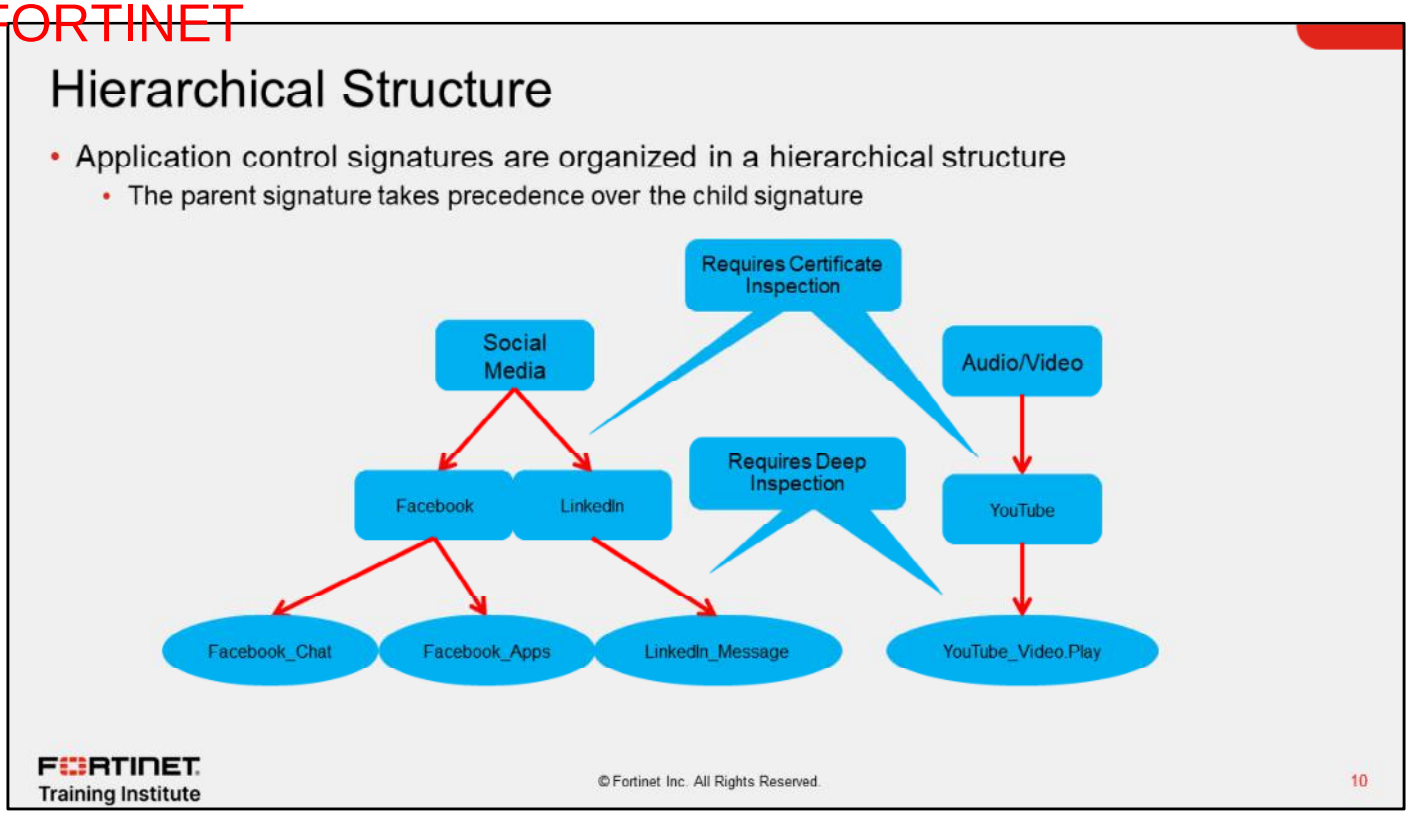
The application control database provides details about application control signatures based on category, popularity, and risk, to name a few.

When building an application control signature, the FortiGuard security research team evaluates the application and assigns a risk level based on the type of security risk. The rating is Fortinet-specific, and not related to the common vulnerability scoring system (CVSS) or other external systems. The rating can help you decide whether or not to block an application.

On the FortiGuard website, you can read details about each signature's related application.

This slide shows an example for an application called Tor. Tor is a web proxy, so it belongs in the proxy category. A best practice is to create test policies that you can use to observe policy behavior.

If the most recent FortiGuard update does not include a definition for an application that you need to control, you can submit a request on the FortiGuard website to have the application added. You can also submit a request to re-evaluate an application category, if you believe an application should belong to a different category.



Many web applications offer functionality that can be embedded in third-party websites or applications. For example, you can embed a Facebook **Like** button at the end of an article, or reference a YouTube video on an educational website. FortiOS gives administrators all the tools they need to inspect sub-application traffic. The FortiGuard application control signature database is organized in a hierarchical structure. This gives you the ability to inspect the traffic with more granularity. You can block Facebook applications while allowing users to collaborate using Facebook chat.

Knowledge Check

1. Which statement about application control is true?
   - ✓ A. Application control uses the IPS engine to scan traffic for application patterns.
   - B. Application control is unable to scan P2P architecture traffic.

2. Which statement about the application control database is true?
   - ✓ A. The application control database is separate from the IPS database.
   - B. The application control database must be updated manually.

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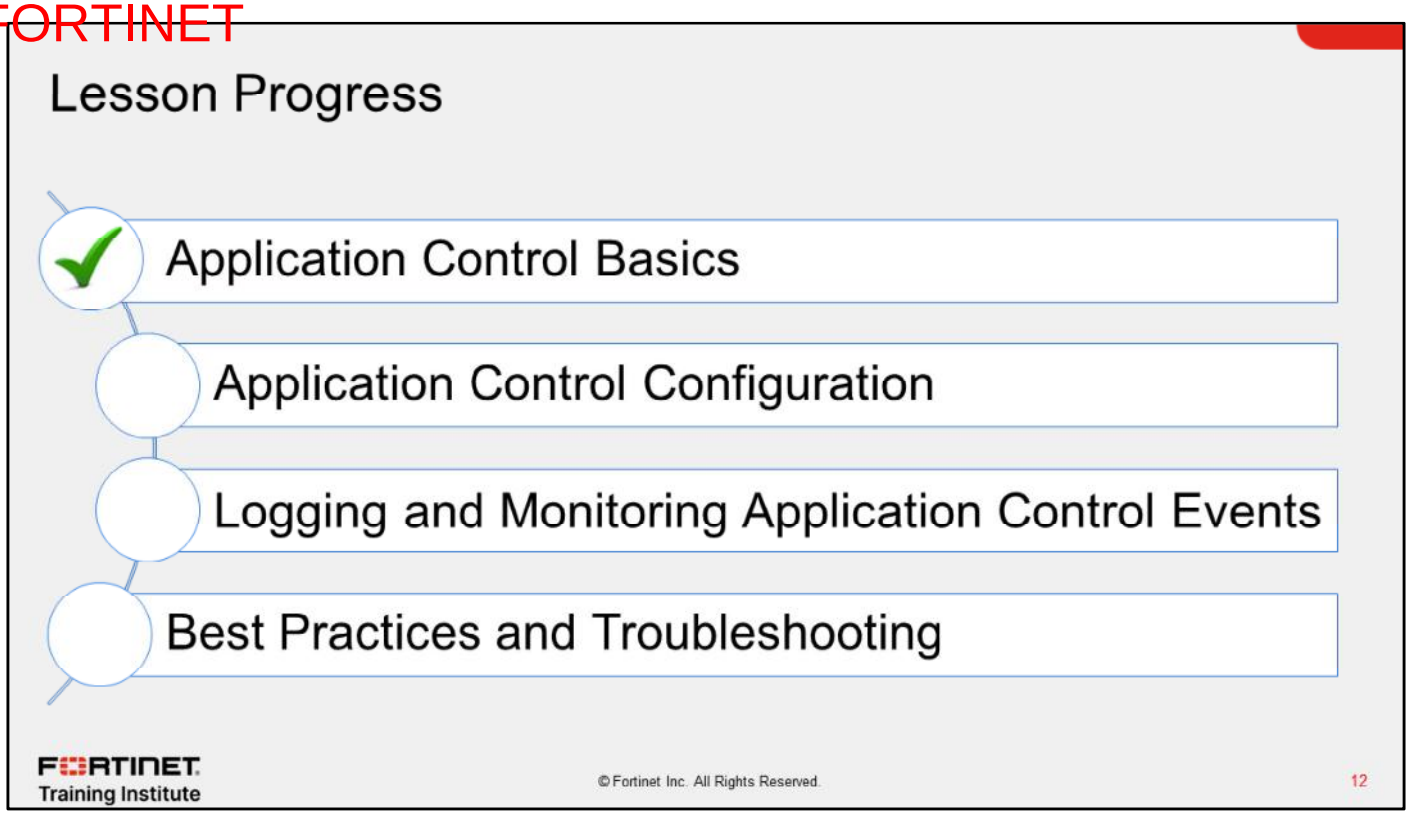
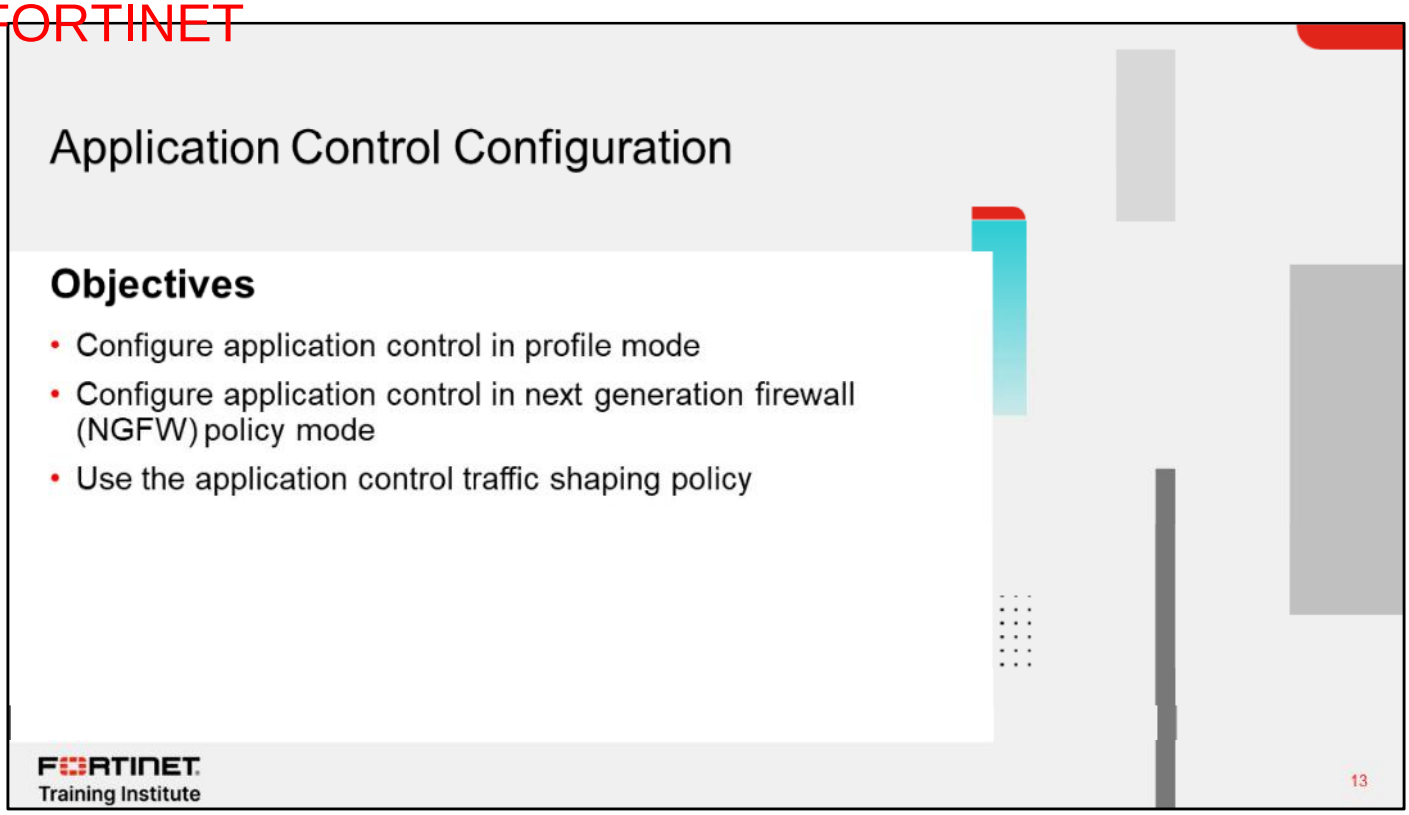


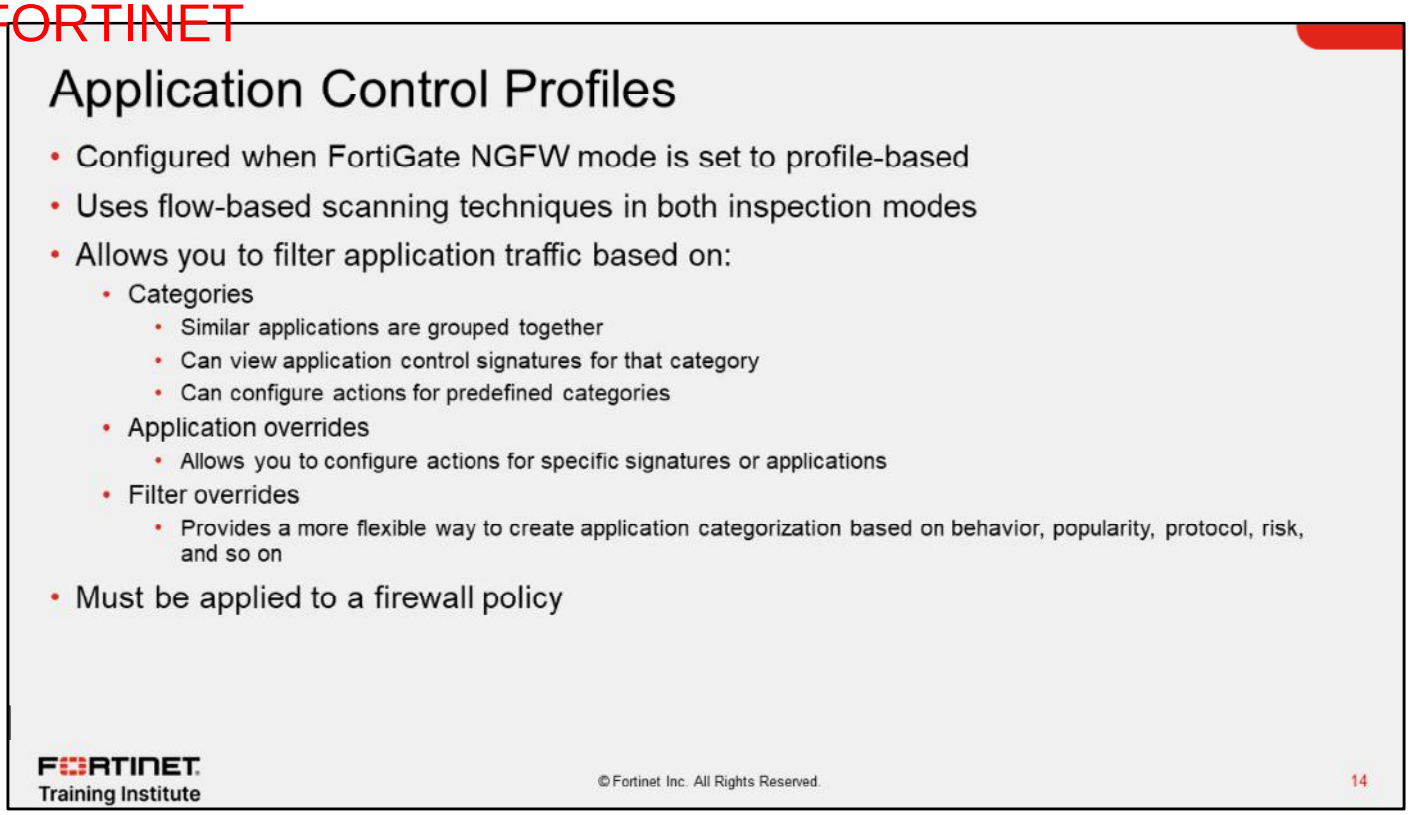
Good job! You now understand basic application control functionality.

Now, you will learn about application control configuration.



After completing this section, you should be able to achieve the objectives shown on this slide.

By demonstrating competence in configuring the application control operation modes that are available on FortiOS, you will be able to use application control effectively in both profile mode and NGFW policy mode.

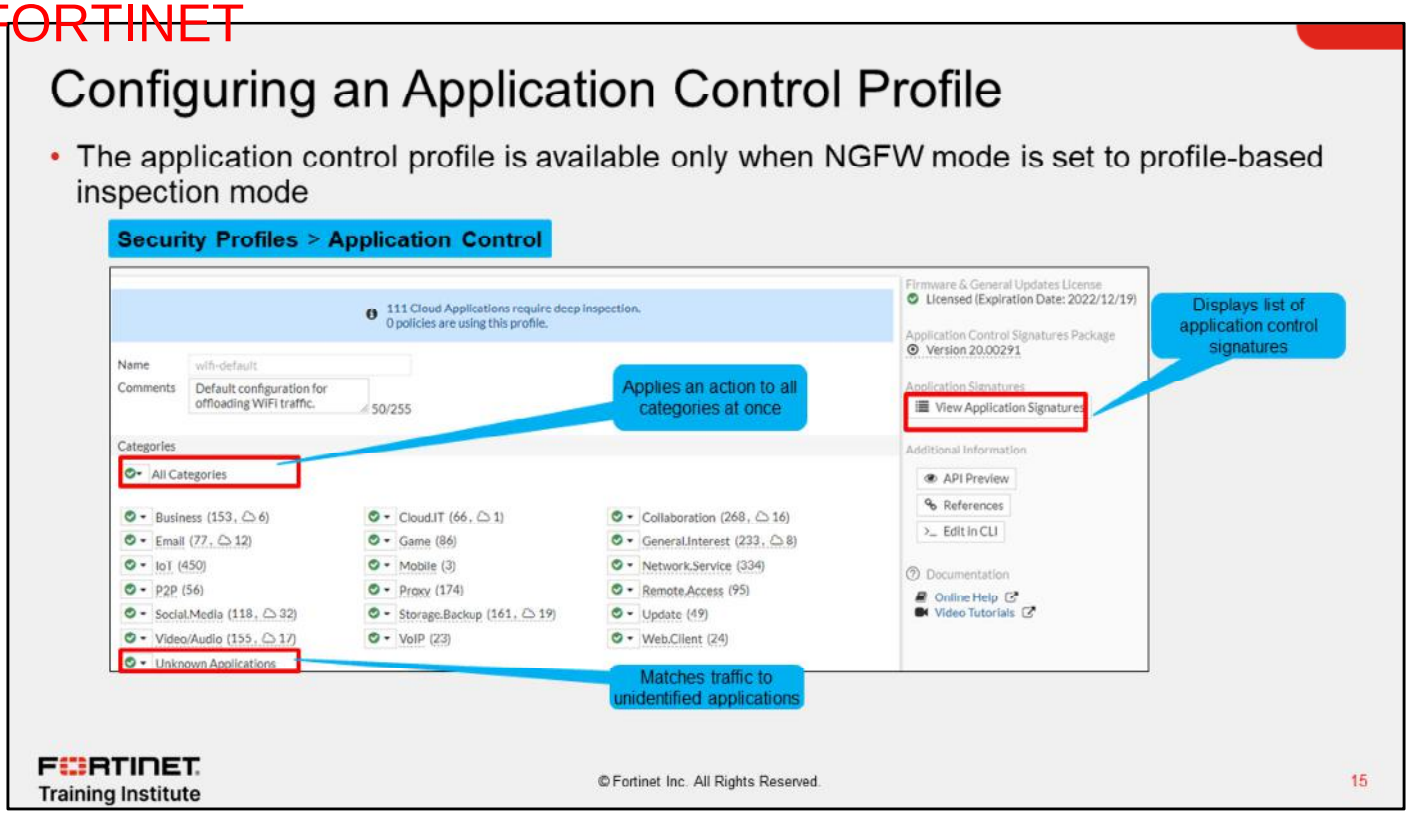


When FortiGate or a VDOM is operating in flow-based (NGFW mode set to profile-based, policy set to flow-based) inspection mode or policy set to proxy-based inspection mode, to configure application control, administrators must create an application control *profile* and apply that profile to a firewall policy.

It is important to note that the application control profile uses flow-based scanning techniques, regardless of which inspection mode is used on the policy.

The application control profile consists of three different types of filters:

- Categories: Groups applications based on similarity. For example, all applications that are capable of providing remote access are grouped in the **Remote Access** category. You can view the signatures of all applications in a category or apply an action to a category as a whole.
- Application overrides: Provides the flexibility to control specific signatures and applications.
- Filter overrides: Useful when a predefined category does not meet your requirements and you want to block all applications based on criteria that is not available in categories. You can configure the categorization of applications based on behavior, popularity, protocol, risk, vendor, or the technology used by the applications, and take action based on that.



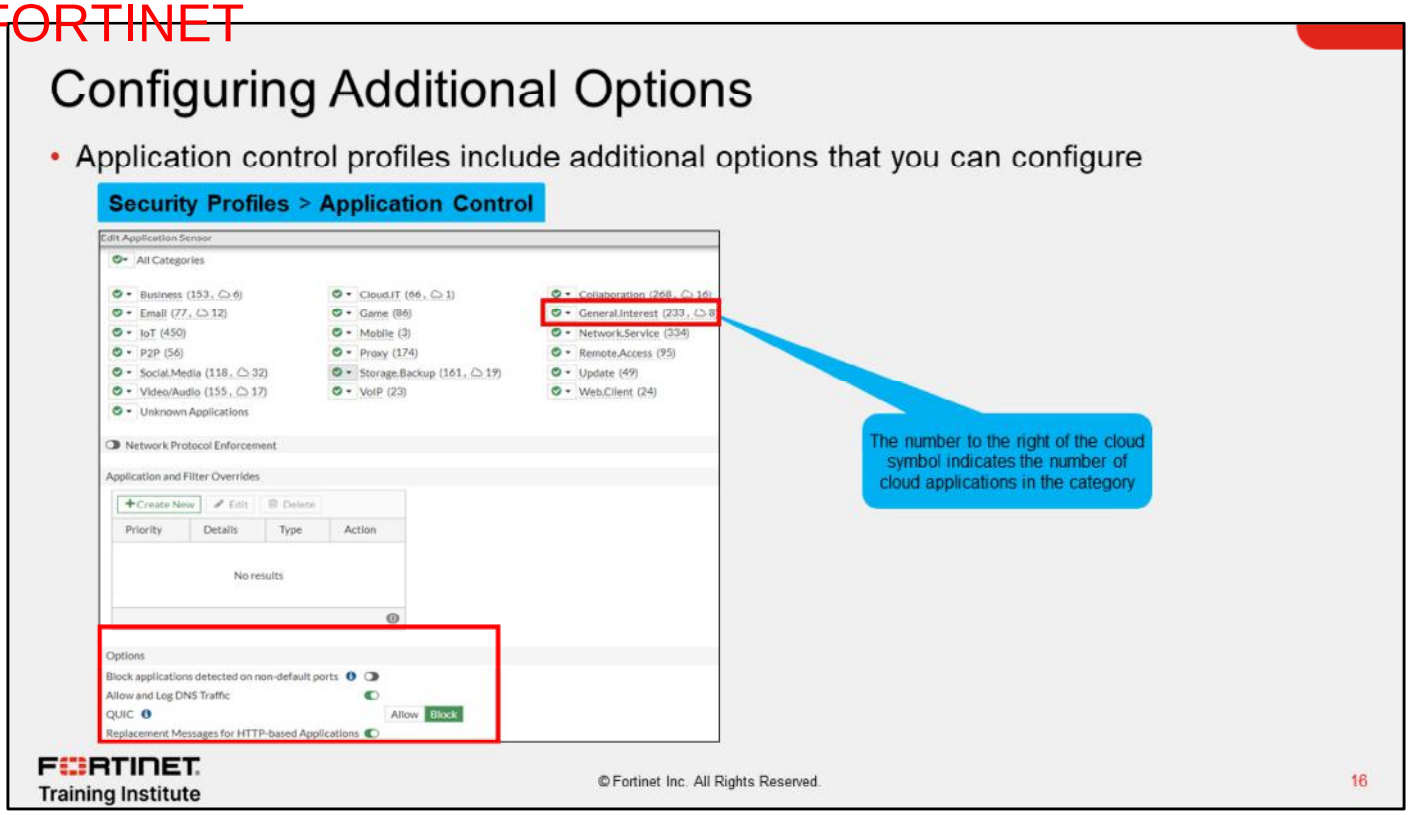
The application control profile is configured on the **Application Control** page. You can configure actions based on categories, application overrides, and filter overrides. You can also view the list of application control signatures by clicking **View Application Signatures**.

At the top of the **Application Control** profile page, you will see a summary of how many cloud applications require deep inspection. Cloud applications that use SSL encryption cannot be scanned without a deep inspection profile. FortiGate must decrypt the traffic in order to perform inspection and control application traffic.

The **Unknown Applications** setting matches traffic that can't be matched to any application control signature and identifies the traffic as `unknown application` in the logs. Factors that contribute to traffic being identified as `unknown application` include:

- How many rare applications your users are using
- Which IPS database version you are using

Identifying traffic as unknown can cause frequent log entries. Frequent log entries decrease performance.



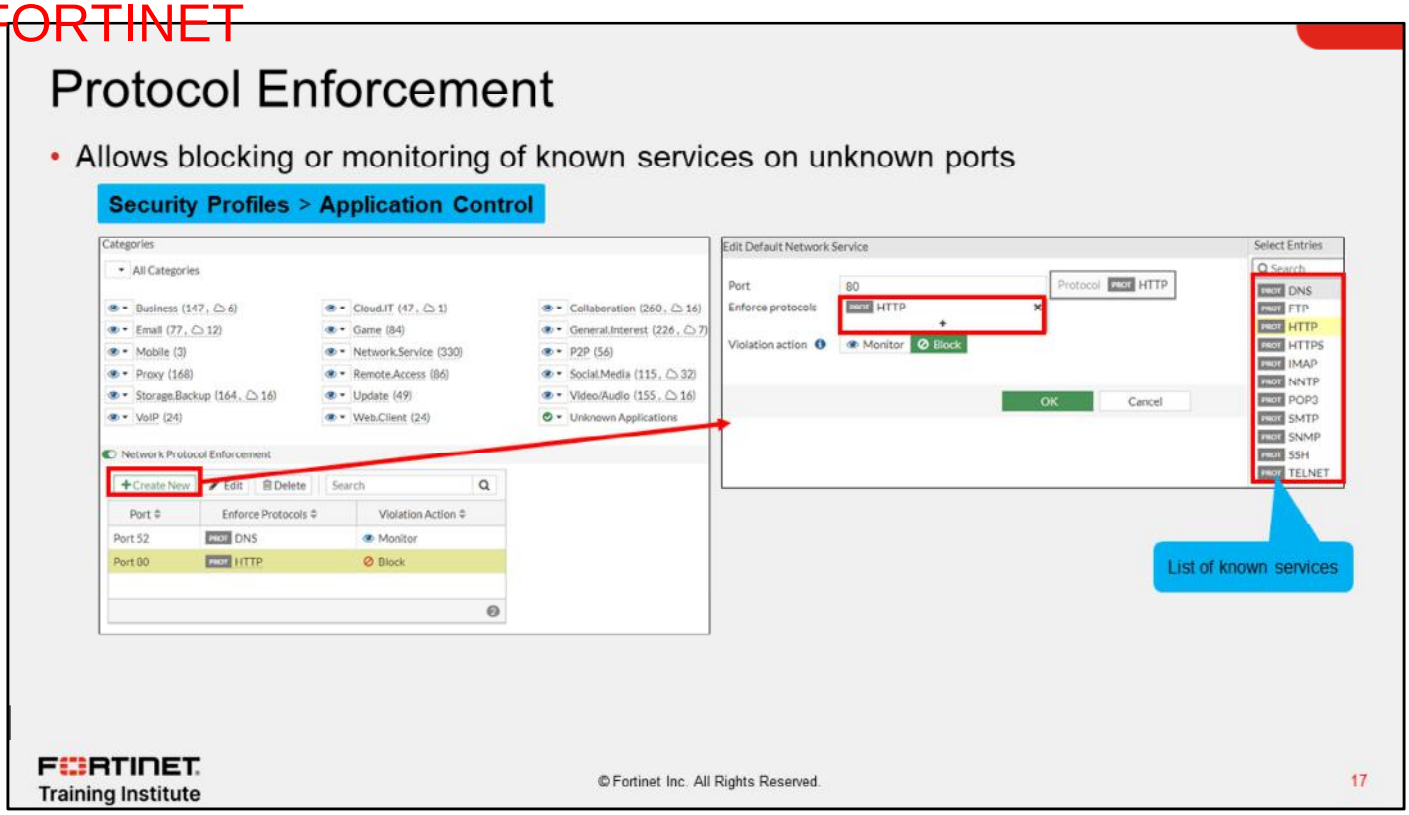
The number listed to the right of the cloud symbol indicates the number of cloud applications in the category.

Allow and Log DNS Traffic: Enable this option to allow DNS traffic for the application sensor. Depending on the application and how often it queries DNS servers, enabling this setting can use significant system resources.

QUIC: QUIC is a protocol from Google that uses UDP Instead of the standard TCP connections for web access. UDP is not scanned by web filtering. Allowing QUIC instructs FortiGate to inspect Google Chrome packets for a QUIC header and to generate logs as QUIC messages. Blocking QUIC forces Google Chrome to use HTTP2/TLS1.2 and FortiGate to log QUIC as blocked. The default action for QUIC is **Block**.

Replacement Messages for HTTP-based Applications: This setting allows you to replace blocked content from HTTP/HTTPS applications with an explanation for the user's benefit. For non-HTTP/HTTPS applications, FortiGate only drops the packets or resets the TCP connection.

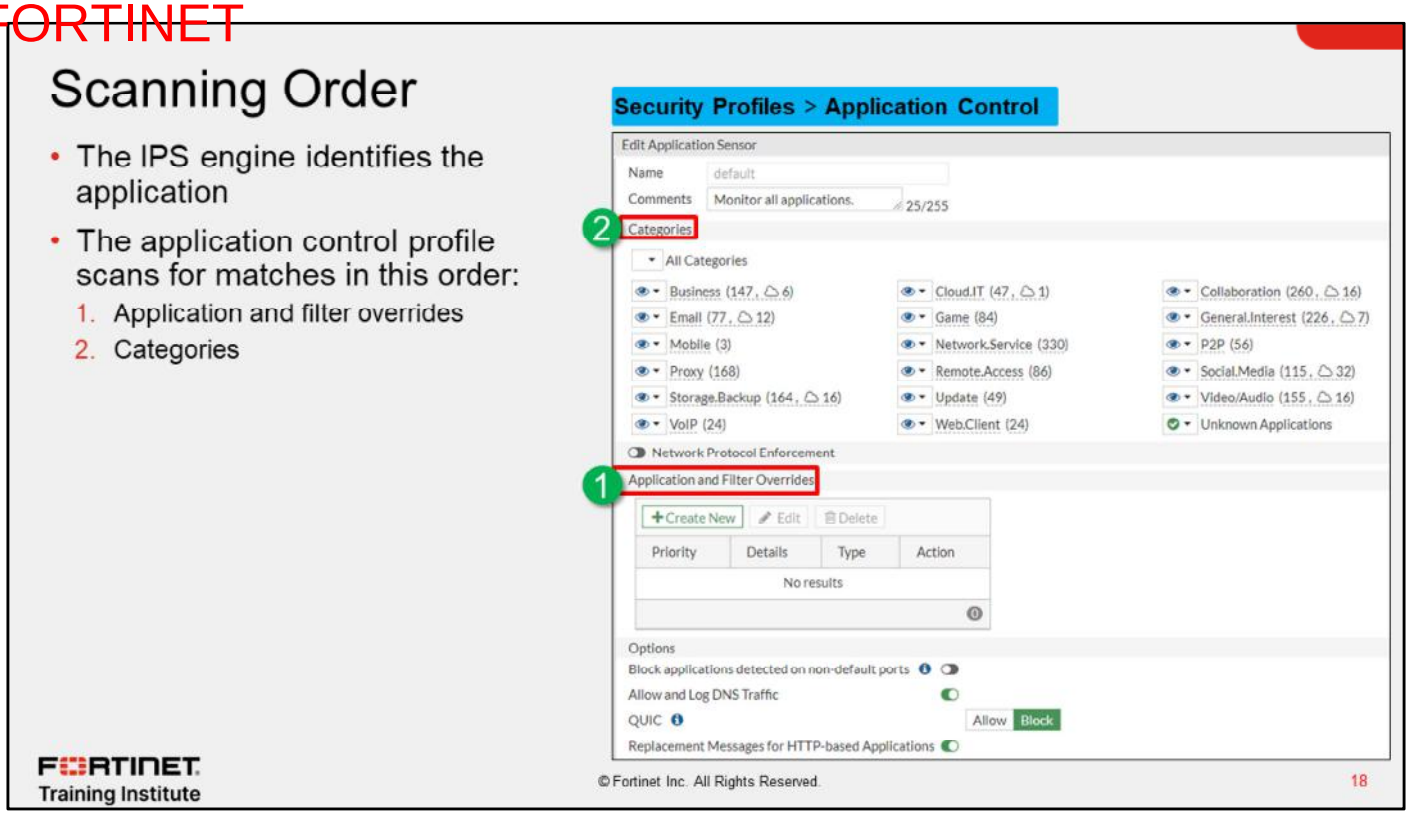
After you've configured the application control profile, select the profile in the firewall policy. Like any other security profile, the settings you configure in the application control profile are not applied globally. FortiGate applies the application control profile settings only to traffic governed by the firewall policy in which you've selected the application control profile. This allows granular control.



Protocol enforcement is added to the application control profile, allowing the administrator to configure network services (for example, FTP, HTTP, and HTTPS) on known ports (for example, 21, 80, and 443), while blocking those services on other ports.

The feature takes action in the following scenarios:

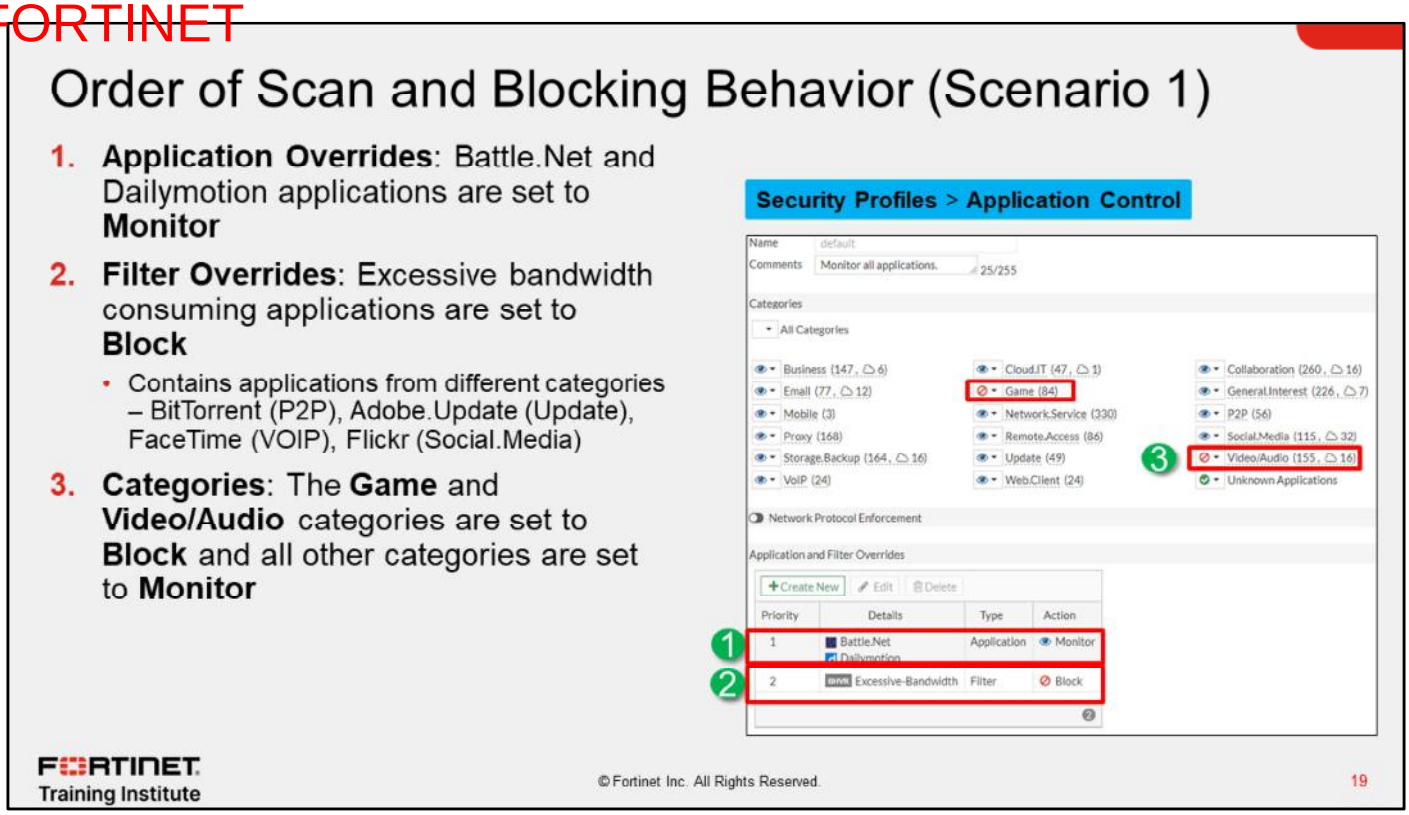
- When one protocol dissector confirms the service of network traffic, protocol enforcement can check whether the confirmed service is whitelisted under the server port. If it is not, then the traffic is considered a violation and IPS can take the action (for example, block) specified in the configuration.
- There is no confirmed service for network traffic. It would be considered a service violation if IPS dissectors rule out all the services enforced under its server port. For example, if port 21 is configured for FTP and IPS Dissector could not decide on the exact service but is sure it is not FTP. If the port of the non-ftp traffic is 21, it will be a violation.



The IPS engine examines the traffic stream for a signature match.

Then, FortiGate scans packets for matches, in this order, for the application control profile:

1. Application and filter overrides: If you have configured any application overrides or filter overrides, the application control profile considers those first. It looks for a matching override starting at the top of the list, like firewall policies.
2. Categories: Finally, the application control profile applies the action that you've configured for applications in your selected categories.



In the example profile shown on this slide, the application control profile blocks the **Game** and **Video/Audio** categories. For applications in these categories, FortiGate responds with the application control HTTP block message. (It is slightly different from the web filtering HTTP block message.) All other categories are set to **Monitor**, except **Unknown Applications**, and are allowed to pass traffic.

In the **Application and Filter Overrides** section, you can see that some exceptions are specified. Instead of being set to **Block**, **Battle.Net** (**Game**) and **Dailymotion** (**Video/Audio**) are set to **Monitor**. Because application overrides are applied first in the scan, these two applications are allowed, and generate logs.

Next, the scan checks for **Application and Filter Overrides**. Because a filter override is configured to block applications that use excessive bandwidth, it blocks all applications using excessive bandwidth, regardless of categories that allow these applications.

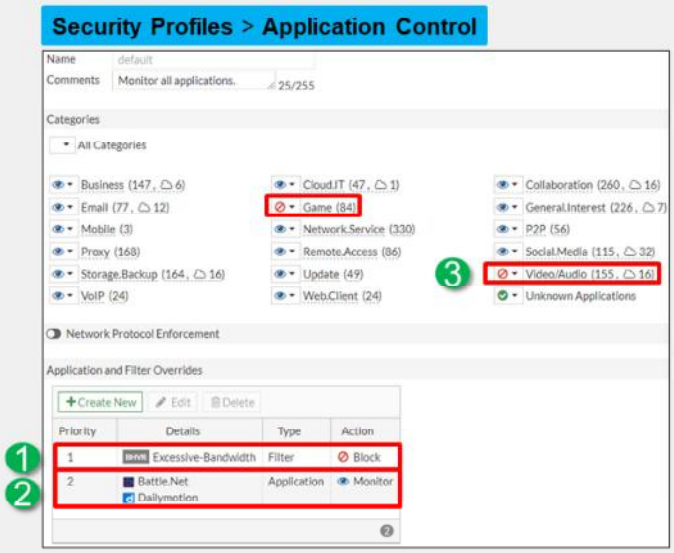
This slide shows an example of how several security profile features could work together, overlap, or work as substitutes, on the same traffic.

After the application control profile scan is done, FortiGate begins other scans, such as web filtering. The web filtering scan could block Battle.Net and Dailymotion, but it would use its own block message. Also, web filtering doesn't check the list of application control overrides. *So, even if an application control override allows an application, web filtering could still block it.*

Similarly, static URL filtering has its own exempt action, which bypasses all subsequent security checks. However, application control occurs before web filtering, so that the web filtering exemption *cannot* bypass application control.

Order of Scan and Blocking Behavior (Scenario 2)

1. **Filter Overrides**: Excessive bandwidth consuming applications are set to **Block**
   - Contains applications from different categories – BitTorrent (P2P), Adobe.Update (Update), FaceTime (VOIP), Flickr (Social.Media)
2. **Application Overrides**: Battle.Net and Dailymotion applications are set to **Monitor**
3. **Categories**: The **Game** and **Video/Audio** categories are set to **Block** and all other categories set to **Monitor**



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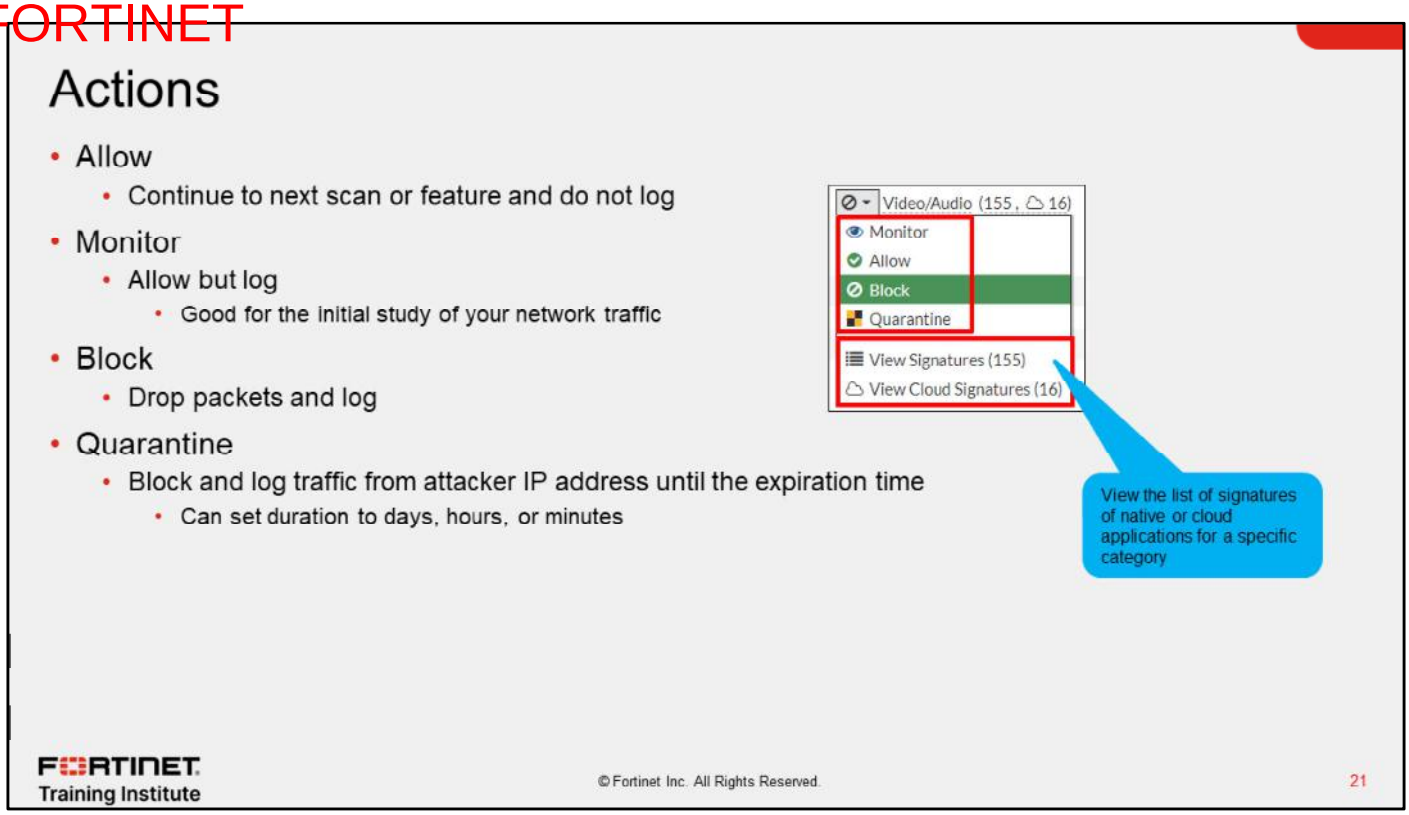
In the example profile shown on this slide, the filter override has been moved above the application override. In this scenario, the filter override (**Excessive-Bandwidth**) is blocked and, since **Dailymotion** falls under the excessive bandwidth category, Dailymotion is blocked even though it is set to **Monitor** under the **Application and Filter Overrides** section.

The priority in which application and filter overrides are placed takes precedence.



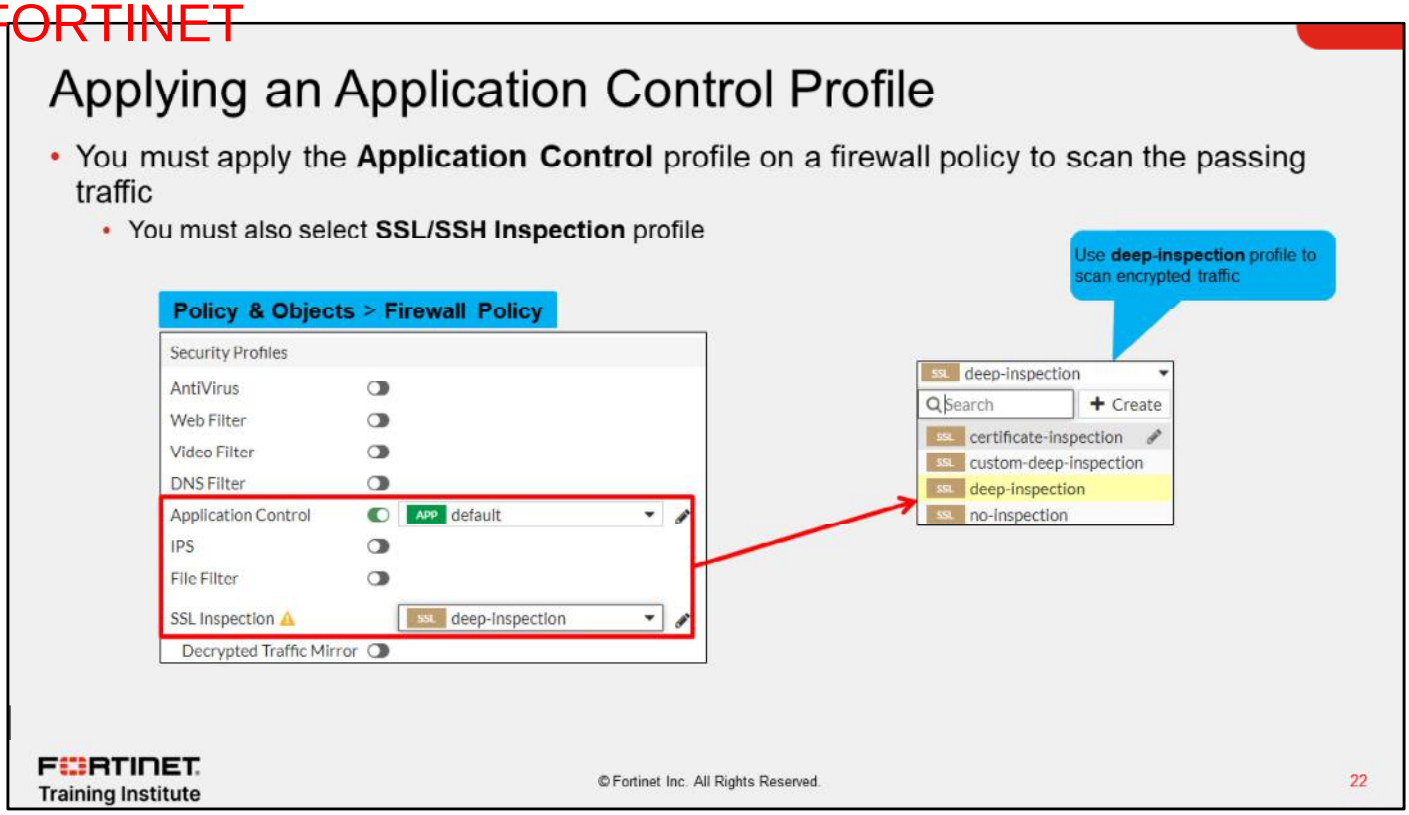
For each filter in the application control profile, you must indicate an action—what FortiGate does when traffic matches. Actions include the following:

- **Allow**: Passes the traffic and does not generate a log
- **Monitor**: Passes the traffic, but also generates a log message
- **Block**: Drops the detected traffic and generates a log message
- **Quarantine**: Blocks the traffic from an attacker IP until the expiration time is reached and generates a log message

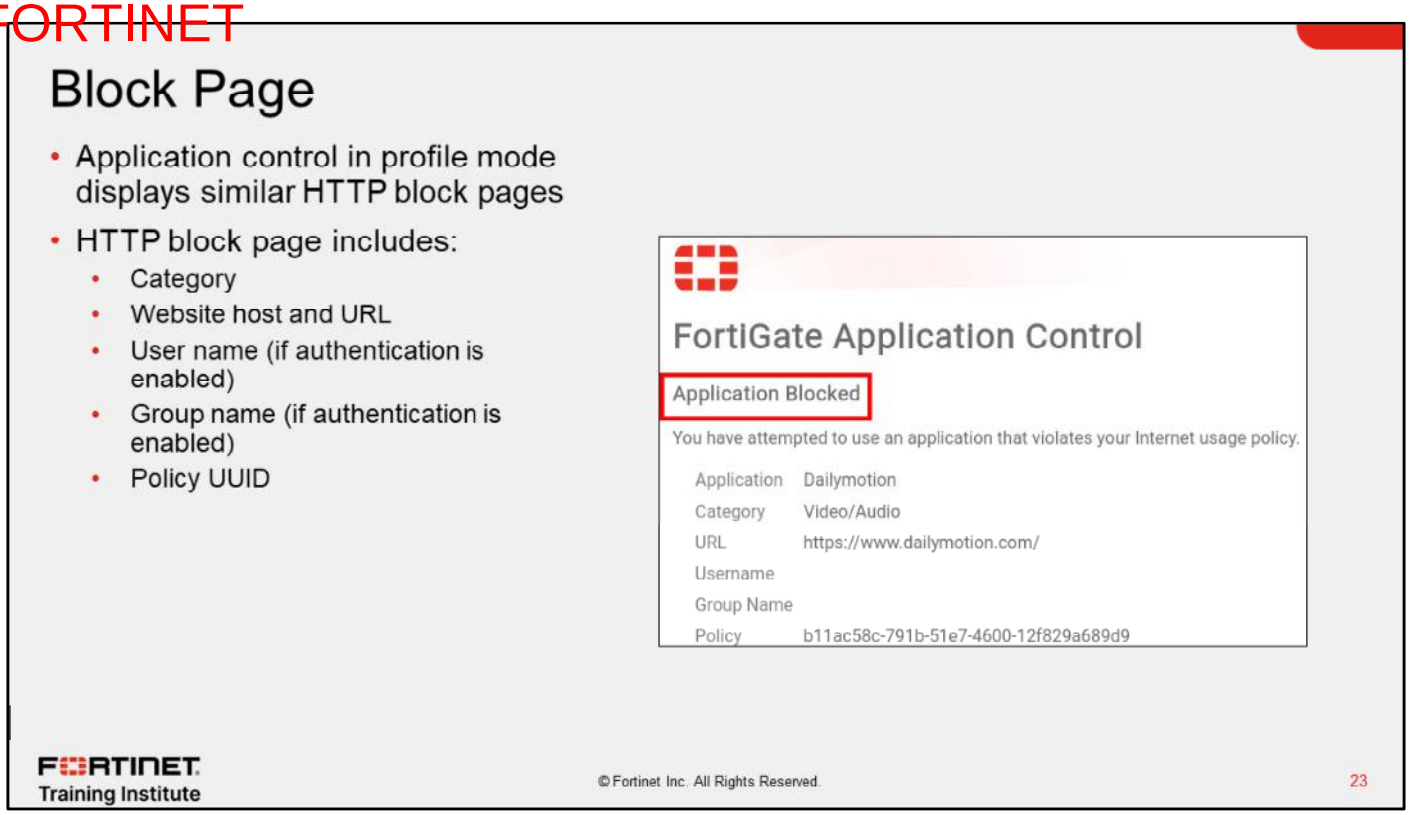
The **View Signature** action allows you to view signatures from a particular category only and is *not* a configurable action. The **View Cloud Signatures** action allows you to view application signatures for cloud applications from a particular category.

Which is the correct action to choose?

If you're not sure which action to choose, **Monitor** can be useful initially, while you study your network. Later, after you have studied your network traffic, you can fine-tune your filter selection by choosing the most appropriate action. The action you choose also depends on the application. If an application requires feedback to prevent instability or other unwanted behavior, then you might choose **Quarantine** instead of **Block**. Otherwise, the most efficient use of FortiGate resources is to block.



After you configure an application control profile, you must apply it to a firewall policy. This instructs FortiGate to start scanning application traffic that is subject to the firewall policy.

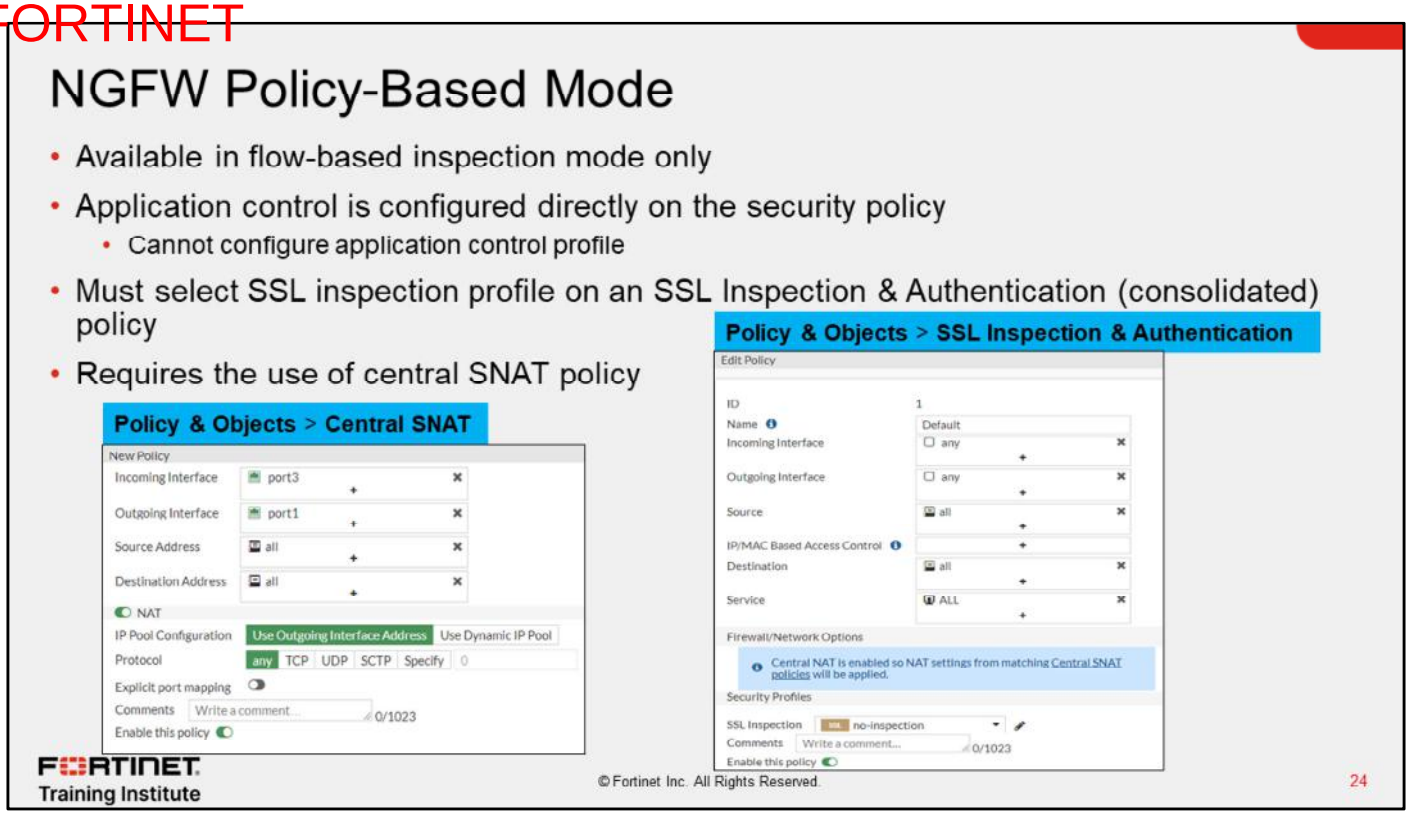


For HTTP-based applications, application control can provide feedback to the user about why their application was blocked. This is called a block page, and it is similar to the one you can configure for URLs that you block using FortiGuard web filtering.

It is also worth mentioning that, if deep inspection is enabled in the firewall policy, all HTTPS-based applications provide this block page.

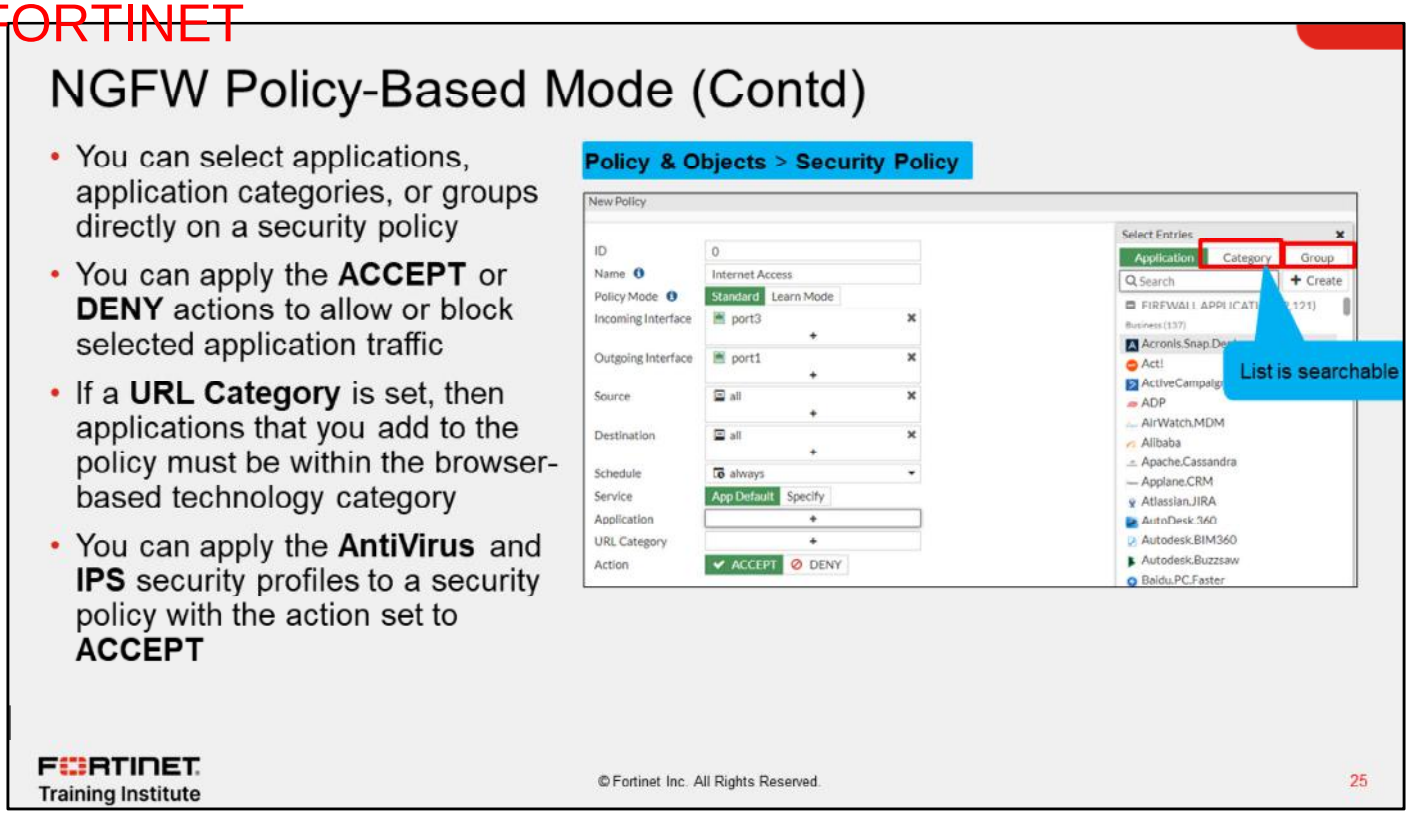
The block page contains the following information:
- Signature that detected the application (in this case, Dailymotion)
- Signature's category (Video/Audio)
- URL that was specifically blocked (in this case, the index page of `www.dailymotion.com`), since a web page can be assembled from multiple URLs
- User name (if authentication is enabled)
- Group name (if authentication is enabled)
- UUID of the policy governing the traffic

The last item in this list can help you to identify which policy on FortiGate blocked the page, even if you have a large number of policies with many FortiGate devices securing different segments.



When FortiGate is operating in NGFW policy-based mode, administrators can apply application control to a security policy directly, instead of having to create an application control profile first, and then apply that to a firewall policy. Eliminating the need to use an application control profile makes it easier for the administrator to select the applications or application categories they want to allow or deny in the firewall policy.

It is important to note that all security policies in an NGFW policy-based mode VDOM or FortiGate must specify an SSL/SSH inspection profile on a consolidated policy. NGFW policy-based mode also requires the use of central source NAT (SNAT), instead of NAT settings applied within the firewall policy.

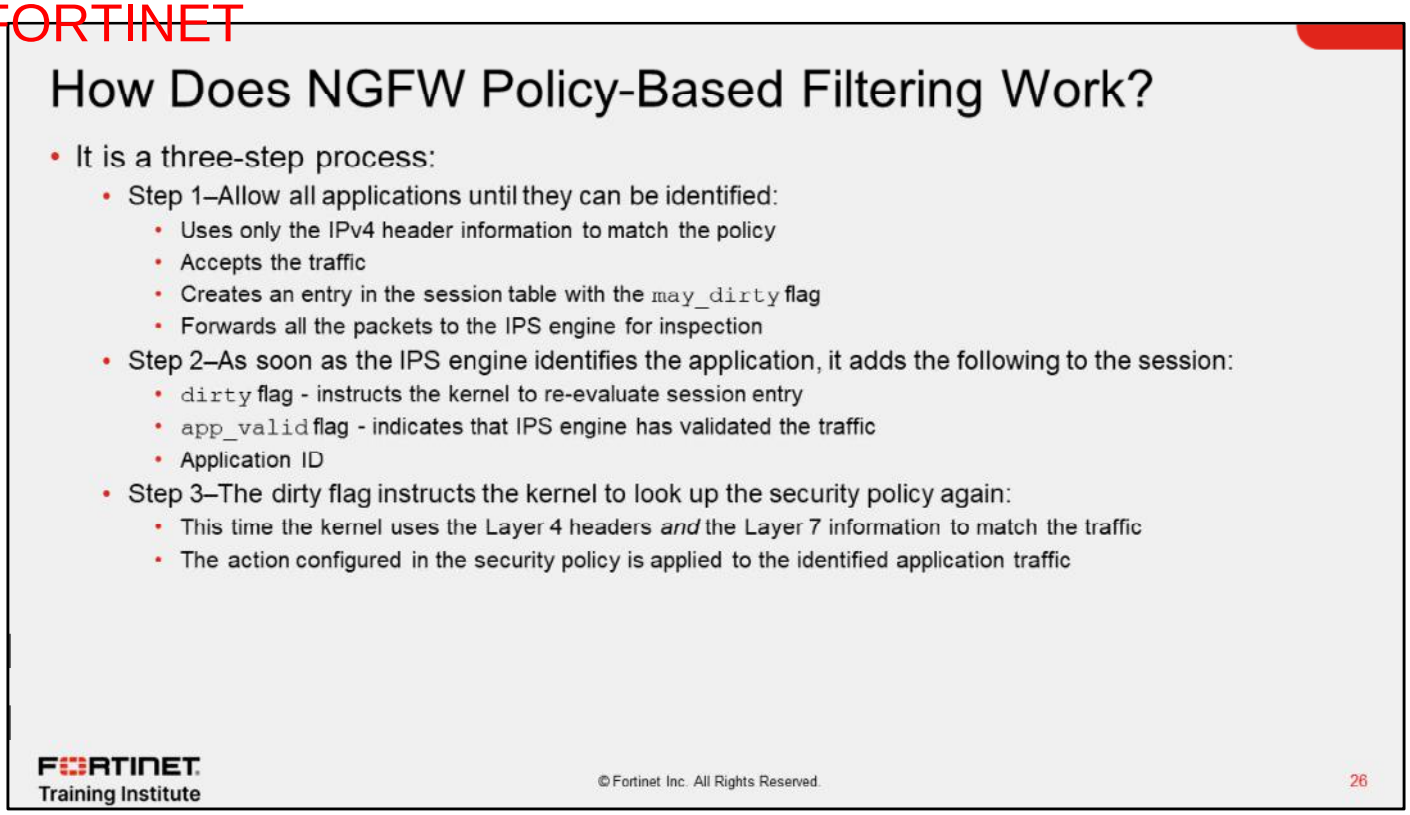


You can select one or more applications, application groups, and application categories on a security policy in the **Application** section. After you click the **+** icon for an application**,** a pop-up window opens. In that window, you can search for and select one or more application signatures, application groups, or application categories. Based on the applications, groups, and application categories applied to the policy, FortiOS applies the security action to the application traffic.

You can configure the **URL Category** within the same security policy; however, adding a URL filter causes application control to scan applications in only the browser-based technology category, for example, Facebook Messenger on the Facebook website.

You can also configure the **Group** with multiple applications and application categories. This allows the administrator to mix multiple applications and categories.

In addition to applying a URL category filter, you can also apply **AntiVirus** and **IPS** security profiles to application traffic that is allowed to pass through.

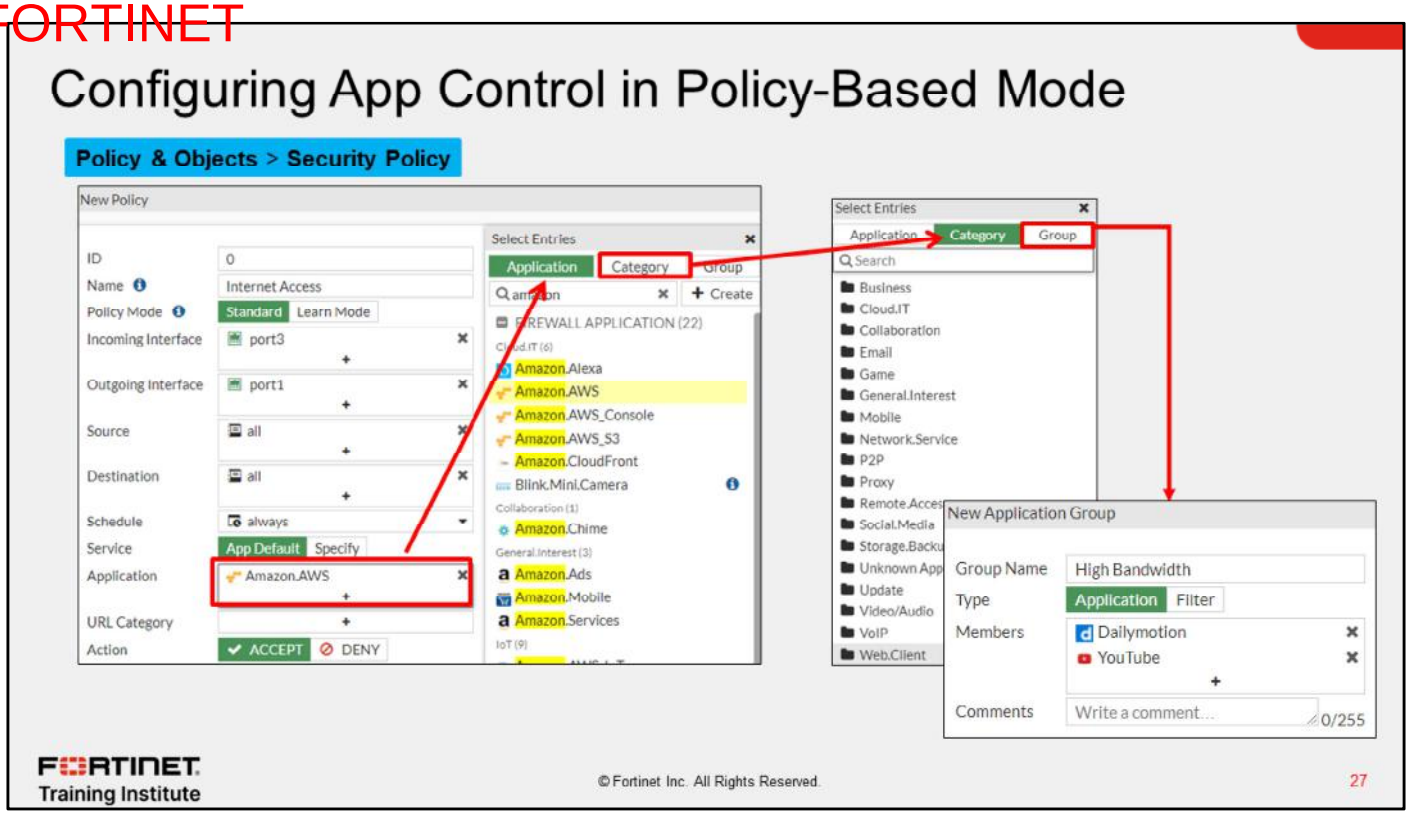


FortiOS uses a three-step process to perform NGFW policy-based application filtering. Here is a brief overview of what happens at each step.

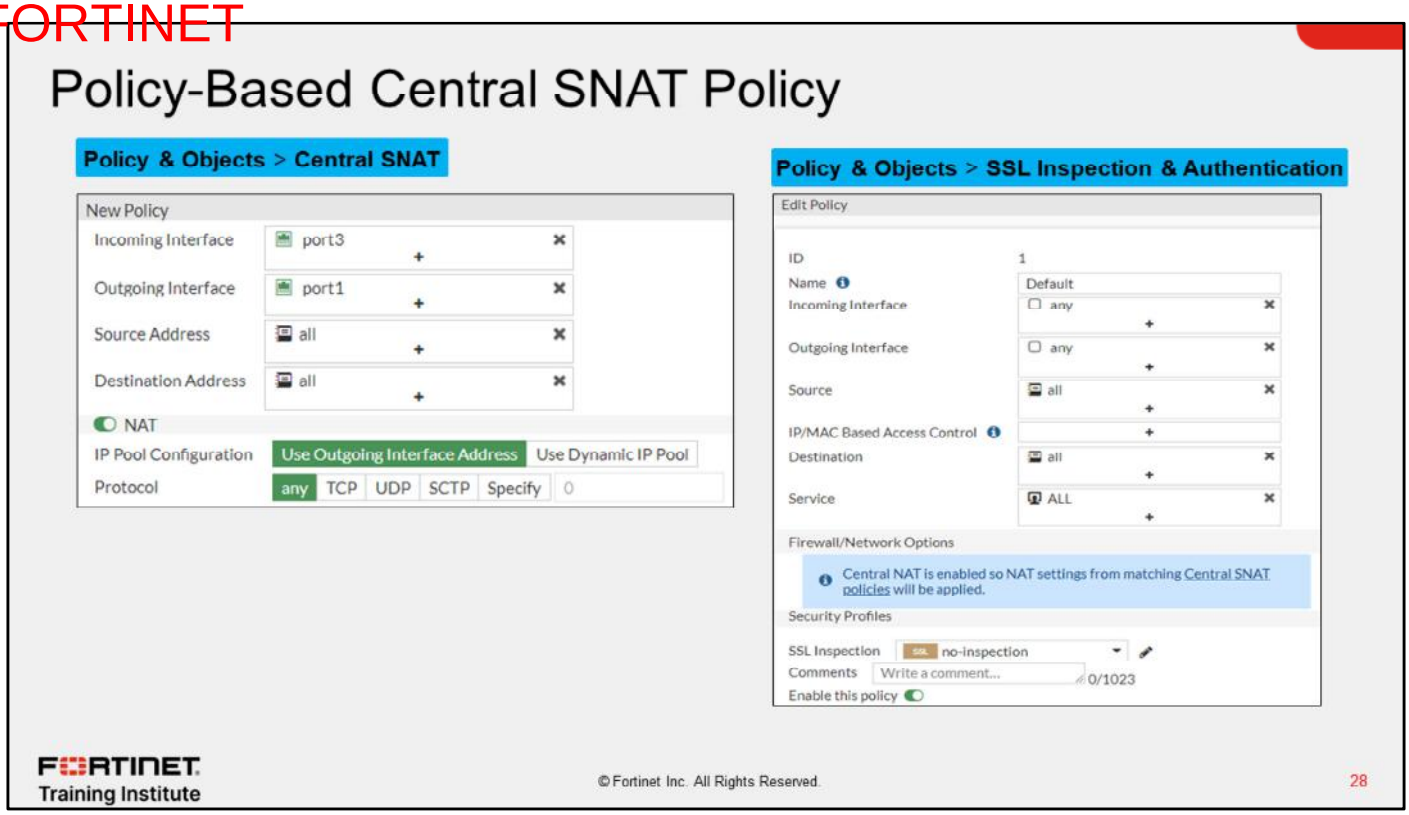
In step 1, FortiOS allows all traffic while forwarding packets to the IPS engine for inspection and identification of the traffic. At the same time, FortiOS creates an entry in the session table allowing the traffic to pass and it adds a `may_dirty` flag to it.

In step 2, as soon as the IPS engine identifies the application, it updates the session entry with the following information: `dirty` flag, `app_valid` flag, and an application ID.

In step 3, the FortiOS kernel performs a security policy lookup again, to see if the identified application ID is listed in any of the existing security policies. This time the kernel uses both Layer 4 and Layer 7 information for policy matching. After the criteria matches a firewall policy rule, the FortiOS kernel applies the action configured on the security policy to the application traffic.



Configuring application control in NGFW policy-based mode is simple. You can create a new security policy or edit an existing security policy. In the **Application** section, select the applications, categories, or groups that you want to allow or deny, and change the security policy **Action** accordingly. For applications that you selected to allow, you can further enhance network security by enabling antivirus scanning and IPS control. You can also enable the logging of **Security Events** or **All Sessions** to ensure that all application control events are logged.



You must have a matching central SNAT policy in NGFW policy-based mode to be able to pass traffic. FortiGate applies NAT on the traffic based on the criteria defined in the central SNAT policy.

It is extremely important to arrange security policies in **Policy & Objects**, so that the more specific policies are located at the top to ensure proper use of application control.

A default **SSL Inspection & Authentication** policy inspects traffic accepted by any of the security firewalls, and by using the **certificate-inspection** SSL inspection profile.

NGFW Policy Matching

- Based on the configuration shown in the screenshot:
  - Facebook, Flickr, Instagram, and Pinterest application traffic is blocked by policy ID 1
  - All other Social.Media (for example, LinkedIn) application traffic is allowed by policy ID 2
  - All applications that belong to the P2P application category are blocked by policy ID 3
  - All other traffic and applications are allowed by policy ID 4

Policy & Objects > Security Policy

ID	Name	Source	Destination	Schedule	Service	Applications	Action	Security Profiles	Log
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1	Blocking apps	all	all	always	App Default	Facebook Flickr Instagram Pinterest	DENY		All
2	Allow social media	all	all	always	App Default	Social.Media	ACCEPT	default	All
3	Blocking P2P Apps	all	all	always	App Default	P2P	DENY		Disabled
4	Allow all	all	all	always	App Default		ACCEPT	default	UTM

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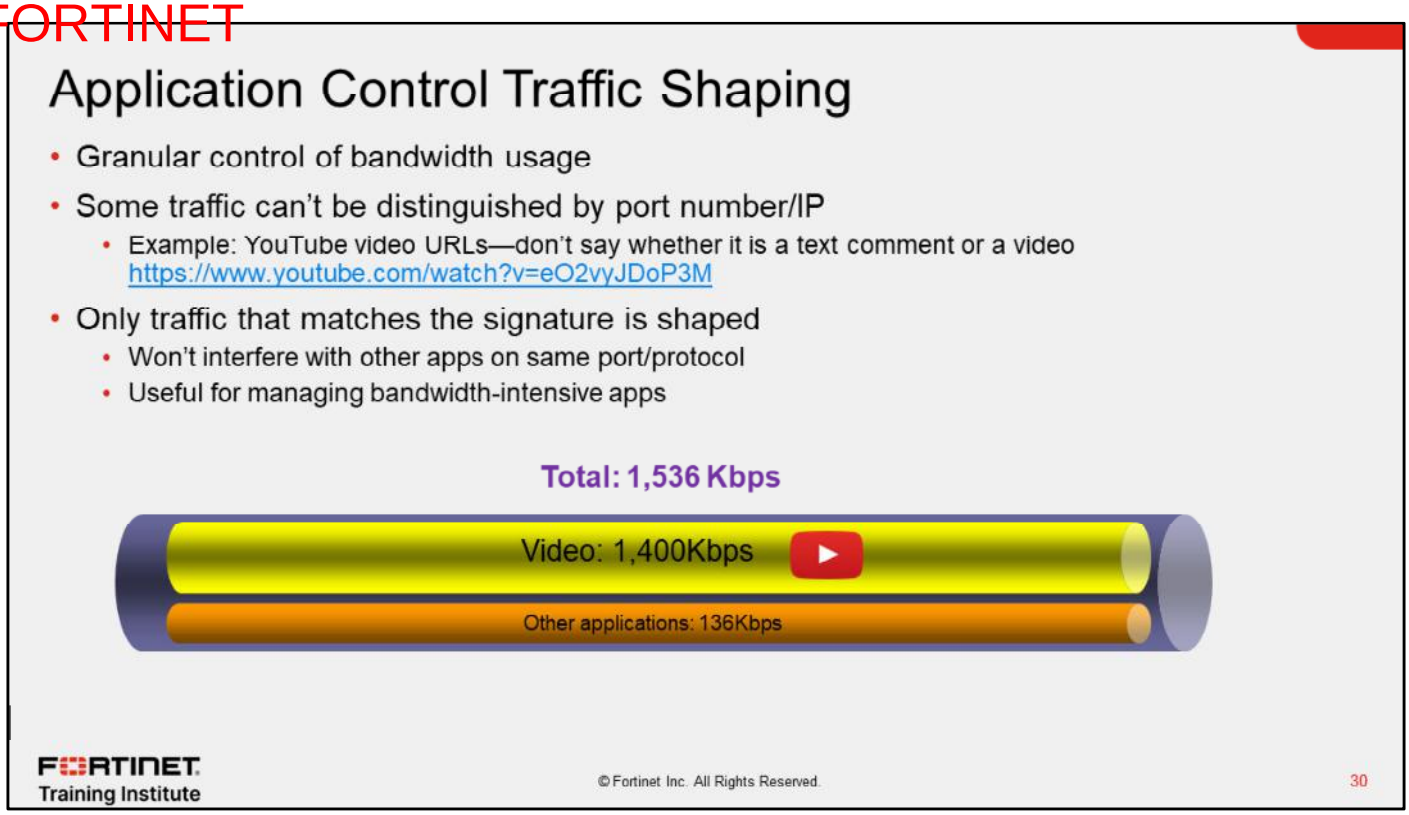
NGFW policy matching works using a top-to-bottom approach. You must have a specific policy above a more broad or open policy. For example, if you would like to block Facebook but allow the **Social.Media** category, you must place the policy blocking Facebook traffic above the policy allowing the **Social.Media** category.



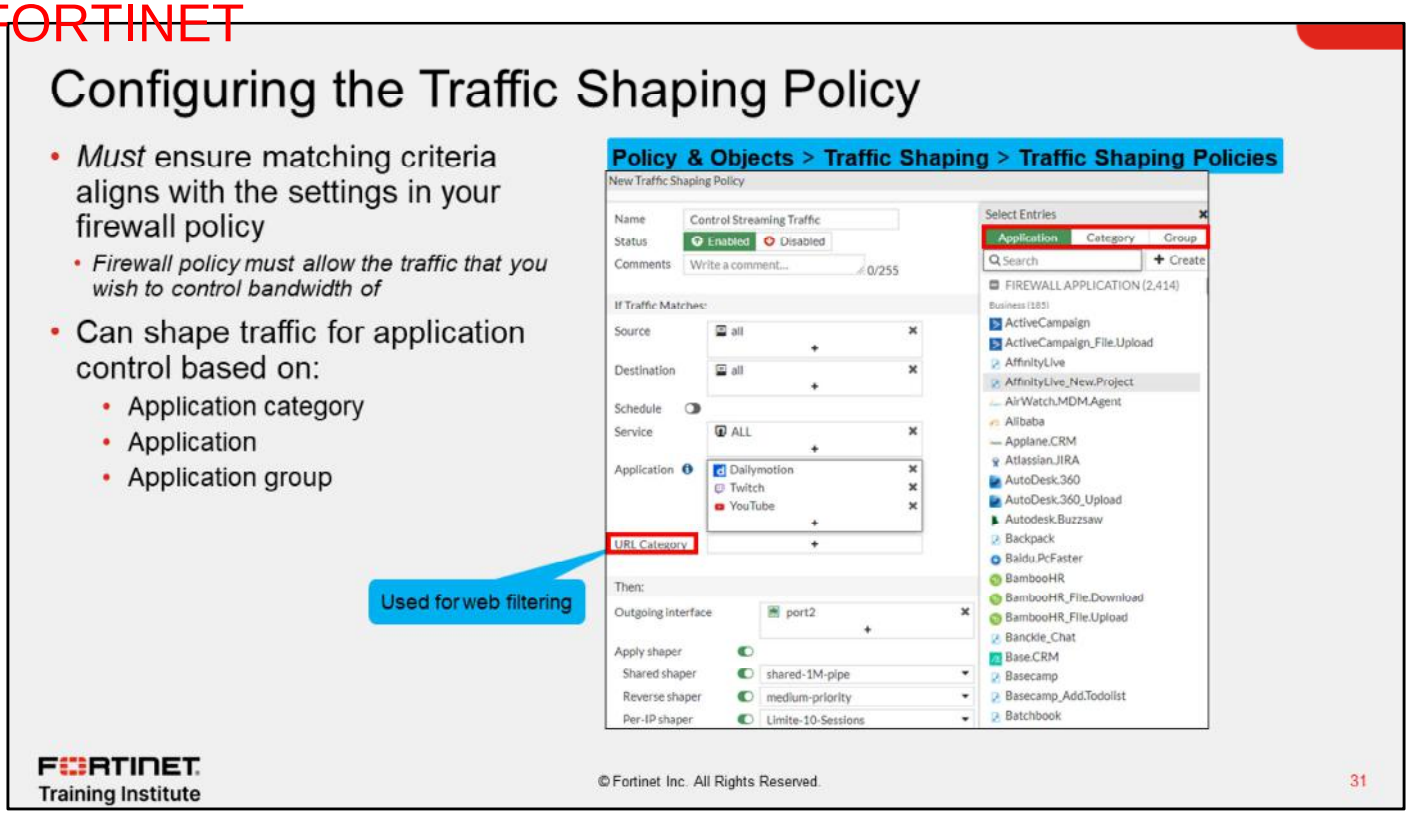
If an application is necessary, but you must prevent it from impacting bandwidth then, instead of blocking it entirely, you can apply a rate limit to the application. For example, you can rate limit applications used for storage or backup leaving enough bandwidth for more sensitive streaming applications, such as video conferencing.

Applying traffic shaping to applications is very useful when you're trying to limit traffic that uses the same TCP or UDP port numbers as mission-critical applications. Some high-traffic web sites, such as YouTube, can be throttled in this way.

Examine the details of how throttling works. Not all URL requests to `www.youtube.com` are for video. Your browser makes several HTTPS requests for:

- The web page itself
- Images
- Scripts and style sheets
- Video

All of these items have separate URLs. If you analyze a site like YouTube, the web pages themselves don't use much bandwidth; it is the video content that uses the most bandwidth. But, since all content is transported using the same protocol (HTTPS), and the URLs contain dynamically generated alphanumeric strings, traditional firewall policies can't block or throttle the traffic by port number or protocol because they are the same. Using application control, you can rate limit only videos. Doing this prevents users from saturating your network bandwidth, while still allowing them to access the other content on the site, such as for comments or sharing links.



You can limit the bandwidth of an application category, application group, or specific application by configuring a traffic shaping policy. You can also apply traffic shaping to FortiGuard web filter categories and to the application group.

You must ensure that the matching criteria aligns with the firewall policy or policies to which you want to apply shaping. It does not have to match outright. For example, if the source in the firewall policy is set to **all** (`0.0.0.0/0.0.0.0`), you can set the source in the traffic shaping policy to any source that is included in **all**, for example, **LOCAL_SUBNET** (`10.0.1.0/24`).

If the traffic shaping policy is not visible in the GUI, you can enable it on the **Feature Visibility** page.

There are two types of shapers that you can configure on the **Traffic Shaping Policy** page, and you can apply them in the traffic shaping policy:

- **Shared shaper**: applies a total bandwidth to all traffic using that shaper. The scope can be per policy or for all policies referencing that shaper.
- **Per-IP shaper**: applies traffic shaping to all source IP addresses in the security policy. Bandwidth is equally divided among the group.

Note that the outgoing interface is usually the egress interface (WAN). The **Shared shaper** setting is applied to ingress-to-egress traffic, which is useful for restricting bandwidth for uploading. The **Reverse Shaper** setting is also a shared shaper, but it is applied to traffic in the reverse direction (egress-to-ingress traffic). This is useful for restricting bandwidth for downloading or streaming, because it limits the bandwidth from the external interface to the internal interface.

Knowledge Check

1. Which statement about application control in an NGFW policy-based configuration is true?

✓ A. Applications are applied directly to the security policies.
B. The application control profile must be applied to firewall policies.

2. Which statement about the HTTP block page for application control is true?

✓ A. It can be used only for web applications.
B. It works for all types of applications.

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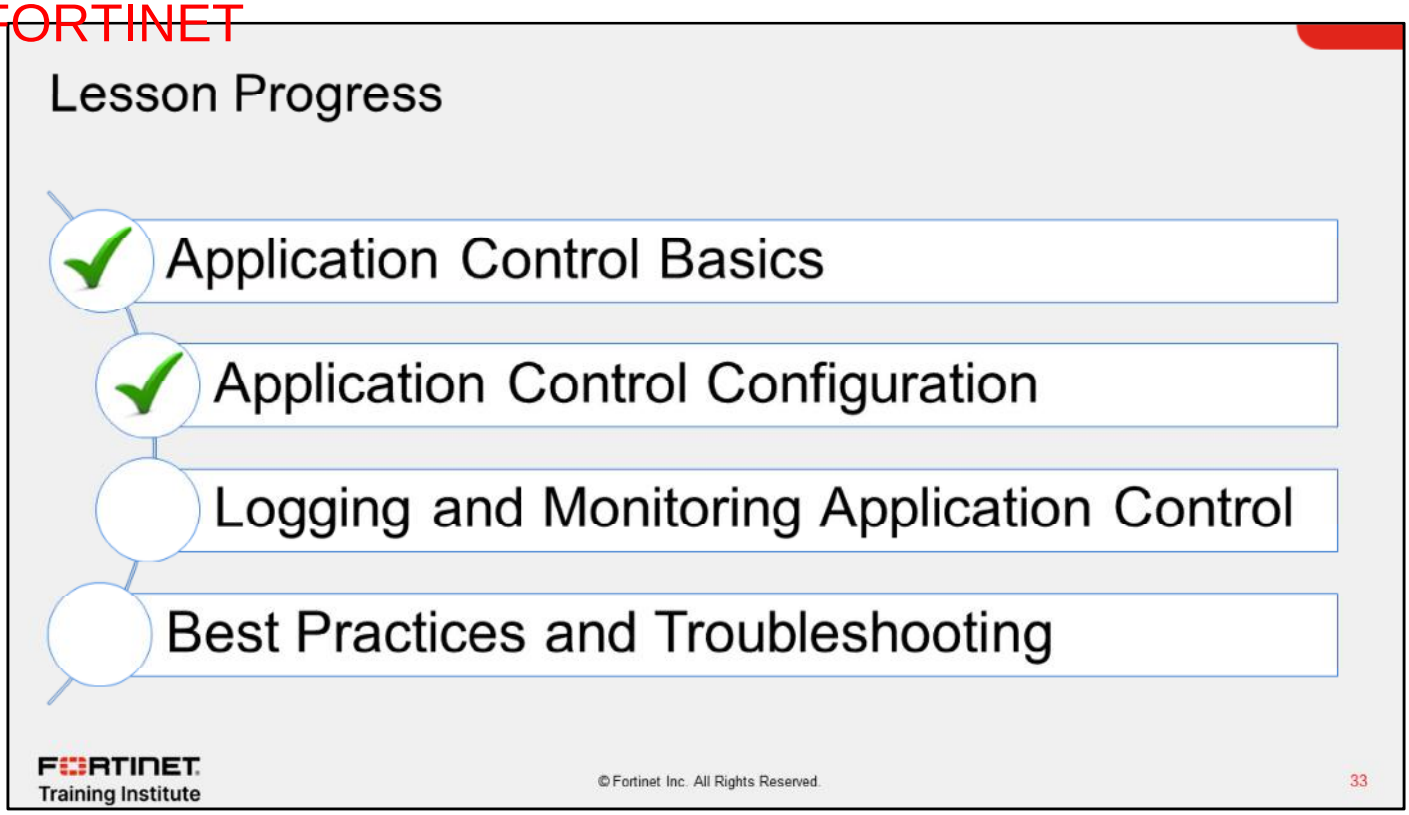
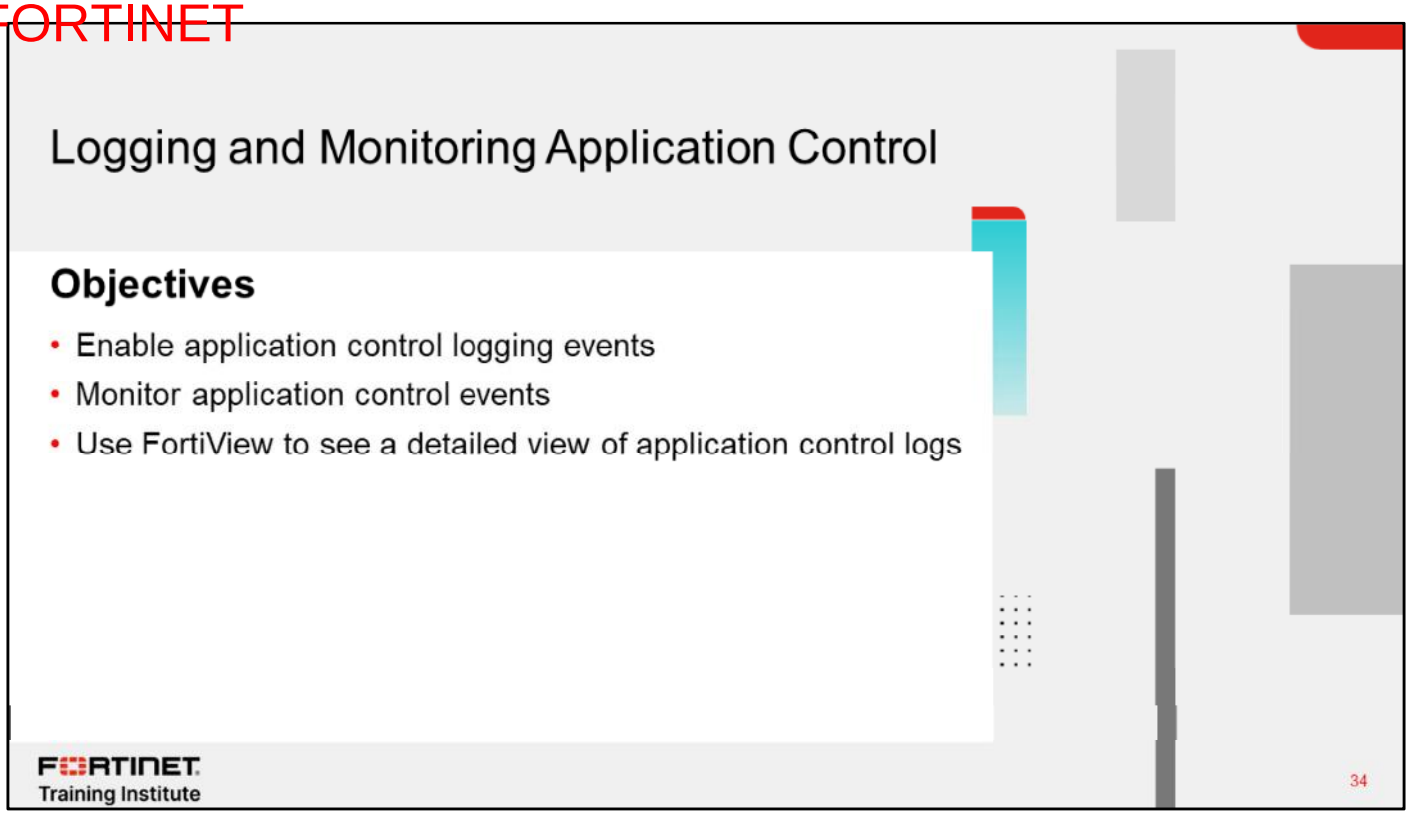


Good job! You now understand application control configuration.

Now, you will learn about logging and monitoring application control events.



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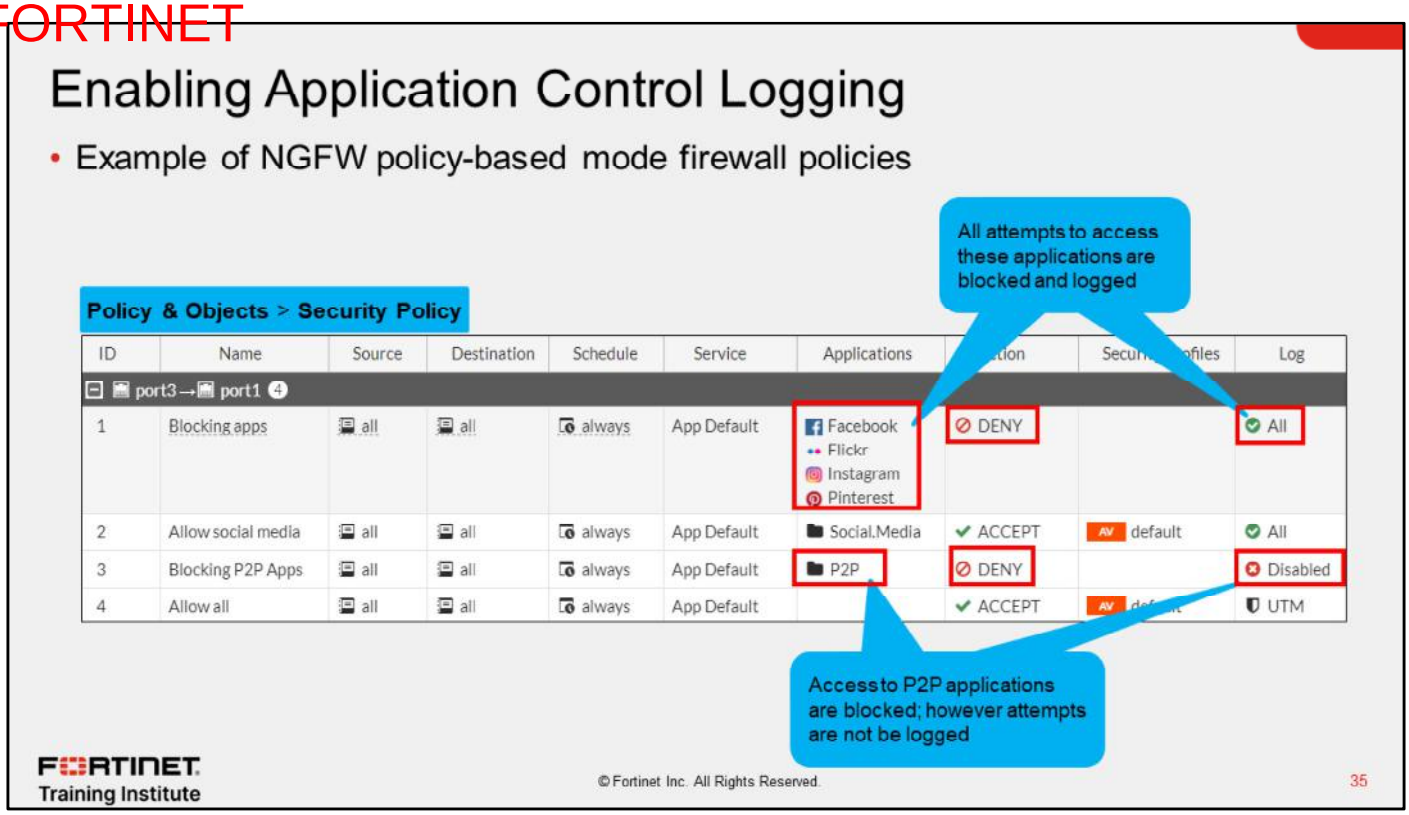
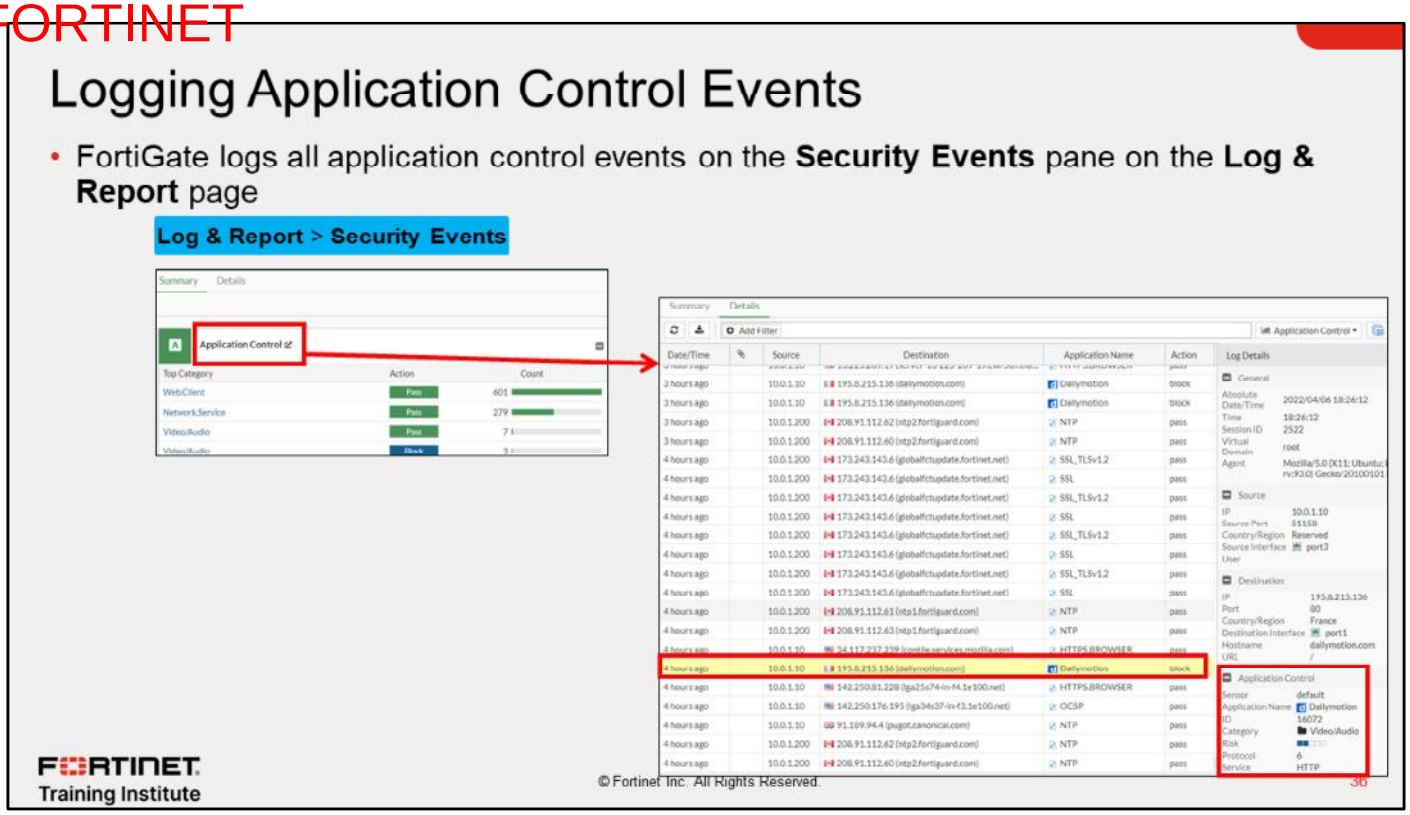
By demonstrating competence in application control configuration, including reviewing application control logs, you will be able to effectively use and monitor application control events.



Regardless of which operation mode application control is configured in, you must enable logging on the security or firewall policy. When you enable the logging of security events or all sessions on a security or firewall policy, application control events are also logged. You must apply application control to the security or firewall policy to enable application control event logging.

When the **Deny** action is selected on a security or firewall policy, you must enable the **Log Violations** option to generate application control events for blocked traffic.

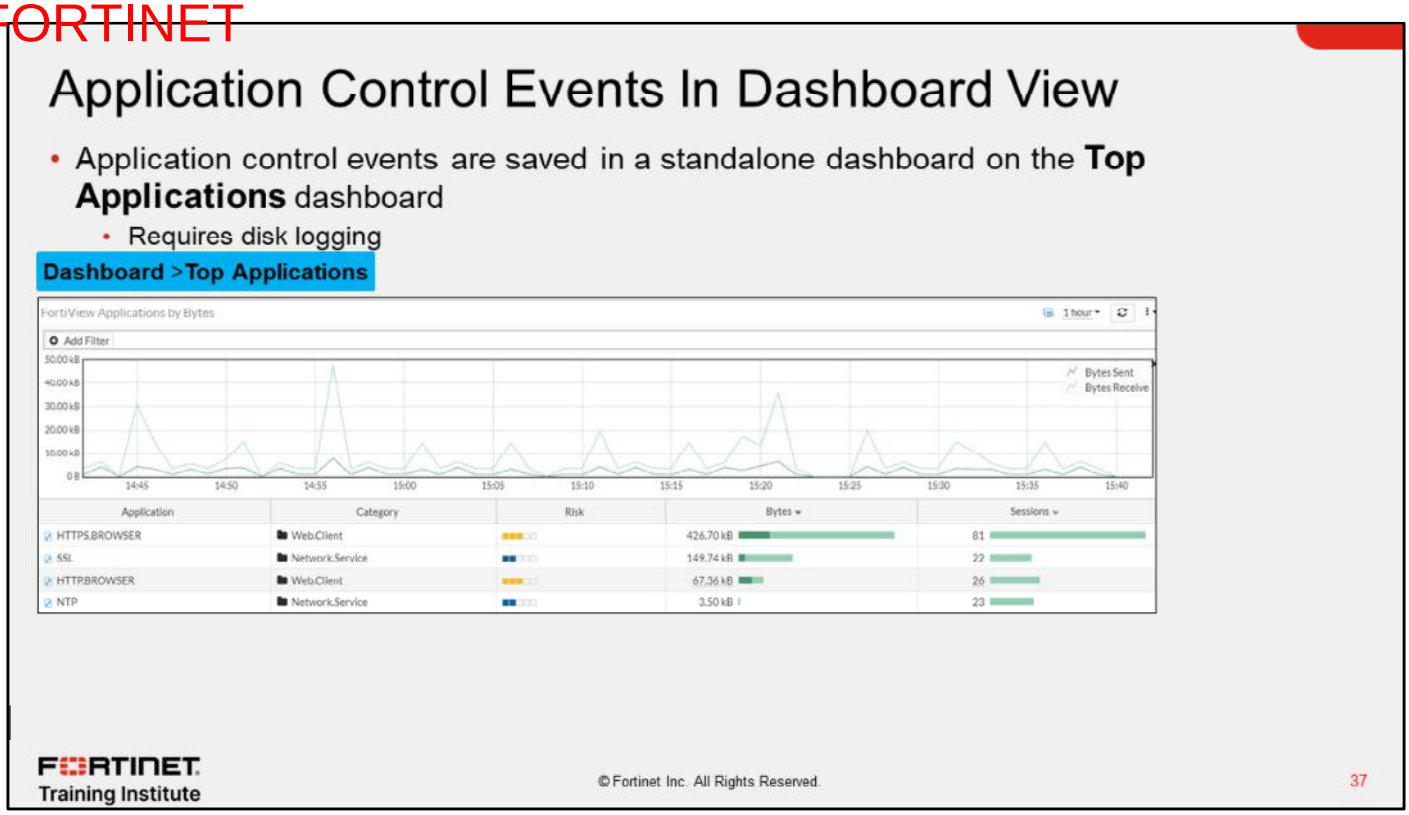


FortiGate logs all application control events on the **Security Events** pane on the **Log & Report** page. You can view the logs by clicking on **Application Control**.

In the example shown on this slide, the default application control profile blocks access to **Dailymotion**. You can view this information in the **Log Details** section, as well as information about the log source, destination, application, and action.

Note that application control generates this log message using a profile-based configuration. The log message for an NGFW policy-based configuration, does not include information that does not apply, such as application sensor name. The remainder of the information and structure of the log message is the same for each log, regardless of which inspection mode FortiGate is using.

You can also view the details on the **Forward Traffic** logs pane, where firewall policies record activity. You can also find a summary of the traffic to which FortiGate applied application control. Again, this is because application control is applied by a firewall policy. To find out which policy applied application control, you can review either the **Policy ID** or the **Policy UUID** fields of the log message.



On the **Dashboard** menu, the **Top Applications** standalone page provides details about each application, such as the application name, category, and bandwidth. You can drill down further to see more granular details by double-clicking an individual log entry. The detailed view provides information about the source, destination, policies, or sessions for the selected application.

Knowledge Check

1. Where do you enable logging of application control events?
   - ✓ A. Application control logs are enabled in the firewall policy configuration.
   - B. Application control logs are enabled on the **FortiView Applications** page of FortiGate.

2. Which piece of information is not included in the application event log when using NGFW policy-based mode?
   - ✓ A. Application control profile name
   - B. Application name

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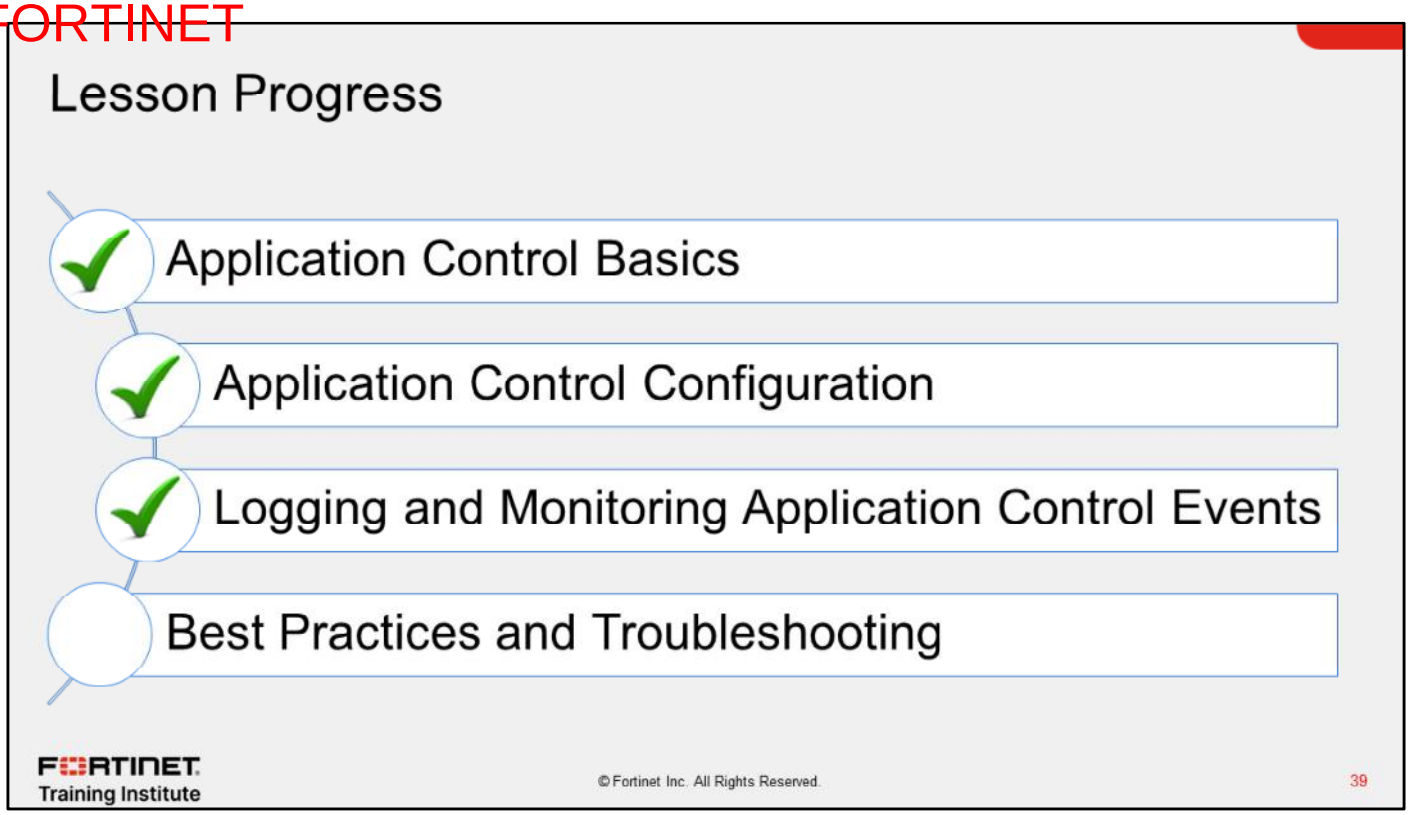
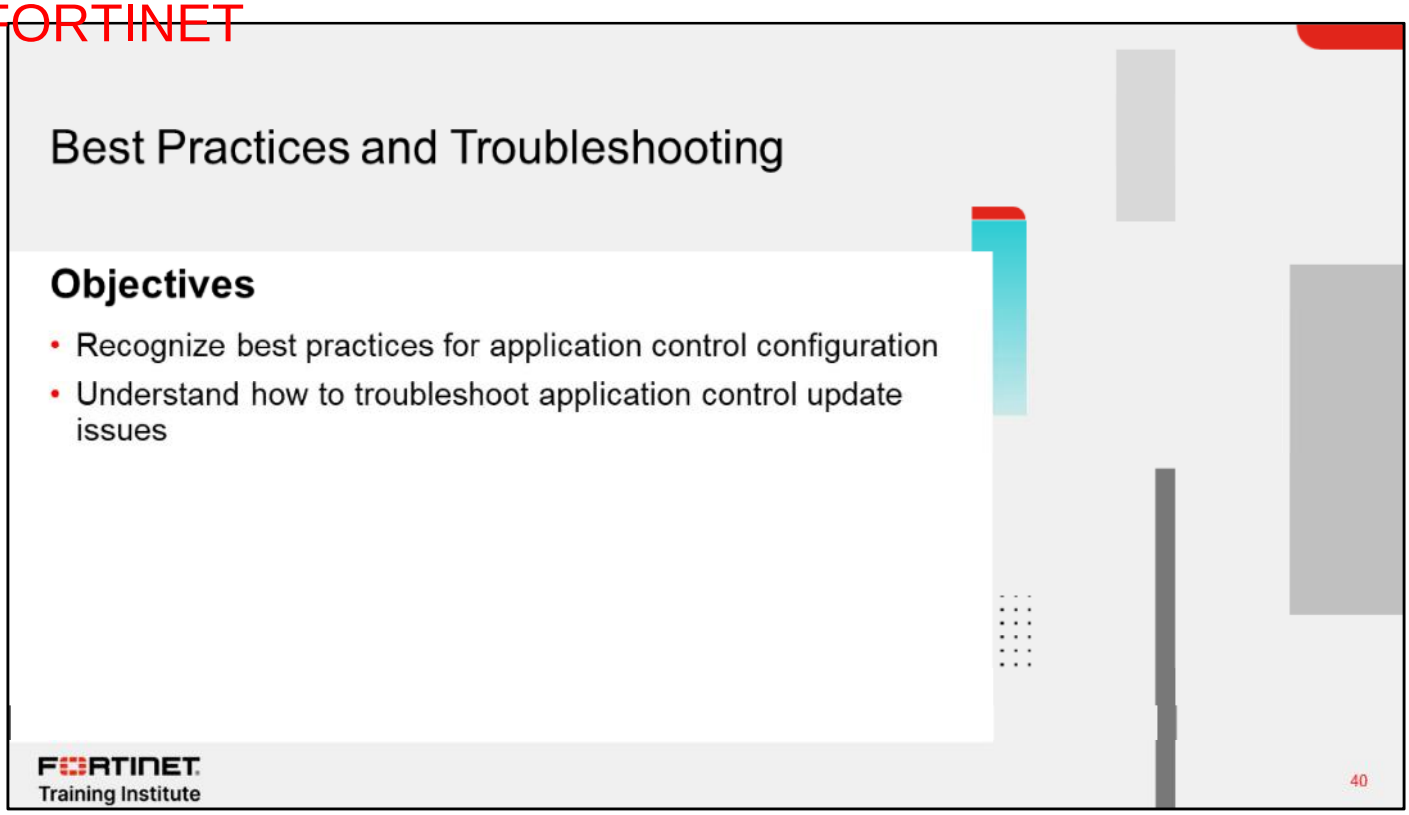


Good job! You now understand application control logging and monitoring.

Now, you will learn about application control best practices and troubleshooting.



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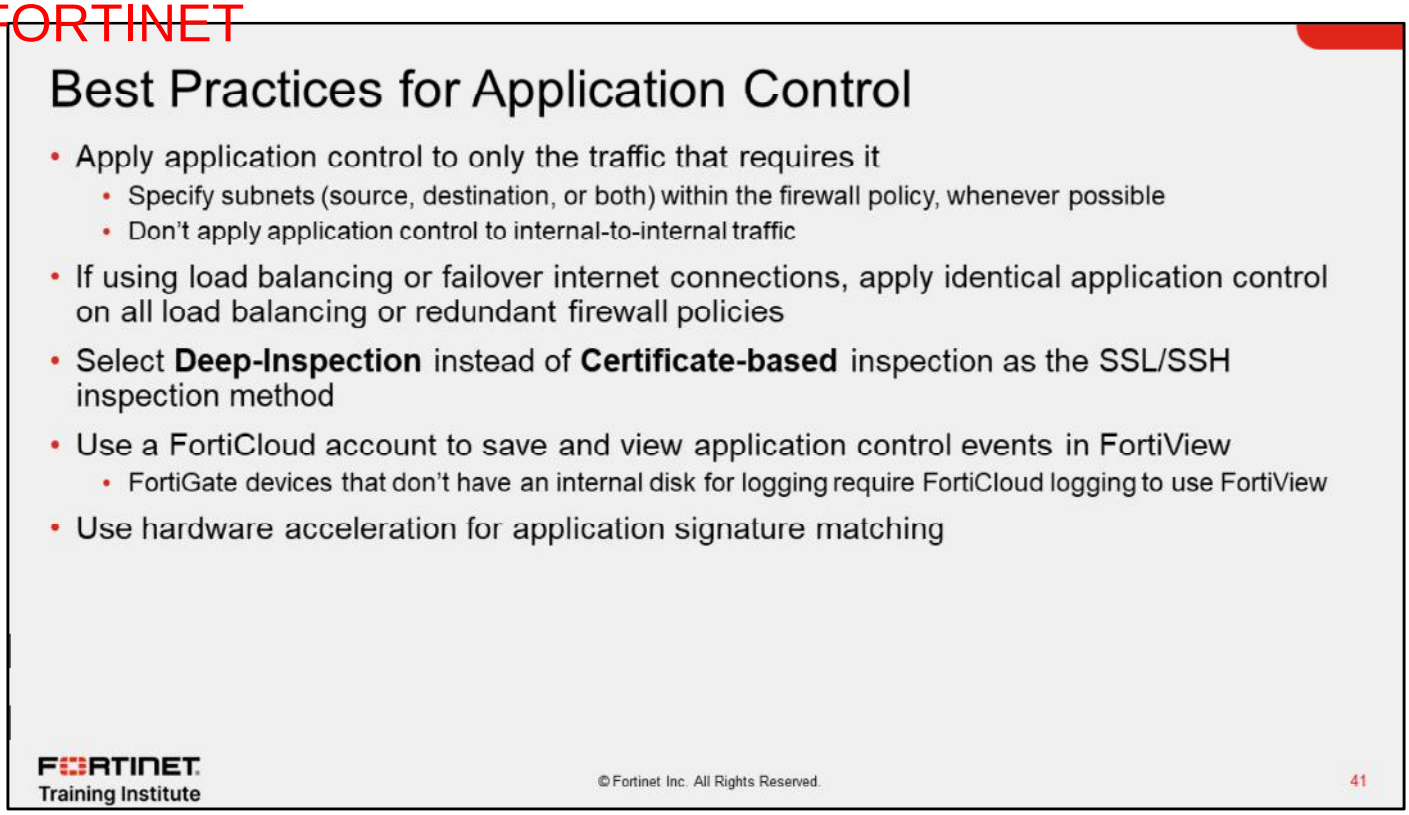
By demonstrating competence in application control best practices and troubleshooting, you will be able to configure and maintain an effective application control solution.



This slide lists some best practices to keep in mind when implementing application control on FortiGate.

Not all traffic requires an application control scan. Don't apply application control to internal-only traffic.

To minimize resource use on FortiGate, be as specific as possible when creating firewall policies. This reduces resource use, and also helps you build a more secure firewall configuration.

Create identical firewall policies for all redundant internet connections, to ensure that the same inspection is performed on failover traffic. Select **Deep-Inspection** instead of **Certificate-based** inspection for the SSL/SSH inspection mode, to ensure content inspection is performed on encryption protocols.

FortiGate models that feature specialized chips, such as network processors and content processors, can offload and accelerate application signature matching for enhanced performance.

You can use a FortiCloud account to save and view application control logs in FortiView, on FortiGate devices that do not have a log disk.

Application Control Troubleshooting

- If FortiGuard has update issues, make sure that:
  - FortiGate has a stable connection to the internet
  - FortiGate is able to resolve DNS (`update.fortiguard.net`)
  - TCP port 443 is open
- Force FortiGate to check for new application control updates:

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execute update-now
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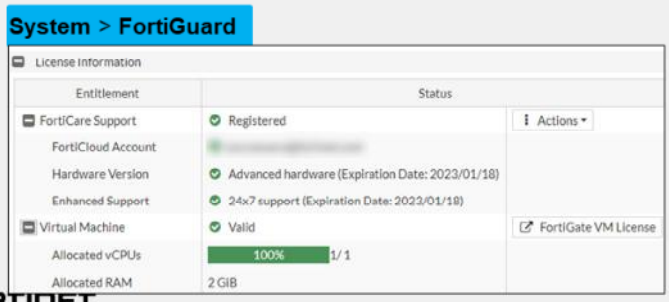
- Verify that the application control signatures database version is up-to-date with the FortiGuard website



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If you are experiencing issues with a FortiGuard application control update, start troubleshooting the issue with the most basic steps:

- Make sure that FortiGate has a stable connection to the internet or FortiManager (if FortiGate is configured to receive updates from FortiManager)
- If the internet connection is stable, check DNS resolution on FortiGate
- If FortiGate is installed behind a network firewall, make sure that port443 is being allowed from FortiGate

You can check the FortiGuard website for the latest version of the application control database. If your locally installed database is out-of-date, try forcing FortiGate to check for the latest updates by running the `execute update-now` command.

Knowledge Check

1. Which protocol does FortiGate use with FortiGuard to receive updates for application control?
   - A. UDP
   - ✓ B. TCP

2. Which SSL/SSH inspection method is recommended for use with application control scanning to improve application detection?
   - A. Certificate-based inspection profile
   - ✓ B. Deep-inspection profile

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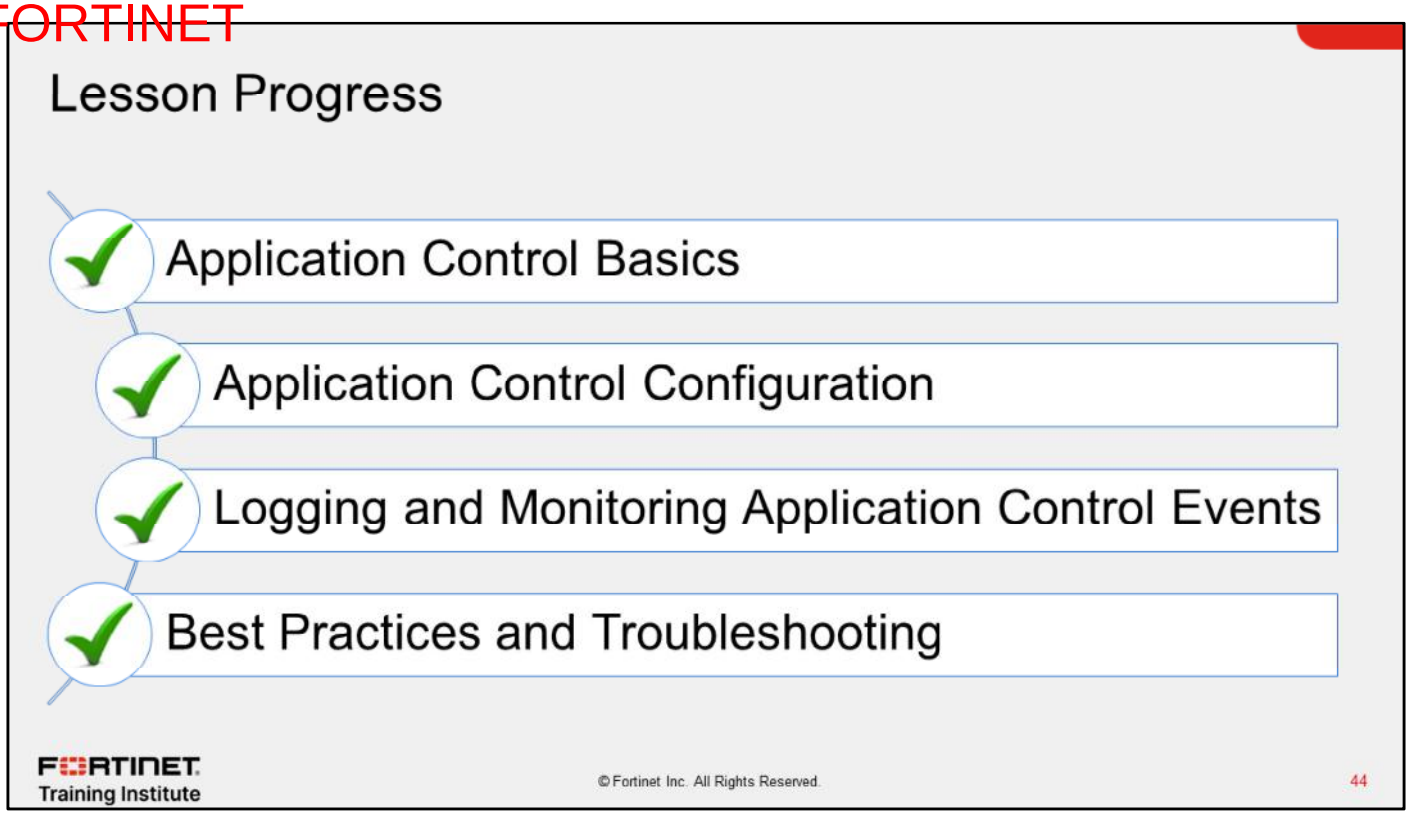

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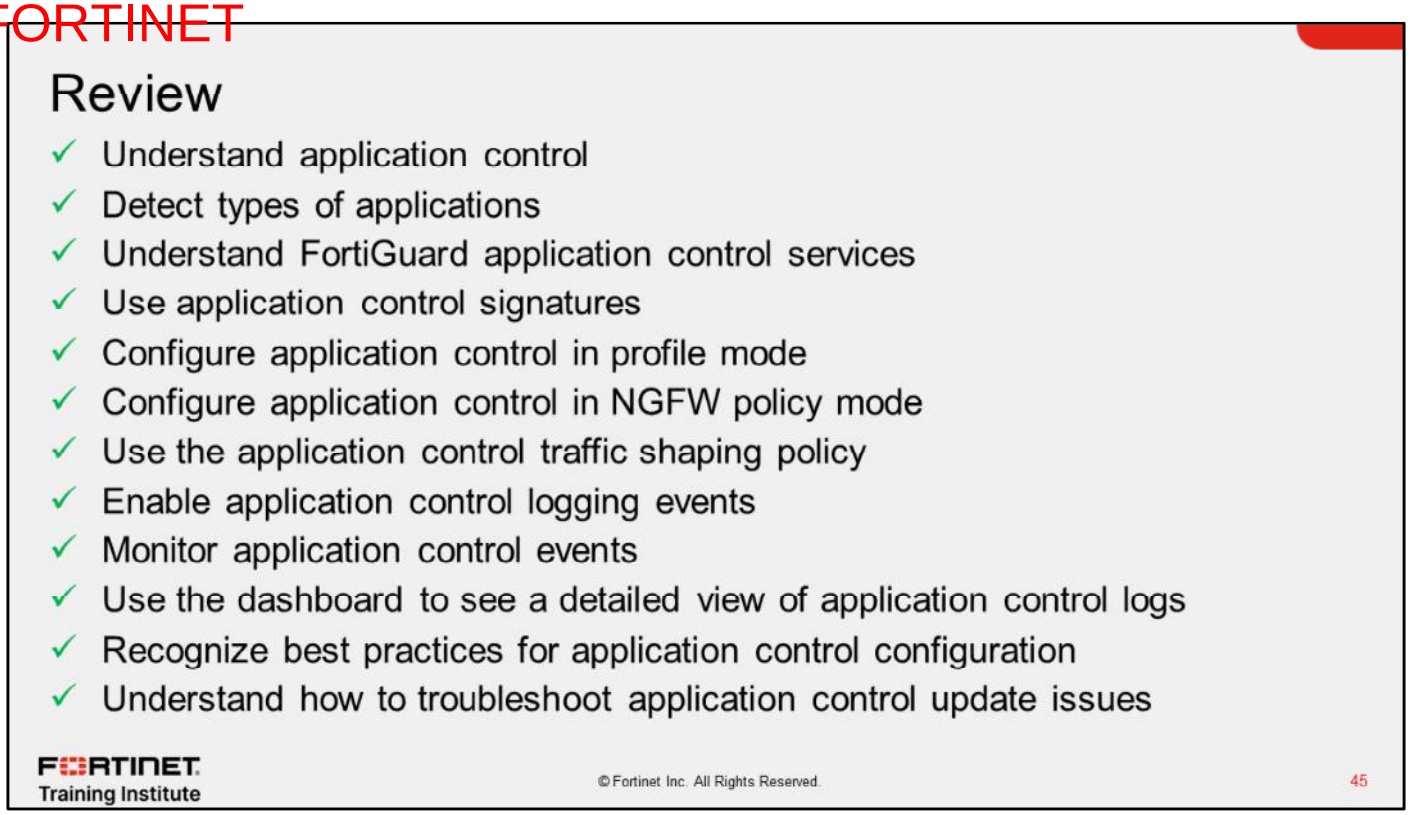
Now, you'll review the objectives that you covered in this lesson.



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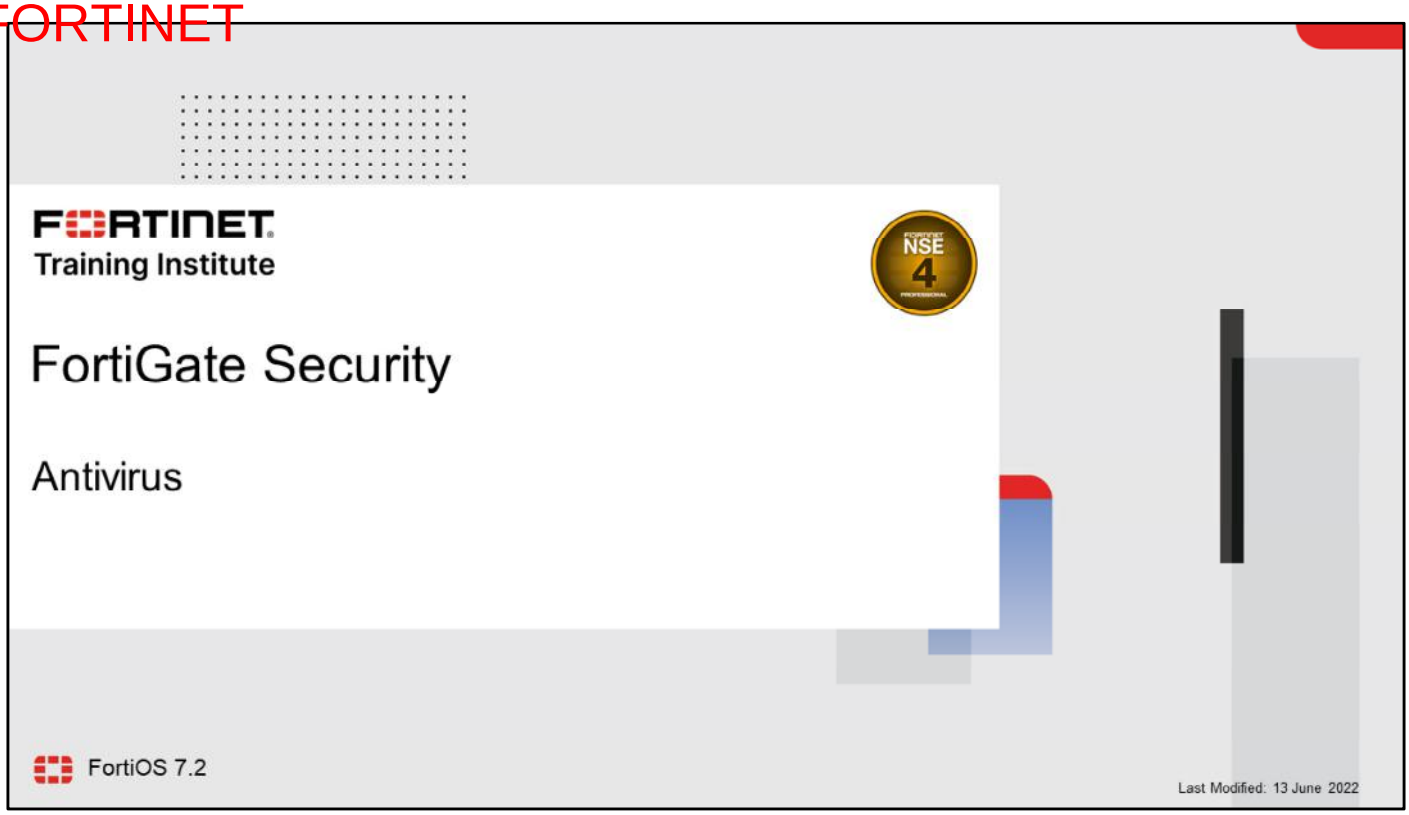
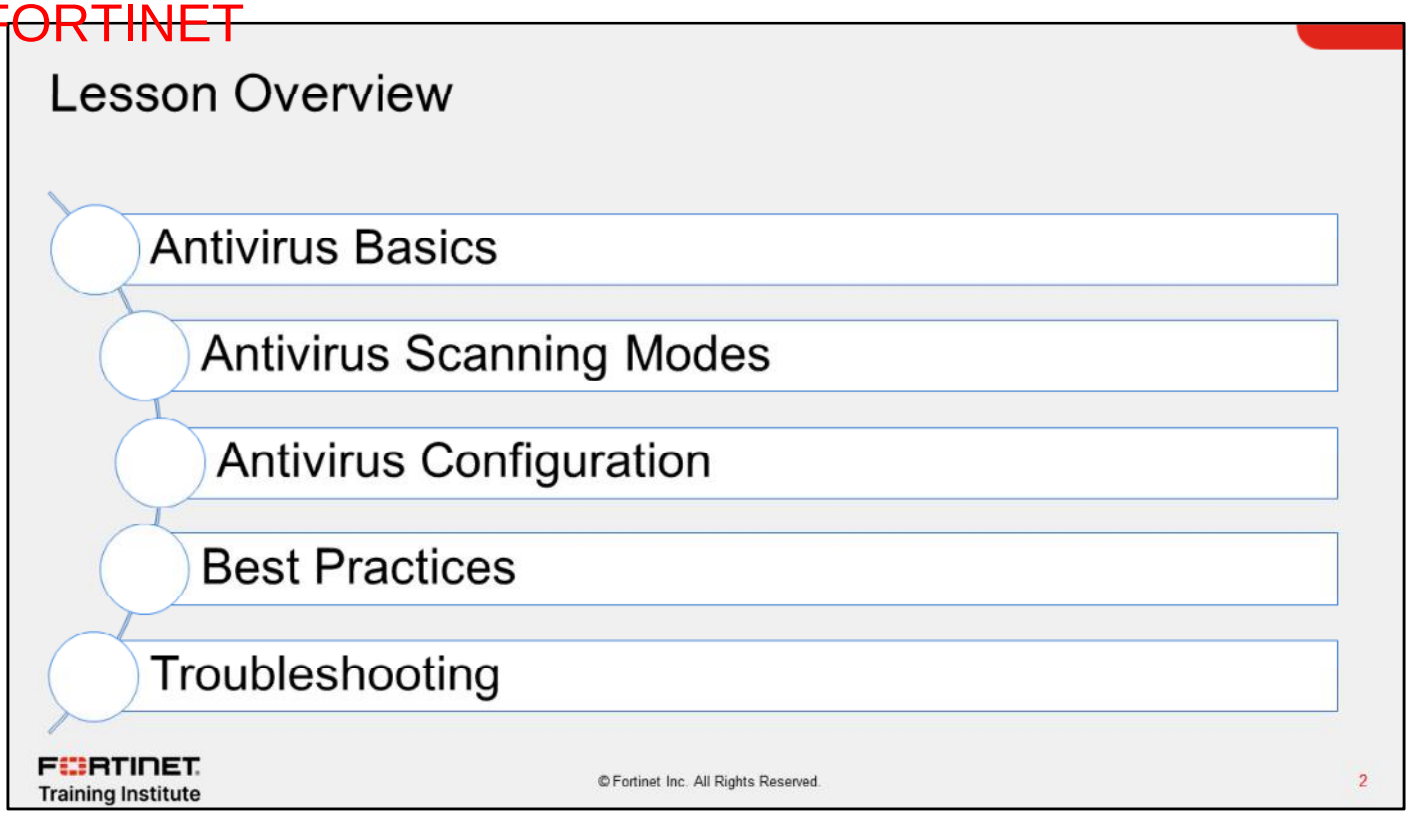
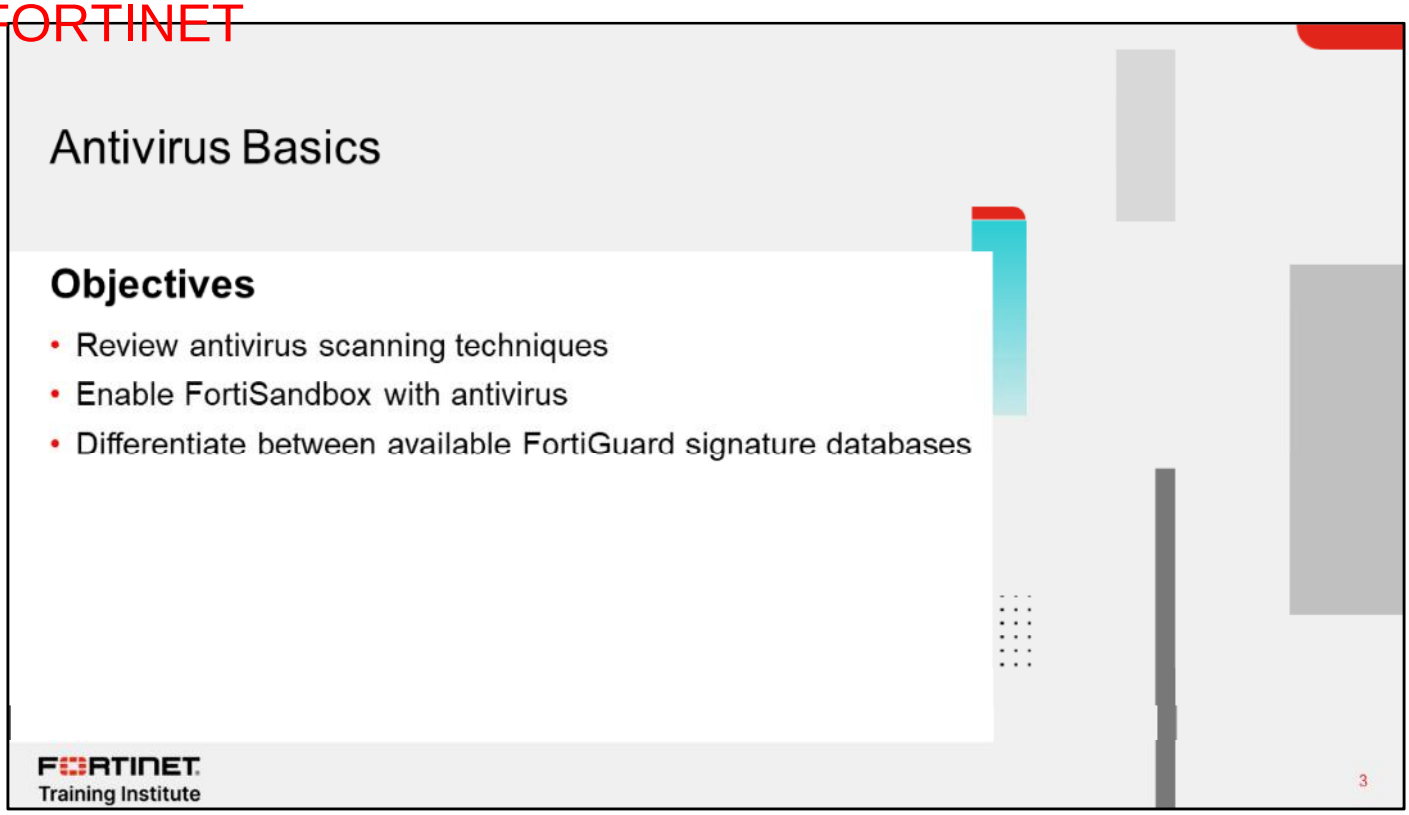
By mastering the objectives covered in this lesson, you learned how to use methods beyond simply blocking protocols, port numbers, or IP addresses, to monitor and control both standard and non-standard network applications.



In this lesson, you will learn how to use FortiGate to protect your network against viruses.



In this lesson, you will learn about the topics shown on this slide.



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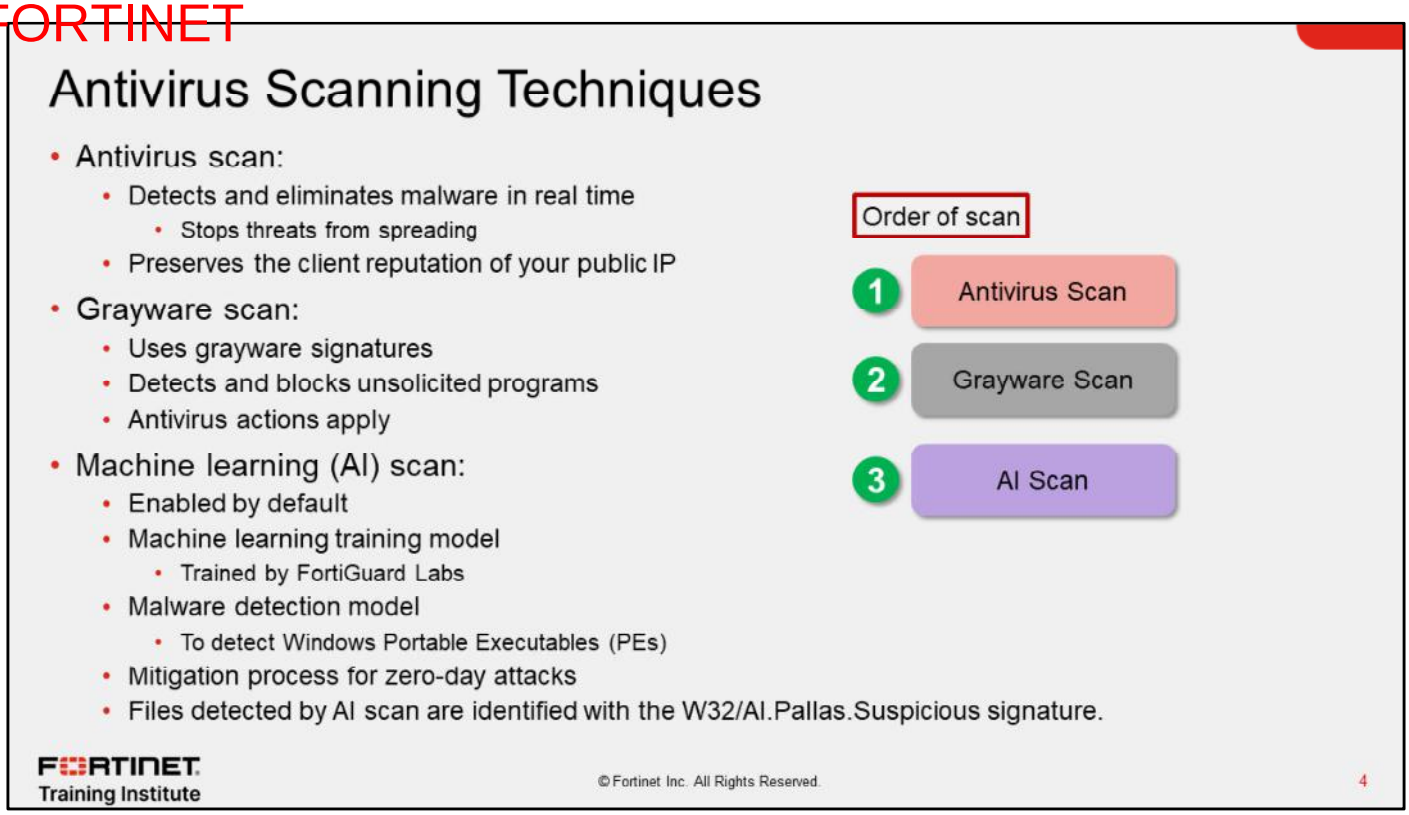
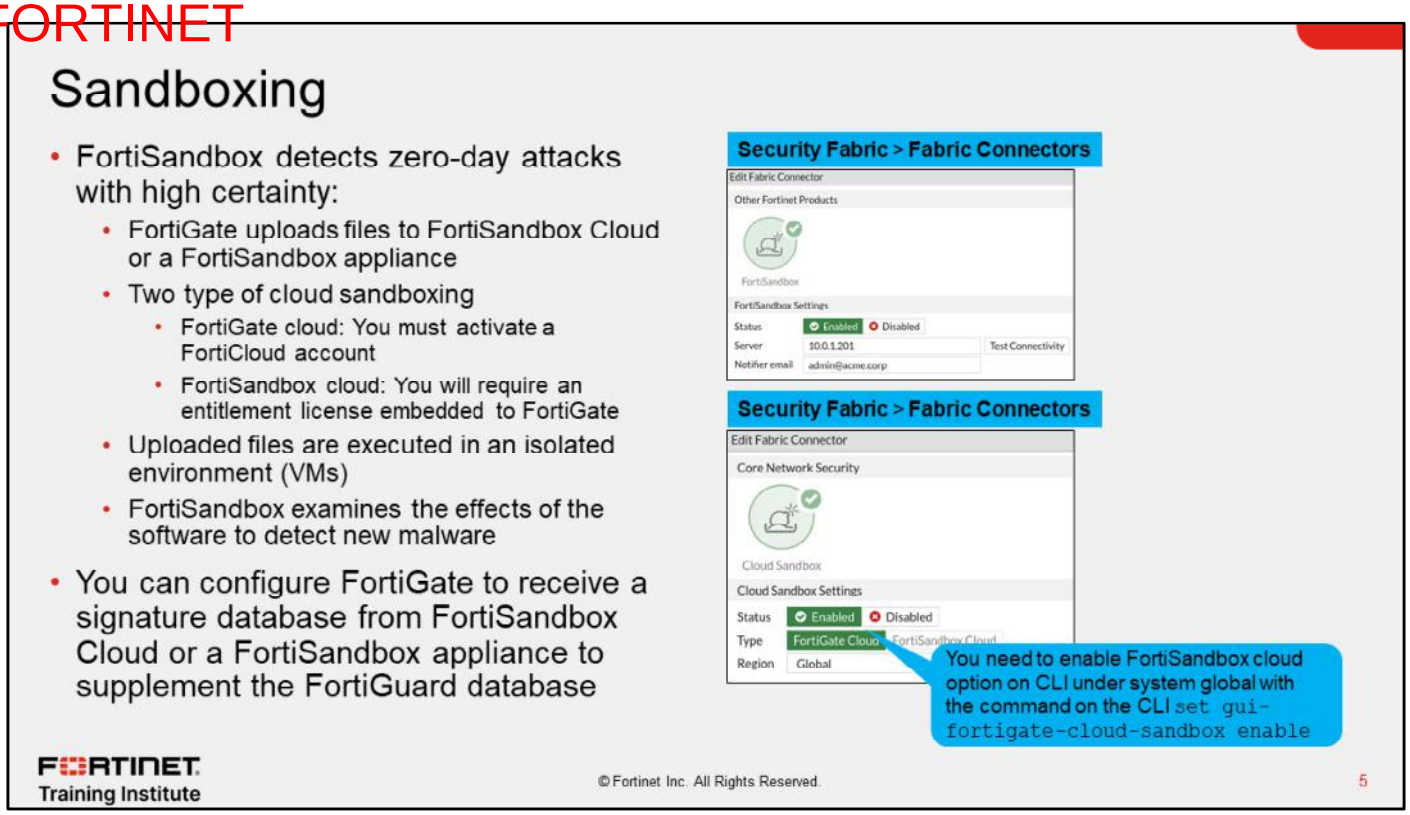
By demonstrating competence in antivirus basics, you will be able to understand and apply antivirus on FortiGate.



Like viruses, which use many methods to avoid detection, FortiGate uses many techniques to detect viruses. These detection techniques include:

- Antivirus scan: This is the first, fastest, simplest way to detect malware. It detects viruses that are an exact match for a signature in the antivirus database.
- Grayware scan: This scan detects unsolicited programs, known as grayware, that have been installed without the user's knowledge or consent. Grayware is not technically a virus. It is often bundled with innocuous software, but *does* have unwanted side effects, so it is categorized as malware. Often, grayware can be detected with a simple FortiGuard grayware signature.
- Machine learning (AI) scan: These scans are based on probability, so they increase the possibility of false positives, but they also detect zero-day attacks. Zero-day attacks are malwares that are new, unknown, and, therefore, have no existing associated signature. If your network is a frequent target, enabling an AI scan may be worth the performance cost because it can help you to detect a virus before the outbreak begins. Files detected by AI scan are identified with the W32/AI.Pallas.Suspicious signature.

If all antivirus features are enabled, FortiGate applies the following scanning order: antivirus scan, followed by grayware scan, followed by AI scan.



What if AI scans are too uncertain? What if you need a more sophisticated, more certain way to detect malware and find zero-day viruses?

You can integrate your antivirus scans with either FortiSandbox Cloud or a FortiSandbox appliance. Note you will need to enable cloud sandboxing on the CLI under system global settings for configuration options to appear on GUI . For environments that require more certainty, FortiSandbox executes the file within a protected environment (VMs), then examines the effects of the software to see if it is dangerous.

For example, let's say you have two files. Both alter the system registry and are, therefore, suspicious. One is a driver installation—its behavior is normal—but the second file installs a virus that connects to a botnet command and control server. Sandboxing would reveal the difference.

FortiGate can be configured to receive a supplementary signature database from FortiSandbox based on the sandboxed results.

Sandboxing (Contd)

- Administrators must configure the antivirus profile to send files to FortiSandbox for inspection:
  - You can send all files, or only files deemed suspicious to FortiSandbox
  - Characteristics that are used to determine if a file is suspicious are updated by FortiGuard, based on the current threat climate
  - Inline scanning is supported only in proxy based inspection and requires a FortiSandbox appliance running version 4.2 or later
  - To enable inline scanning (CLI only)

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config system fortisandbox
  set inline-scan {enable | disable}
end
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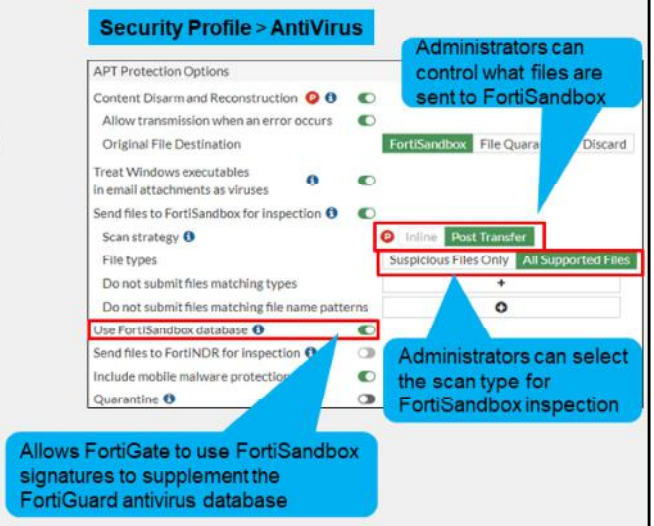

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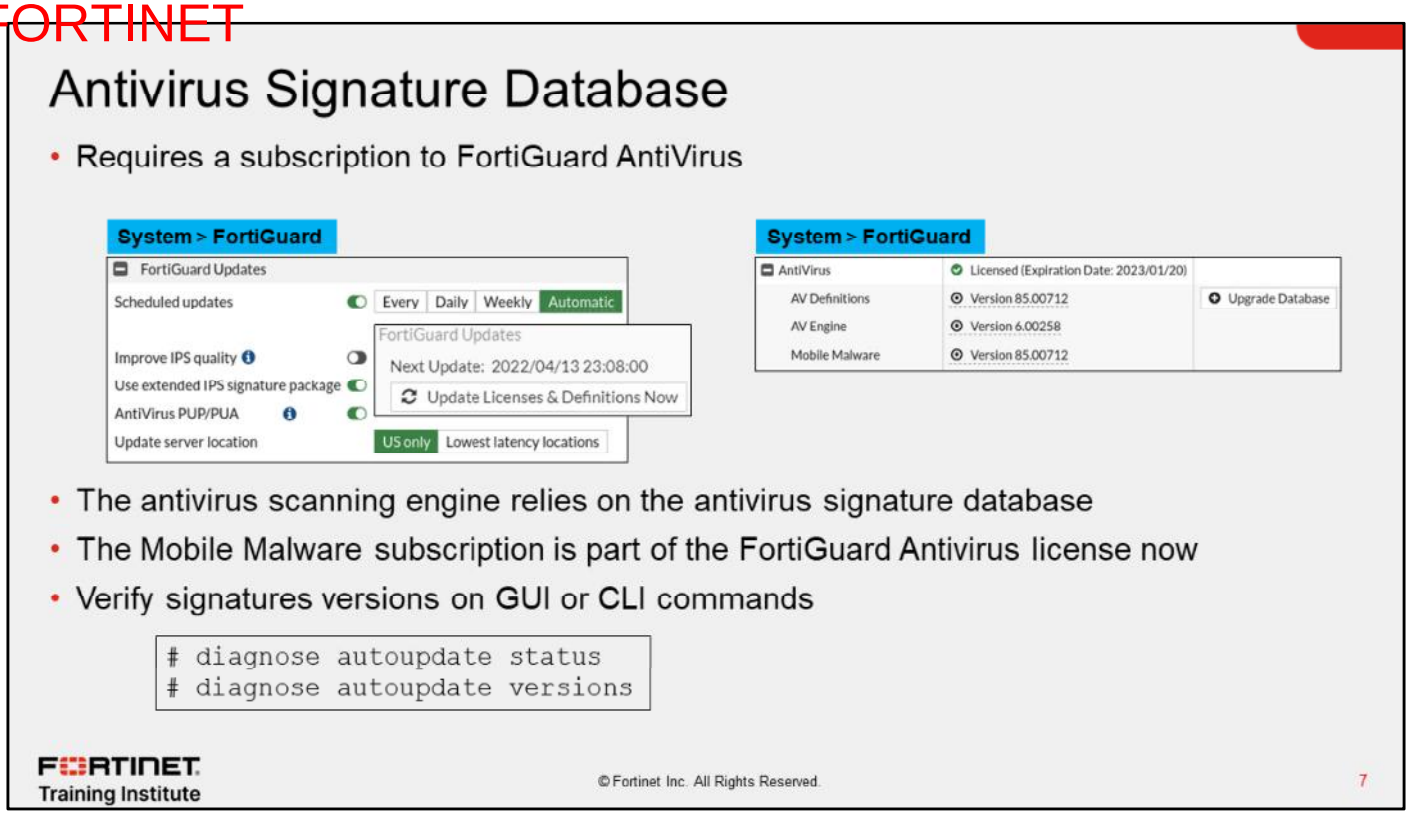
FortiOS is smart when it comes to determining what files are sent to FortiSandbox. One feature FortiOS uses for this is content disarm and reconstruction (CDR), a proxy-based feature that you will learn more about in this lesson. When CDR processes files, the original documents can be saved to FortiSandbox.

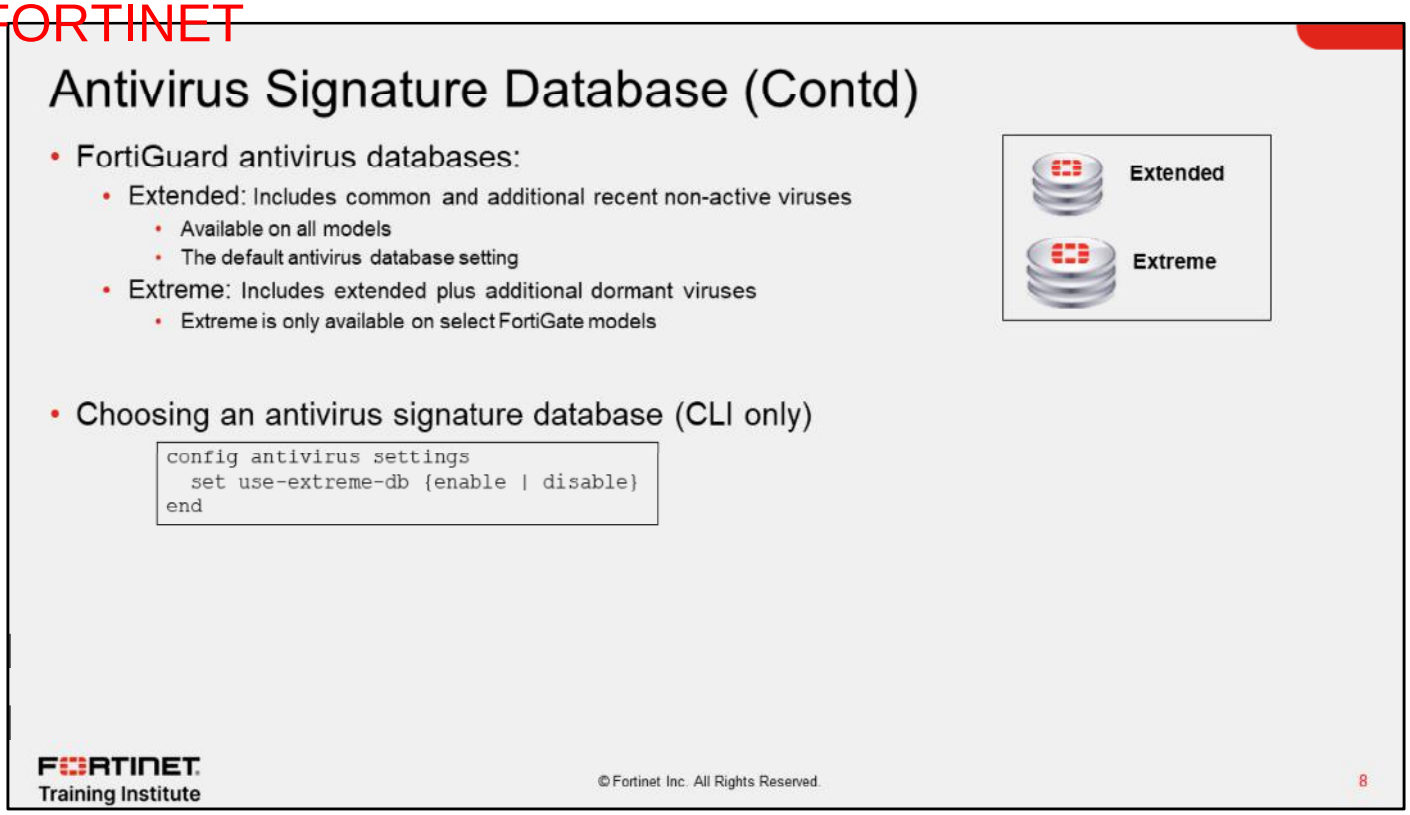
FortiGuard provides FortiGate with information based on the current threat climate, that is used to determine if a file should be deemed suspicious or not. FortiGate provides the administrator with granular control when it comes to determining what type of files are sent to FortiSandbox for further investigation. Administrators also have the option to use the FortiSandbox database, in conjunction with the FortiGuard antivirus database, to enhance their network security.

FortiSandbox inline scanning is supported only in proxy inspection mode. You will need to enable inline scanning under system fortisandbox settings and then select **Inline** in the antivirus profile. When the setting is enabled, the client's file is held by FortiSandbox for inspection, and an appropriate configured action is applied once a verdict is returned. Inline scanning is not supported on FortiSandbox Cloud or FortiGate Cloud Sandbox.



Scheduled updates allow you to configure scheduled updates at regular intervals, such as hourly, daily, weekly, or automatically within every hour. You can also enable **AntiVirus PUP/PUA**, which allows antivirus grayware checks for potentially unwanted programs and applications.

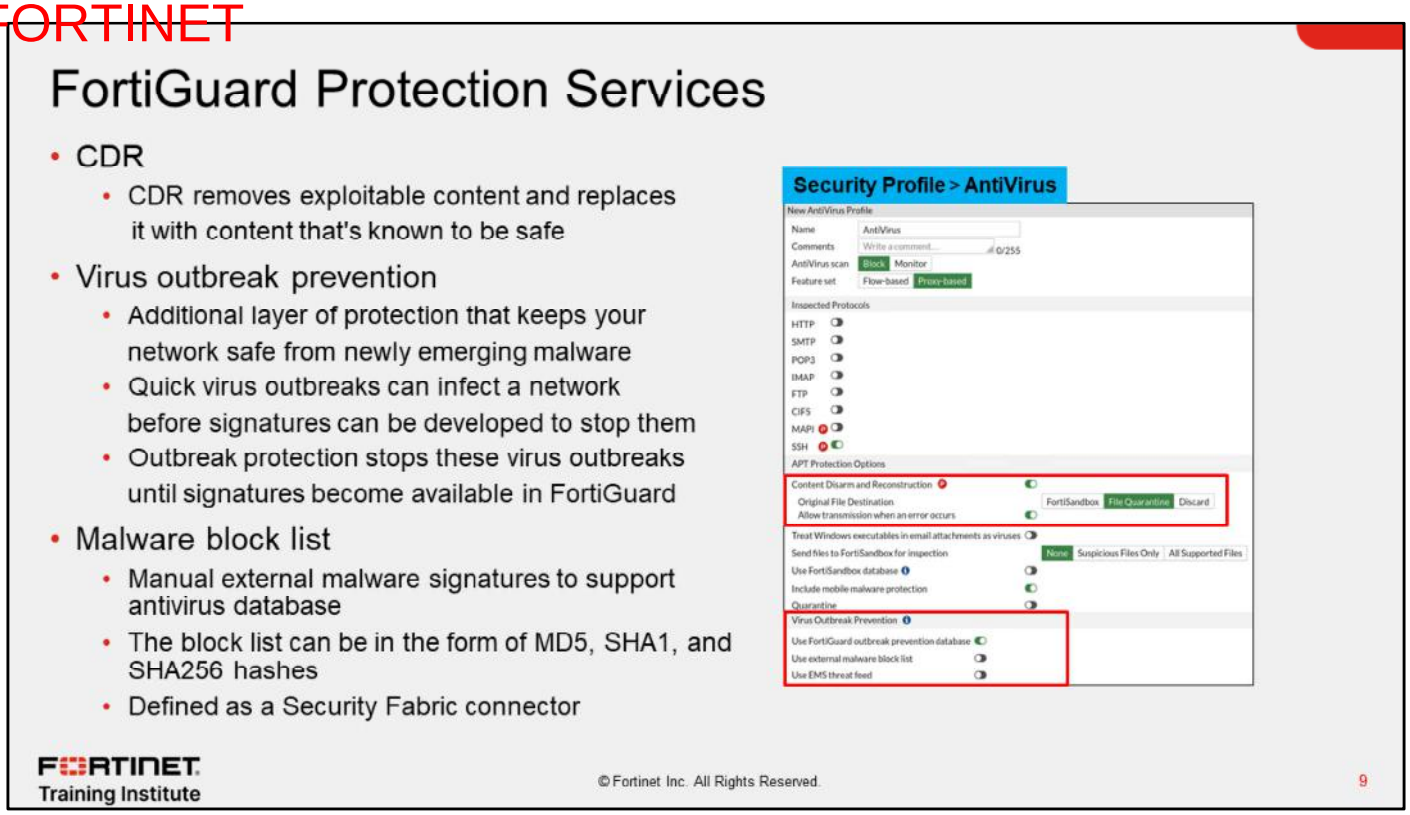
Regardless of which method you select, you *must* enable virus scanning in at least one firewall policy. Otherwise, FortiGate will not download any updates. Alternatively, you can download packages from the Fortinet customer service and support website (requires subscription), and then manually upload them to your FortiGate. You can verify the update status and signature versions from the **FortiGuard** page on the GUI or using the CLI console.



Multiple FortiGuard antivirus databases exist, which you can configure using CLI commands. Support for each database type varies by FortiGate model.

All FortiGate devices include the extended database. The extended database contains signatures for viruses that have been detected in recent months, as identified by the FortiGuard Global Security Research Team. The extended database also detects viruses that are no longer active.

The extreme database is intended for use in high-security environments. The extreme database detects all known viruses, including viruses targeted at legacy operating systems that are no longer widely used. Most FortiGate models support the extreme database.



CDR: The CDR removes exploitable content and replaces it with content that's known to be safe. As files are processed through an enabled antivirus profile, content that's found to be malicious or unsafe is replaced with content that allows the traffic to continue, but doesn't put the recipient at risk. Content that can be scanned includes PDF and Microsoft Office files leaving the network on CDR-supported protocols (such as HTTP, SMTP, IMAP, and POP3—MAPI isn't supported). When the client tries to download the file, FortiGate removes all exploitable content in real-time, and then sends the original file to FortiSandbox for inspection. The client can download the original file by logging in to FortiSandbox.

Virus outbreak prevention: This is an additional layer of protection that keeps your network safe from newly emerging malware. Quick virus outbreaks can infect a network before signatures can be developed to stop them. Outbreak protection stops these virus outbreaks until signatures become available in FortiGuard. FortiGate must have a zero-hour virus outbreak (ZHVO) license. FortiGate adds hash-based virus detection for new threats that are not yet detected by the antivirus signatures. When the file is sent to the scanunit deamon, buffers are hashed and a request is sent to the urlfilter deamon. After checking against its request cache for known signatures, the urlfilter deamon sends an antivirus request to FortiGuard with the remaining signatures. FortiGuard returns a rating that is used to determine if the scanunit deamon should report the file as harmful or not. Jobs remain suspended in the scanunit deamon until the client receives a response, or the request times out.

Malware block list: FortiGate can enhance the antivirus database by linking a dynamic external malware block list to FortiGate. The list is hosted on a web server and is available through HTTP/HTTPS URL defined within the Security Fabric malware hash list. The hash list can be in the form of MD5, SHA1, and SHA256 hashes, and is written on separate lines on a plaintext file. The malware block list can be defined as a Security Fabric connector and configured to pull the list dynamically, by setting the refresh rate.

Knowledge Check

1. If antivirus, grayware, and AI scans are enabled, in what order are they performed?
   - A. AI scan, followed by grayware scan, followed by antivirus scan
   - ✓ B. Antivirus scan, followed by grayware scan, followed by AI scan

2. Which databases can be manually selected for use in antivirus scanning?
   - ✓ A. Extended and Extreme
   - B. Quick, Normal, and Extreme

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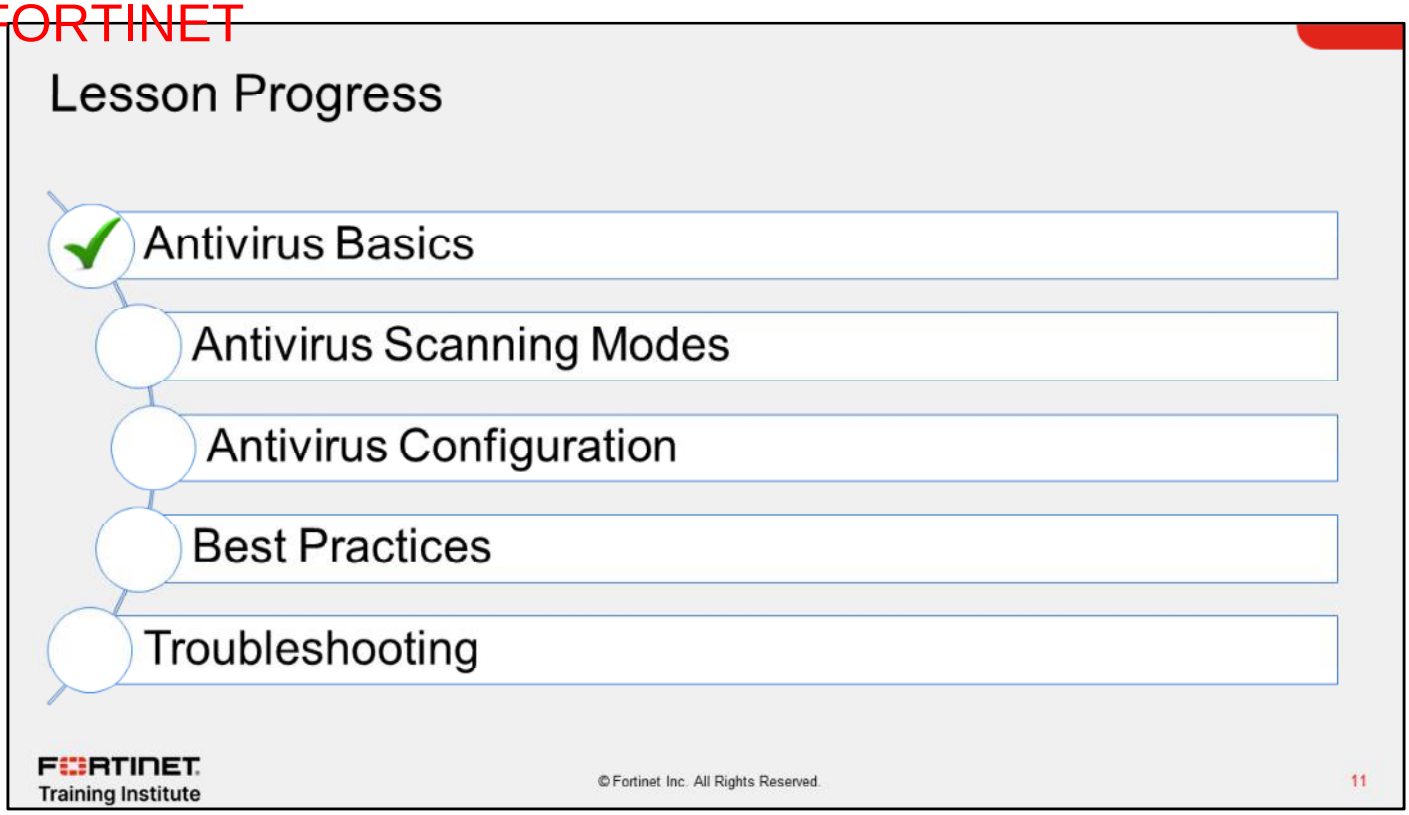
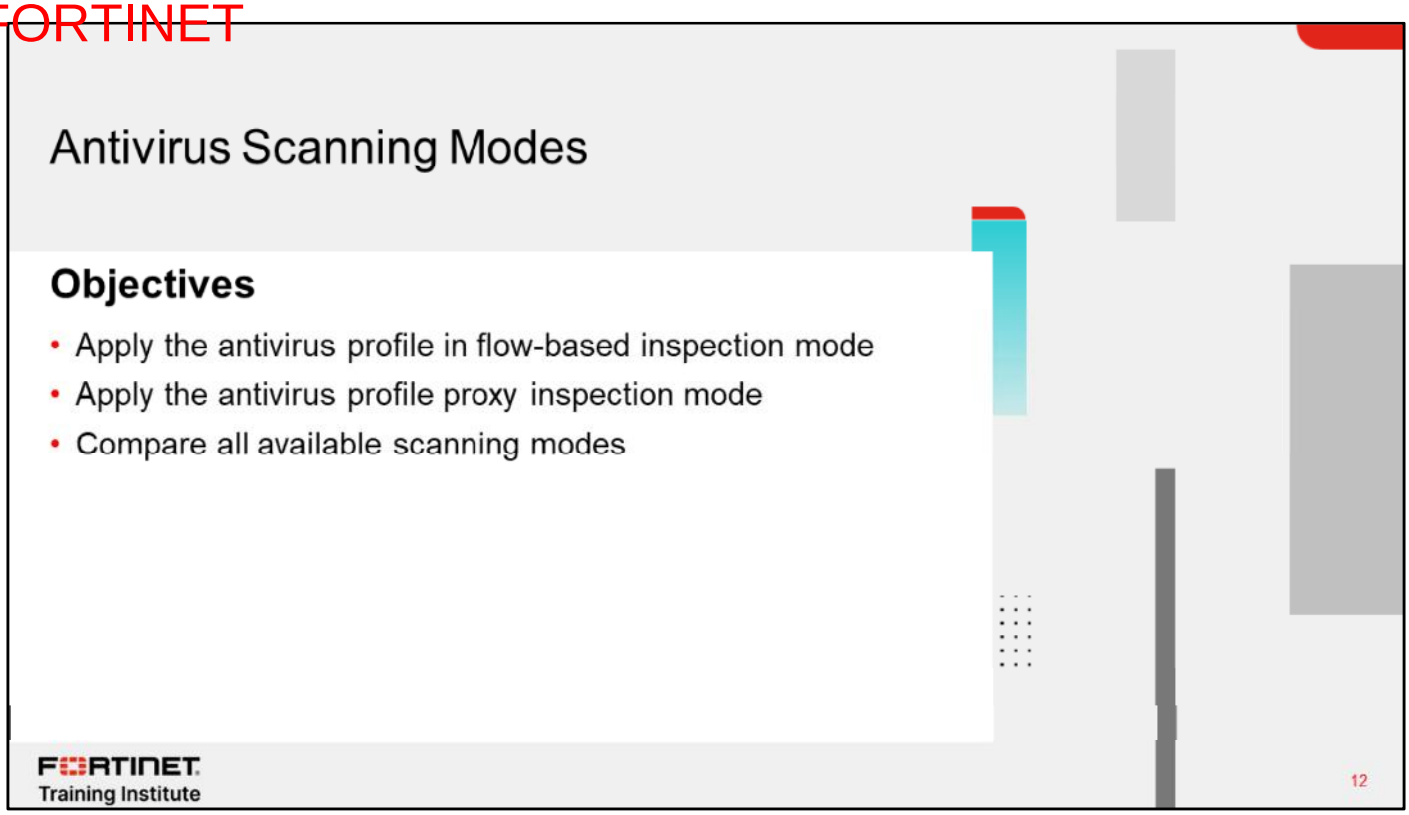


Good job! You now understand the basics of antivirus functionality.

Now, you will learn about antivirus scanning modes.



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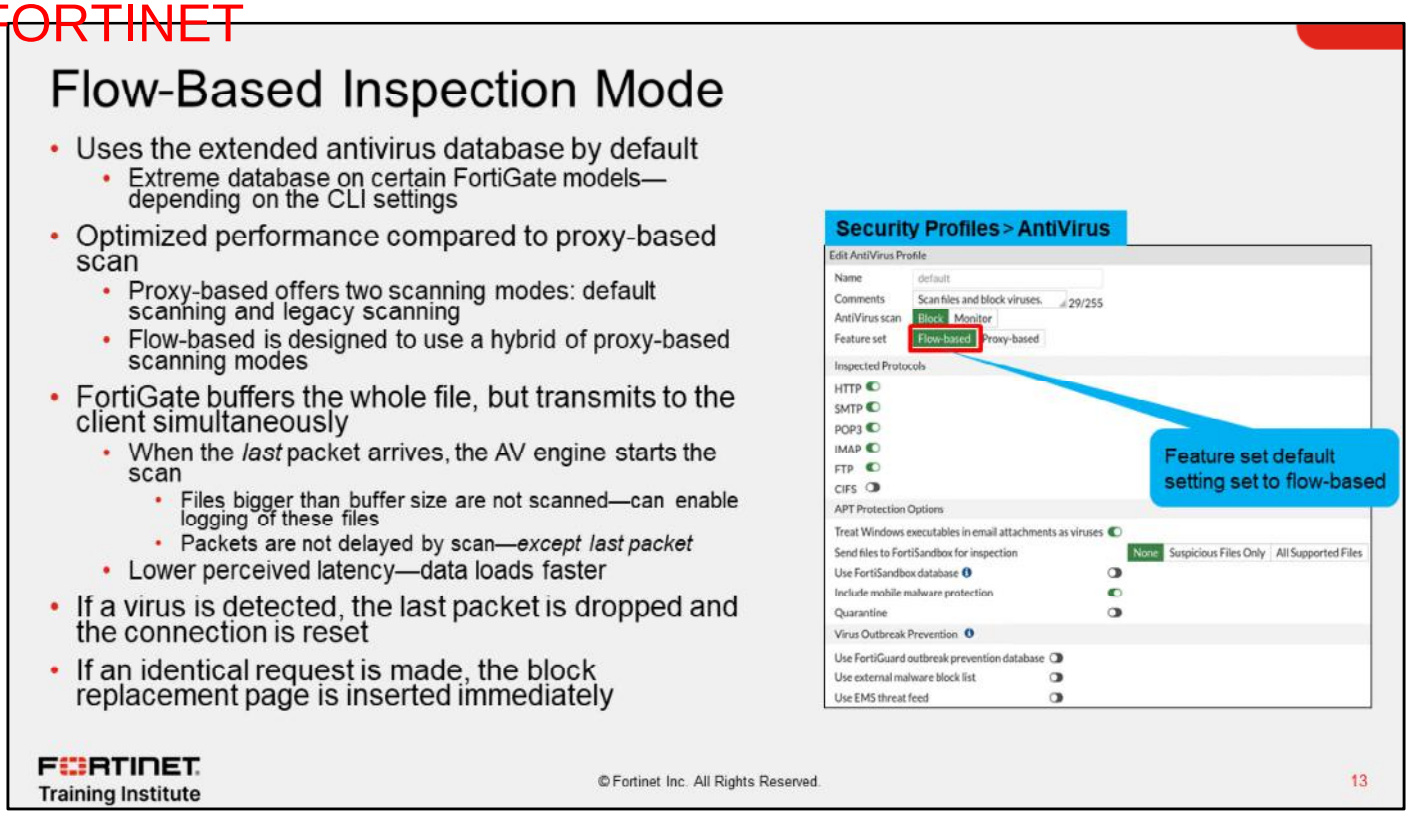
By demonstrating competence in all antivirus scanning modes available in FortiOS, you will be able to use the antivirus profile in an effective manner.



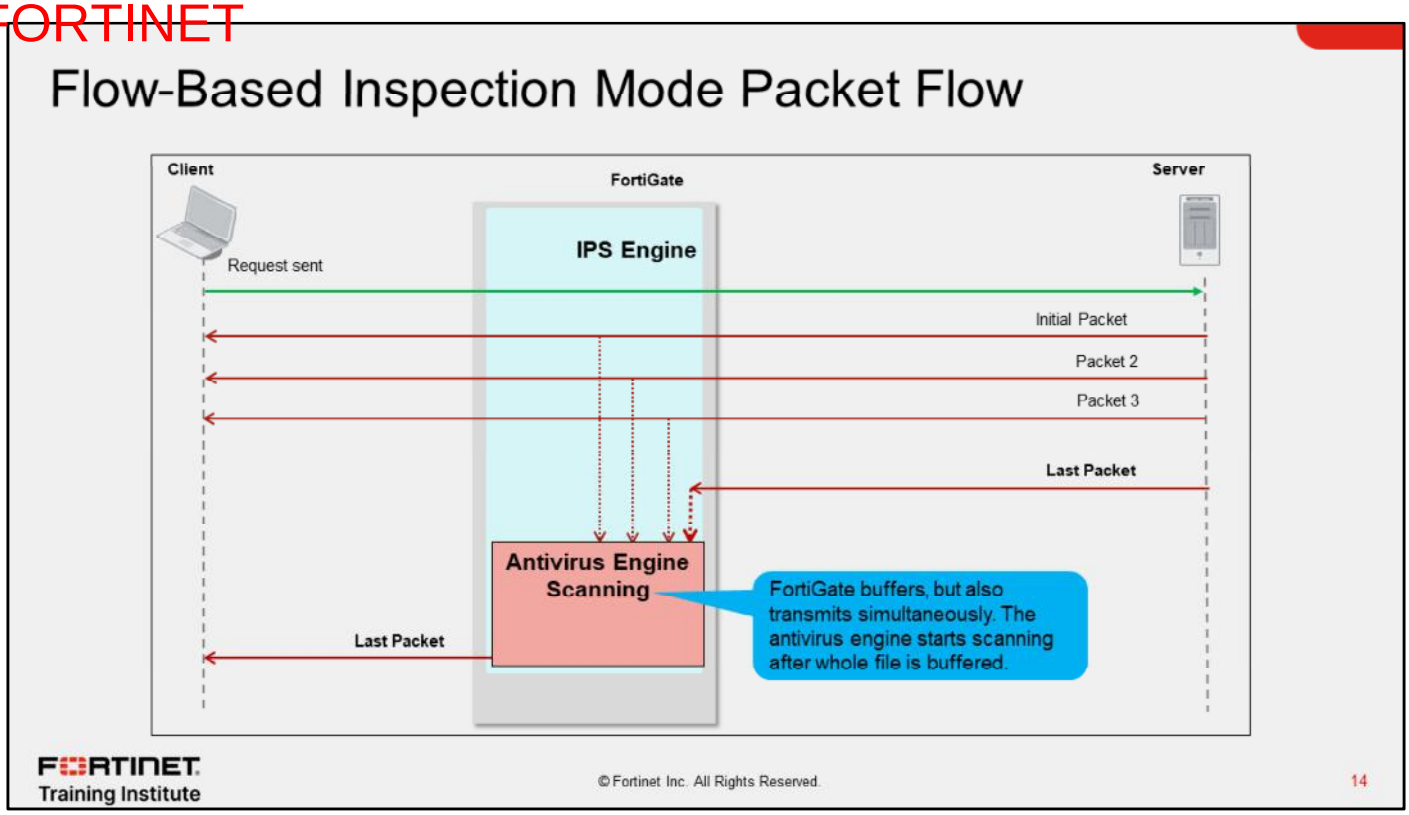
AV can operate in flow-based or proxy-based inspection mode, both of which use the full AV database (extended or extreme–depending on the CLI settings).

Flow-based inspection mode uses a hybrid of the scanning modes available in proxy-based inspection: the default scanning mode and the legacy scanning mode. The default mode enhances the scanning of nested archive files without buffering the container archive file. The legacy mode buffers the full container, and then scans it.

In flow-based inspection mode, the IPS engine reads the payload of each packet, caches a local copy, and forwards the packet to the receiver at the same time. Because the file is transmitted simultaneously, flow-based mode consumes more CPU cycles than proxy-based. However, depending on the FortiGate model, some operations can be offloaded to SPUs to improve performance. When FortiGate receives the last packet of the file, it puts the packet on hold and sends a copy to the IPS engine. The IPS engine extracts the payload and assembles the whole file, and then sends the whole file to the AV engine for scanning.

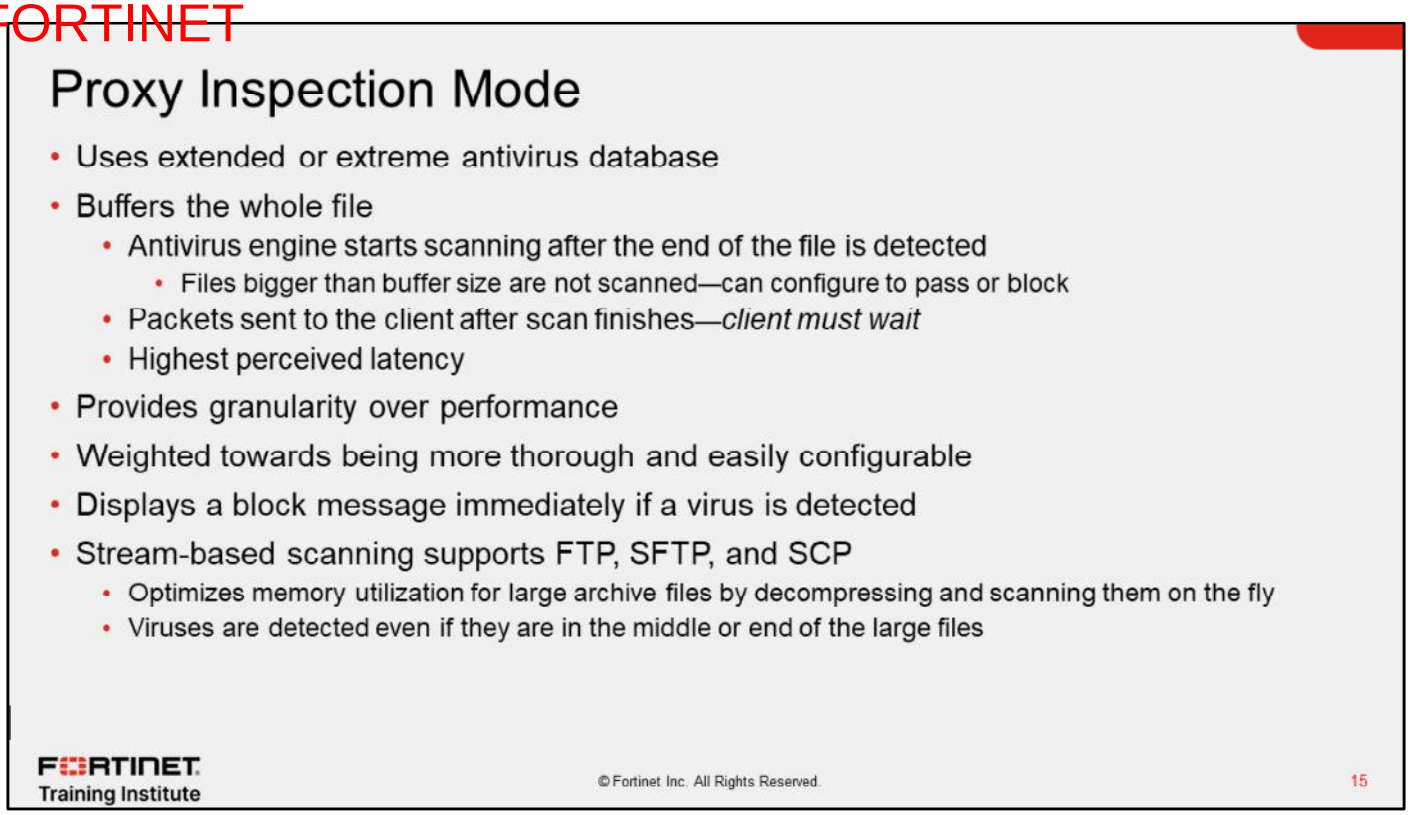
Two possible scenarios can occur when a virus is detected:

- When a virus is detected on a TCP session where some packets have been already forwarded to the receiver, FortiGate resets the connection and does not send the last piece of the file. Although the receiver got most of the file content, the file has been truncated and therefore, can't be opened. The IPS engine also caches the URL of the infected file, so that if a second attempt to transmit the file is made, the IPS engine will then send a block replacement message to the client instead of scanning the file again.
- If the virus is detected at the start of the connection, the IPS engine sends the block replacement message immediately.



As you can see on this slide, the client sends a request and starts receiving packets immediately, but FortiGate also caches those packets at the same time. When the last packet arrives, FortiGate caches it and puts it on hold. Then, the IPS engine extracts the payload of the last packet, assembles the whole file, and sends it to the antivirus engine for scanning. If the antivirus scan does not detect any viruses, and the result comes back clean, the last cached packet is regenerated and delivered to the client. However, if a virus is found, the last packet is dropped. Even if the client has received most of the file, the file will be truncated and the client will be not able to open a truncated file.

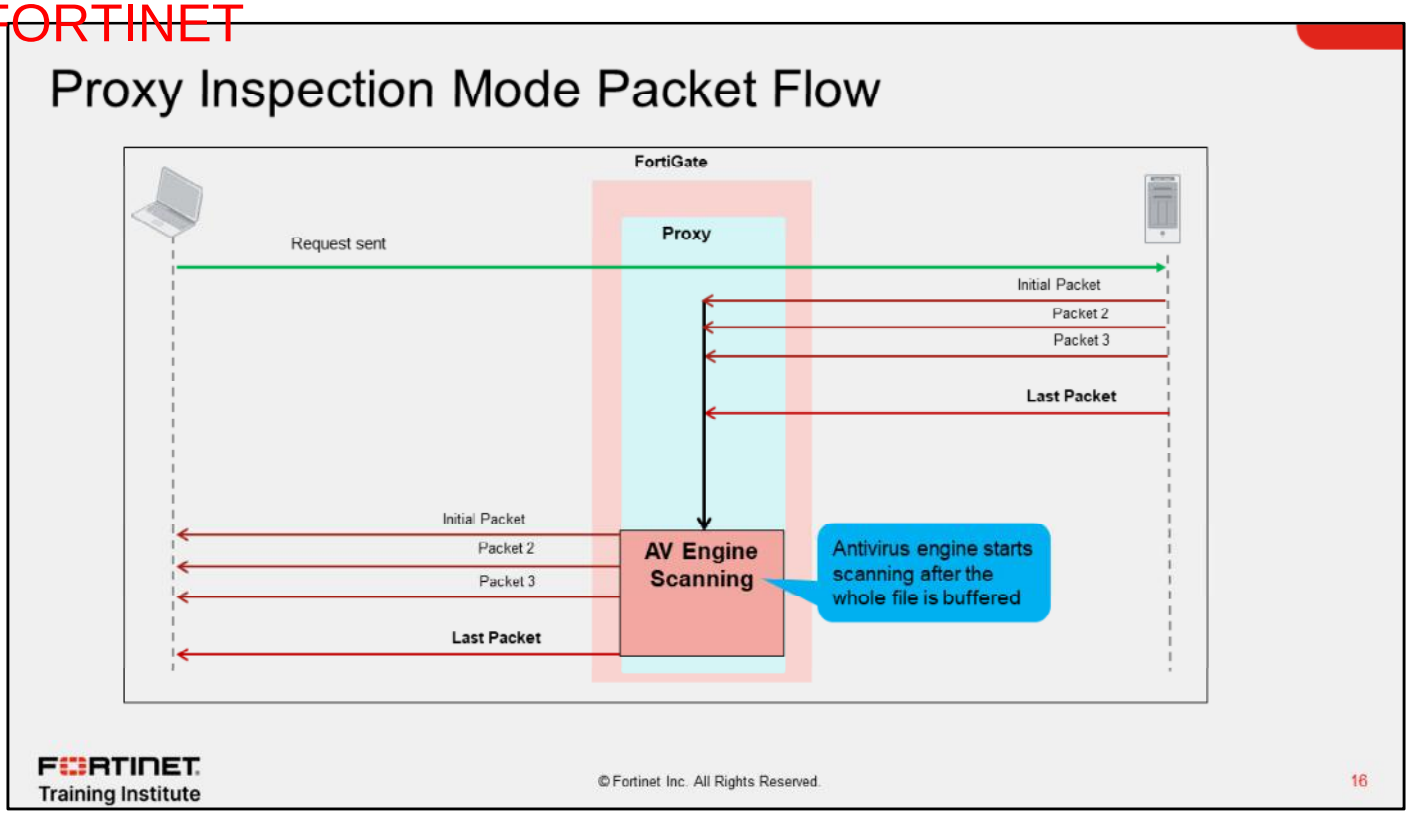
Regardless of which mode you use, the scan techniques give similar detection rates. How can you choose between the scan engines? If performance is your top priority, then flow inspection mode is more appropriate. If security is your priority, proxy inspection mode—with client comforting disabled—is more appropriate.



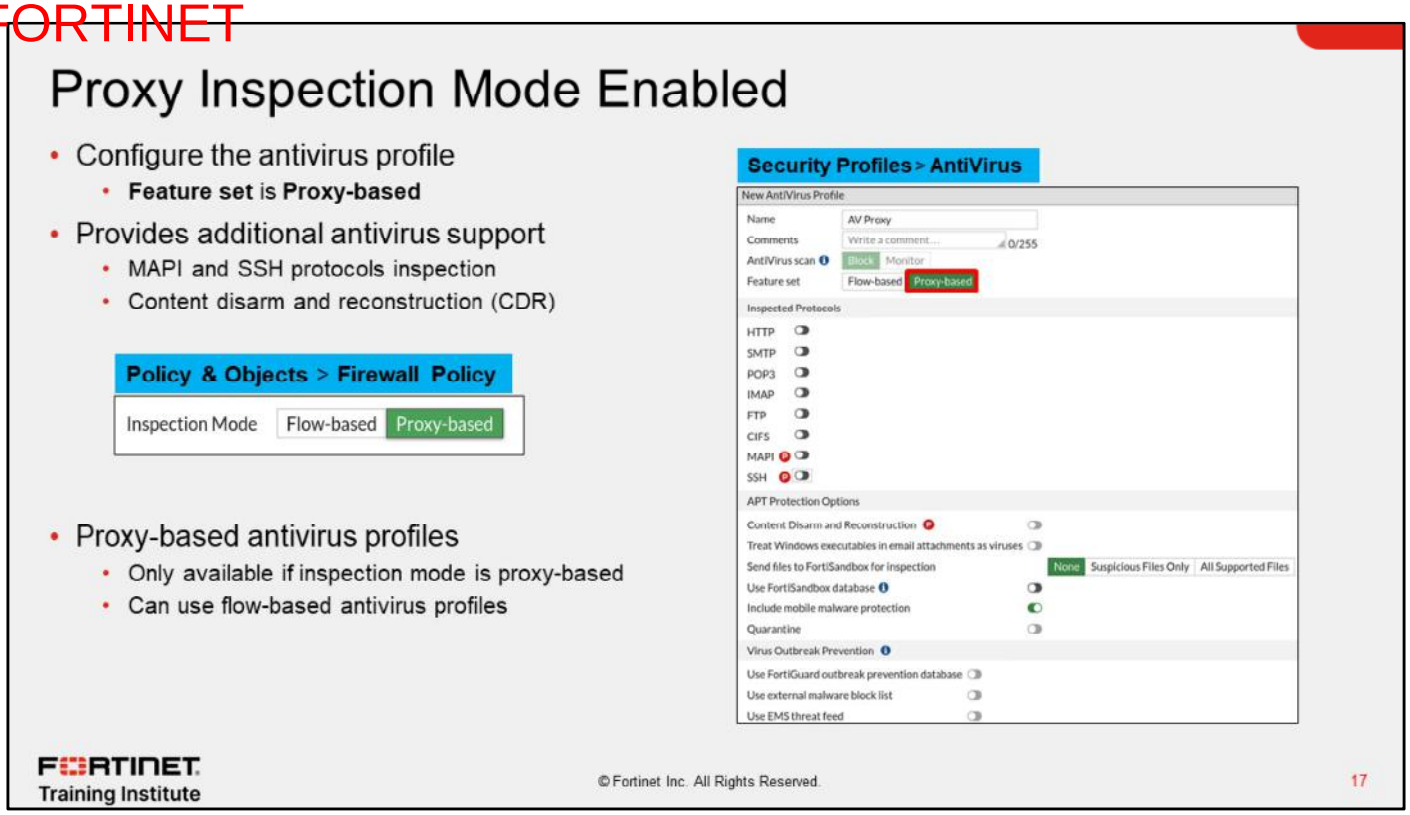
Each protocol's proxy picks up a connection and buffers the entire file first (or waits until the oversize limit is reached) before scanning. The client must wait for the scanning to finish. If a virus is detected, the block replacement page is displayed immediately. Because FortiGate has to buffer the whole file and then do the scanning, it takes a long time to scan. Also, from the client point of view, it has to wait for the scanning to finish and might terminate the connection due to lack of data.

You can configure client comforting for HTTP and FTP from the `config firewall profile-protocol-options` command tree. This allows the proxy to slowly transmit some data until it can complete the buffer and finish the scan. This prevents a connection or session timeout. No block replacement message appears in the first attempt, as FortiGate is transmitting the packets to the end client.

Using proxy inspection antivirus allow you to use the stream-based scanning, which is enabled by default. Stream-based scanning scans large archive files by decompressing the files and then scanning and extracting them at the same time. This process optimized memory utilization to conserve resources on FortiGate. Viruses are detected even if they are in the middle or towards the end of these large files.



With a proxy inspection mode scan, the client sends a request and FortiGate starts buffering the whole file, then sends it to the antivirus engine for scanning. If the file is clean (without any viruses), FortiGate starts transmitting the file to the end client. If a virus is found, no packets are delivered to the end client and the proxy sends the replacement block message to the end client.



Applying a proxy-based antivirus profile requires two sections in FortiGate configuration to use non-default settings:

1. Antivirus profile
2. Firewall policy

Antivirus profile provides the option to select a proxy-based approach as the inspection mode within the profile. This allows the profile to inspect MAPI and SSH protocols traffic, as well as to sanitize Microsoft documents and PDF files using the content disarm and reconstruction (CDR) feature.

If the inspection mode on the antivirus profile is set to **Proxy-based**, it is only available when the firewall policy inspection mode is set to **Proxy-based**.

Knowledge Check

1. What three additional features of an antivirus profile are available in proxy-based inspection mode?
   - ✓ A. MAPI, SSH, and CDR
   - B. Full and quick

2. What antivirus database is limited to specific FortiGate models?
   - A. Extended
   - ✓ B. Extreme

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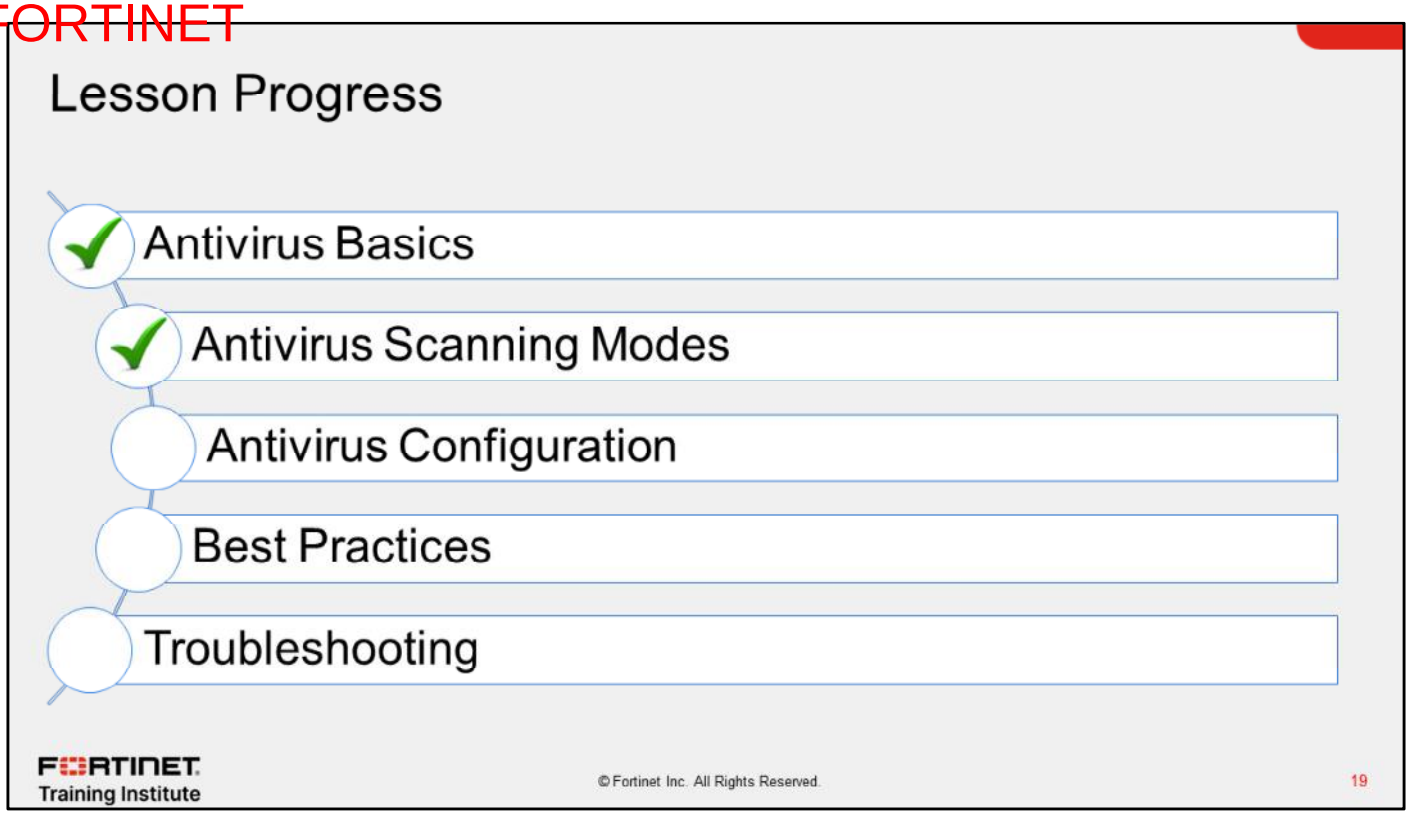
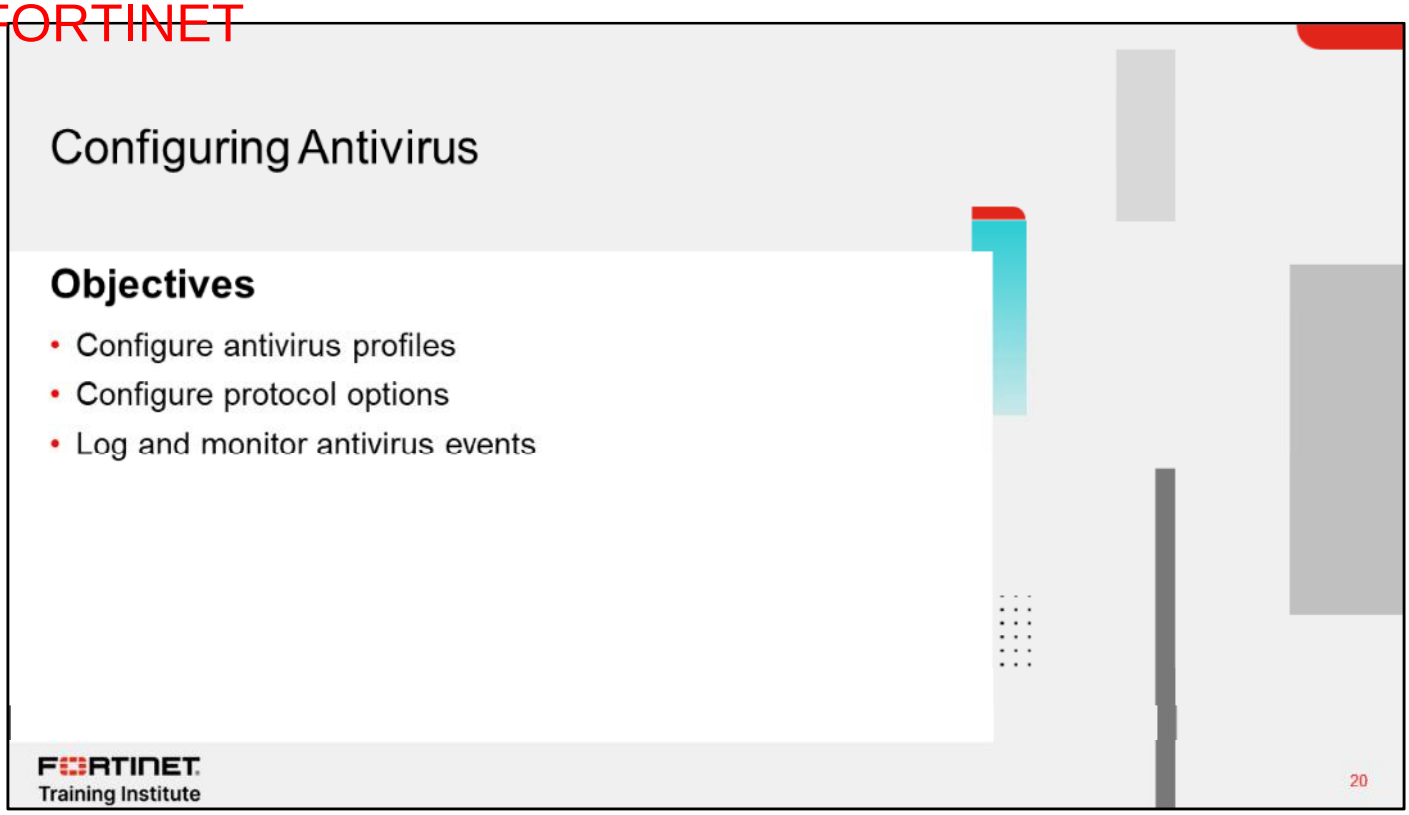


Good job! You now understand antivirus scanning modes.

Now, you will learn about antivirus configuration.



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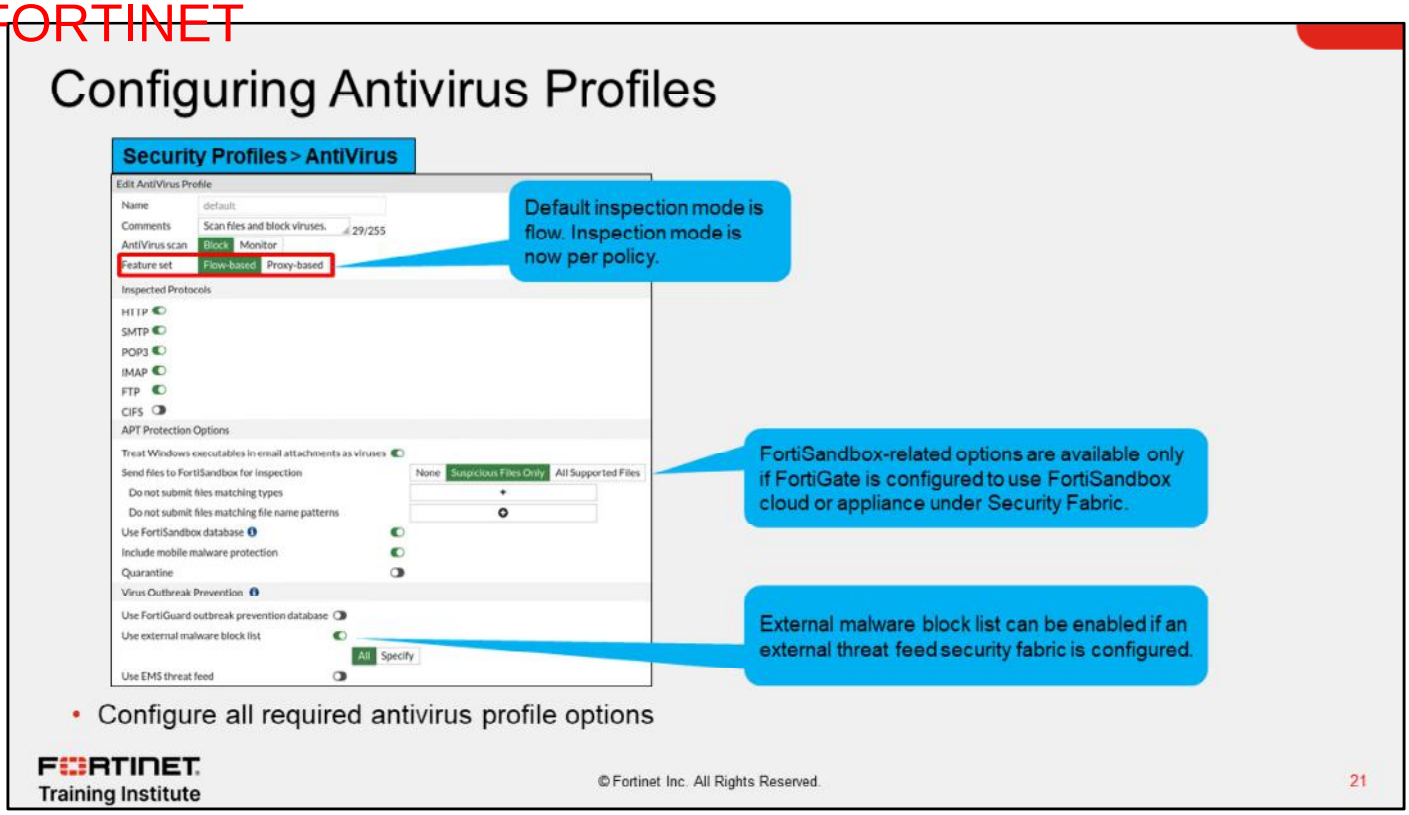
By demonstrating competence in antivirus configuration, including reviewing antivirus logs, you will be able to use the antivirus profile in an effective manner.



The antivirus profile can be configured on the **AntiVirus** page. Since the default inspection mode on a firewall policy is flow-based, **Feature set** is required to be set to **Flow-based**. If the inspection mode of the firewall policy is proxy-based, **Feature set** can be set to **Proxy-based,** which allows specific functions that are only available using proxy-based inspection mode firewall policy such as MAPI protocol and CDR.

Both feature sets provide the following options:
APT Protection Options:

- **Treat Windows executables in email attachment as viruses**: By default, this option is enabled and files (including compressed files) identified as Windows executables can be treated as viruses.
- **Send files to FortiSandbox for inspection:** If FortiSandbox cloud or appliance is configured, you can configure the antivirus profile to send malicious files to FortiSandbox for behaviour analysis. If tagged as malicious, any future files matching the same behavior will be blocked if **Use FortiSandbox database** is enabled.

Virus Outbreak Prevention:

- **Use FortiGuard Virus outbreak prevention database**: FortiGuard virus outbreak prevention is an additional layer of protection that keeps your network safe from newly emerging malware. Quick virus outbreaks can infect a network before signatures can be developed to stop them. Outbreak protection stops these virus outbreaks until signatures become available on FortiGuard.
- **Use external malware block List:** FortiGate can enhance the antivirus database by linking a dynamic external malware block list to FortiGate. Malware block list can be defined as a Security Fabric connector and configured to pull the list dynamically by setting the refresh rate.

In the antivirus profile, you can define what FortiGate should do if it detects an infected file. After you configure an antivirus profile, you must apply it in the firewall policy.

Configuring Protocol Options

- More granular control
- Allows configuration of:
  - Protocol port mappings
  - Common options
  - Web and email options
- Configure for both proxy-based and flow-based firewall policies
  - From the GUI, on the **Protocol Options** page
  - From the CLI, using the `config firewall profile-protocol-options` command

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config firewall profile-protocol-options
edit <profile_name>
config <protocol_name>
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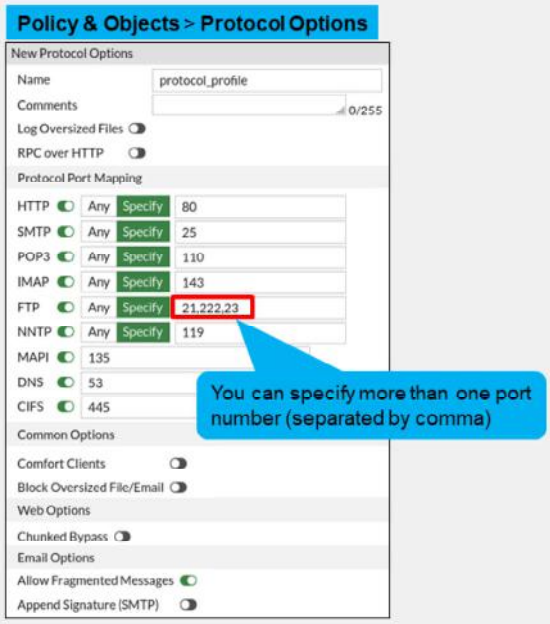

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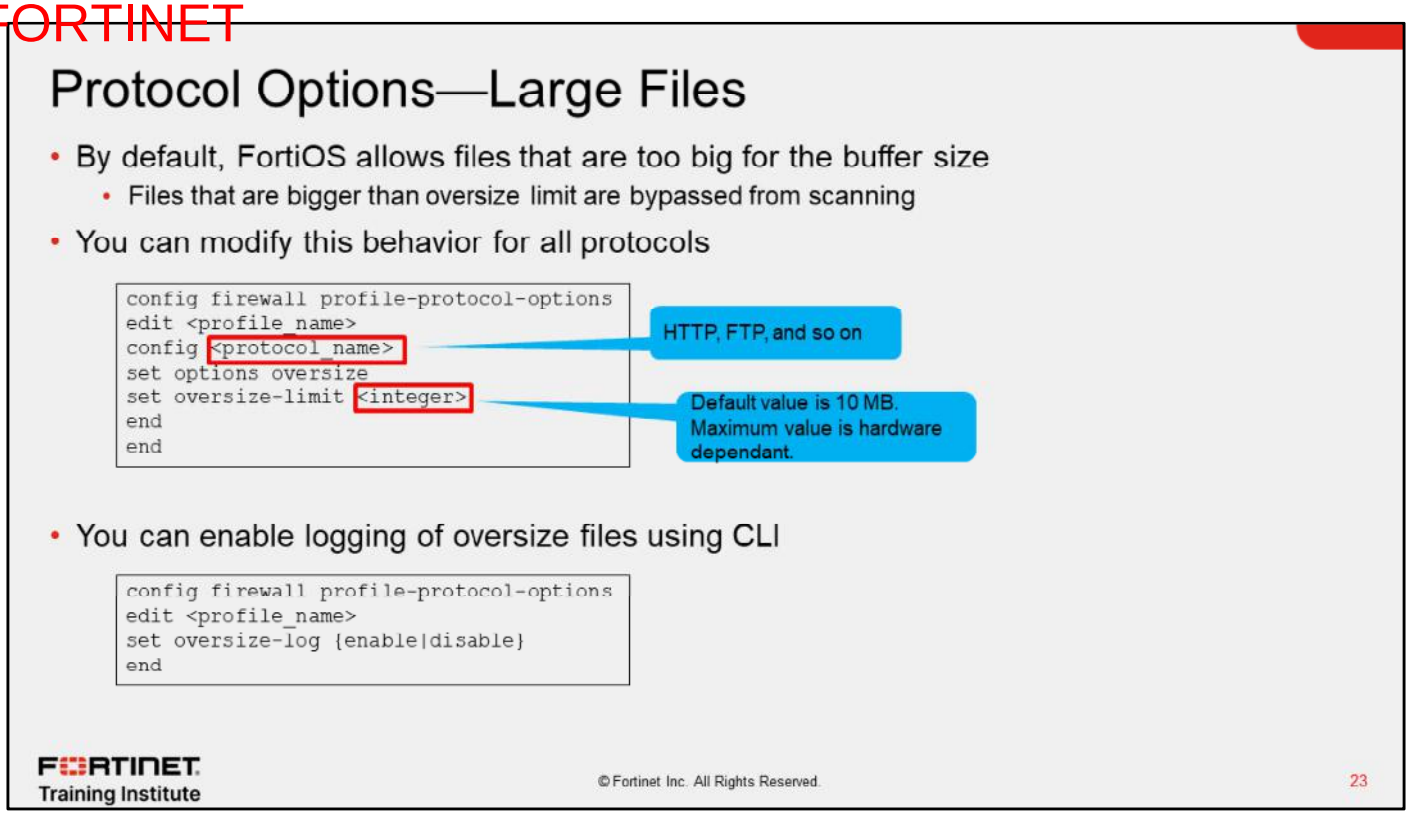
Protocol options provide more granular control than antivirus profiles. You can configure protocol port mappings, common options, web options, and email options, to name a few.

You can configure protocol options on the **Protocol Options** page on the GUI or from the CLI. Protocol options are used by antivirus and other security profiles, such as web filtering, DNS filtering, and data loss prevention (DLP), to name a few.

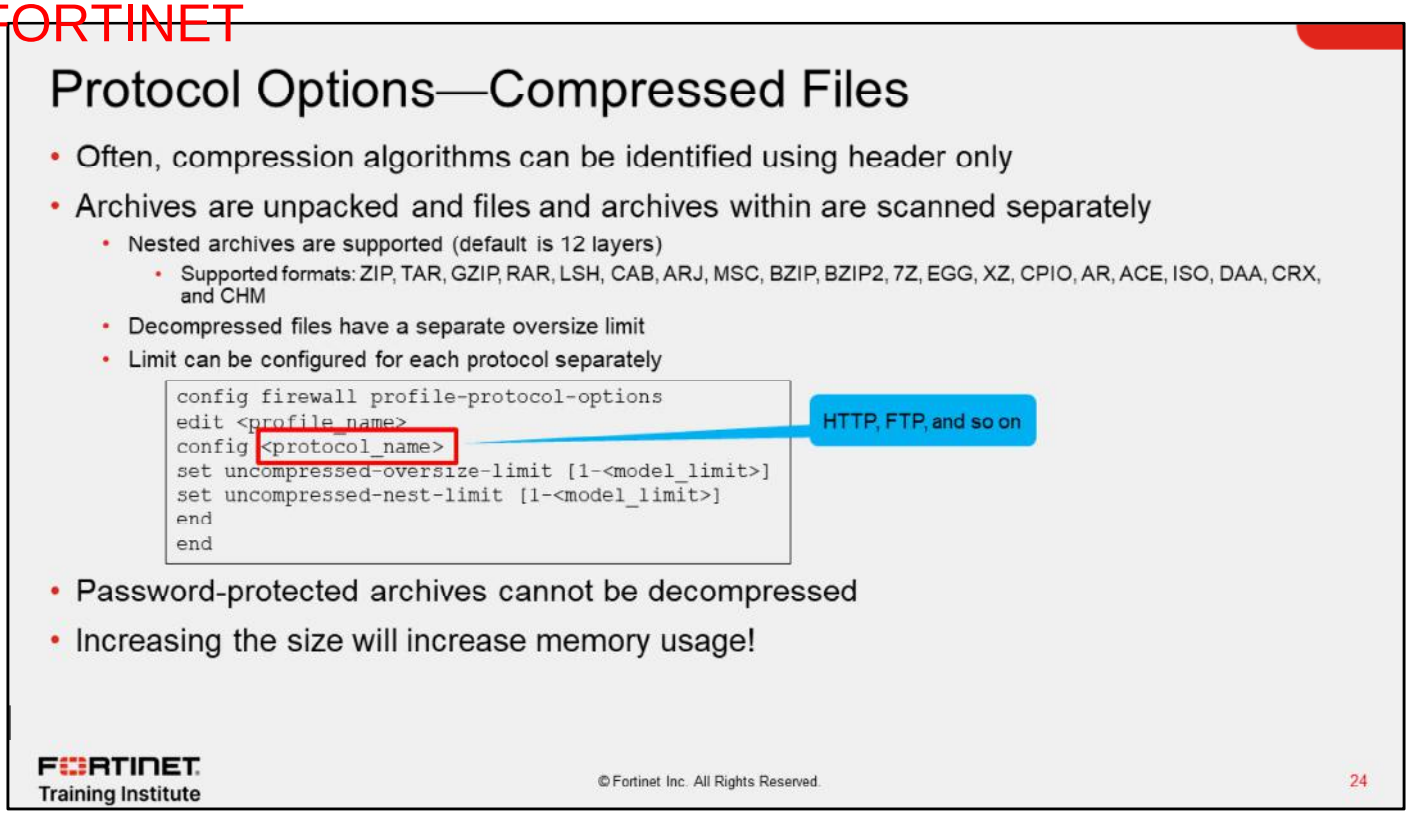
Once protocol options are configured, they are applied in the firewall policy.



So what is the recommended buffer limit? It varies by model and configuration. You can adjust the `oversize-limit` for your network for optimal performance. A smaller buffer minimizes proxy latency (for both scanning modes) and RAM usage, but that may allow viruses to pass through undetected. When a buffer is too large, clients may notice transmission timeouts. You need to balance the two.

If you aren't sure about the value to set `oversize-limit` to, you can temporarily enable `oversize-log` to see if your FortiGate is scanning large files frequently. You can then adjust the value accordingly.

Files that are bigger than the oversize limit are bypassed from scanning. You can enable logging of oversize files by enabling the `oversize-log` option from the CLI.



Large files are often compressed. When compressed files go through scanning, the compression acts like encryption: the signatures won't match. So, FortiGate must decompress the file in order to scan it.

Before decompressing a file, FortiGate must first identify the compression algorithm. Some archive types can be correctly identified using only the header. Also, FortiGate must check whether the file is password protected. If the archive is protected with a password, FortiGate can’t decompress it, and, therefore, can’t scan it.

FortiGate decompresses files into RAM. Just like other large files, the RAM buffer has a maximum size. Increasing this limit may decrease performance, but it allows you to scan larger compressed files.

If an archive is nested—for example, if an attacker is trying to circumvent your scans by putting a ZIP file inside the ZIP file—FortiGate will try to undo all layers of compression. By default, FortiGate will attempt to decompress and scan up to 12 layers deep, but you can configure it to scan up to the maximum number supported by your device (usually 100). Often, you shouldn’t increase this setting because it increases RAM usage.

Applying the Antivirus Profile

- Apply the antivirus profile and protocol options on the firewall policy, to scan traffic
- Ensure that **deep-inspection** is selected for the **SSL/SSH Inspection** setting—required to scan encrypted protocols

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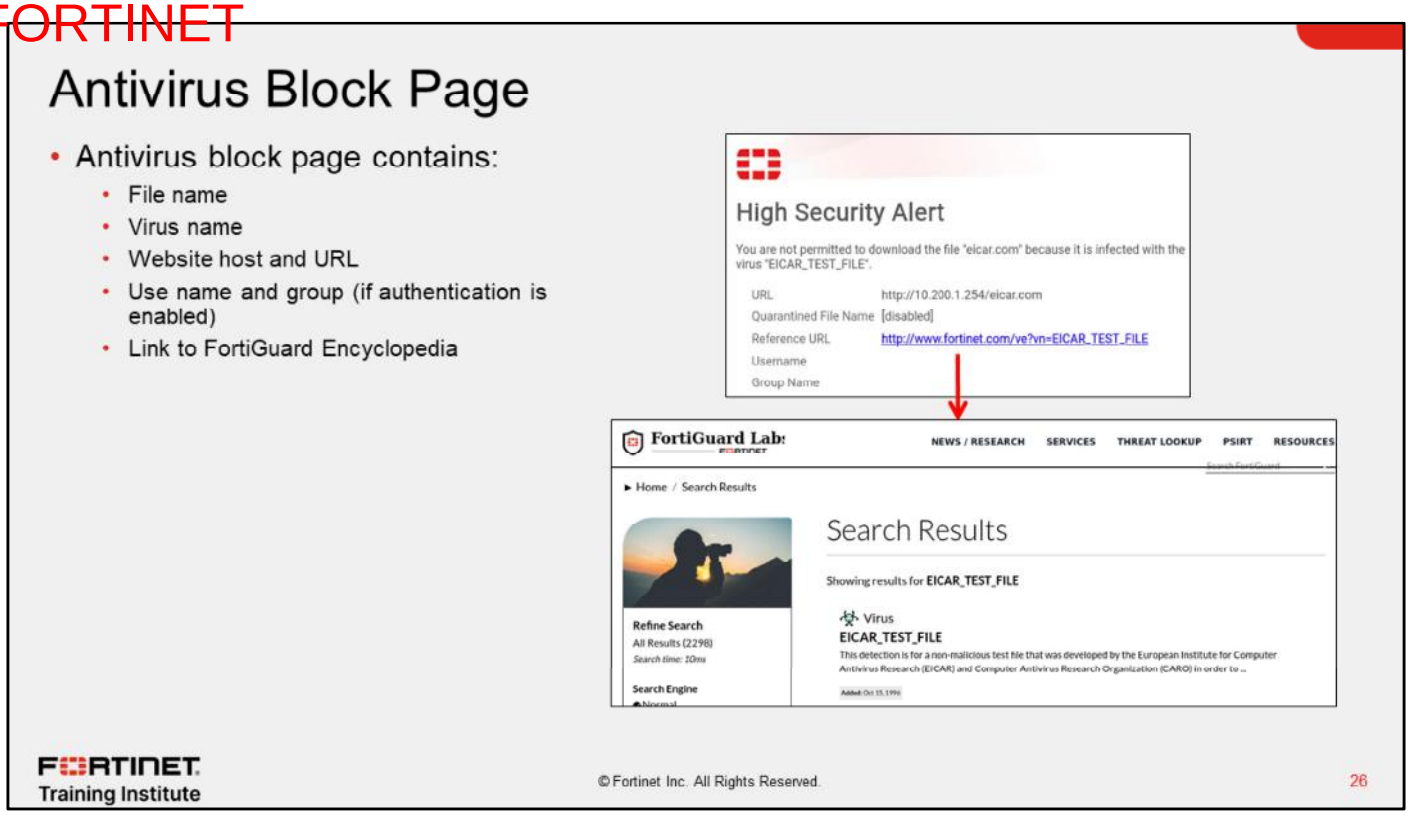
Before FortiGate devices can start scanning traffic for malware, you need to apply the antivirus profile, the protocol options, and SSL/SSH inspection profiles on the firewall policy.

In full SSL inspection level, FortiGate terminates the SSL/TLS handshake at its own interface, before it reaches the server. When certificates and private keys are exchanged, it is with FortiGate and not the server. Next, FortiGate starts a second connection with the server.

Because traffic is unencrypted while passing between its interfaces, FortiGate can inspect the contents and look for matches with the antivirus signature database, before it re-encrypts the packet and forwards it.

For these reasons, full SSL inspection level is the only choice that allows antivirus to be effective.



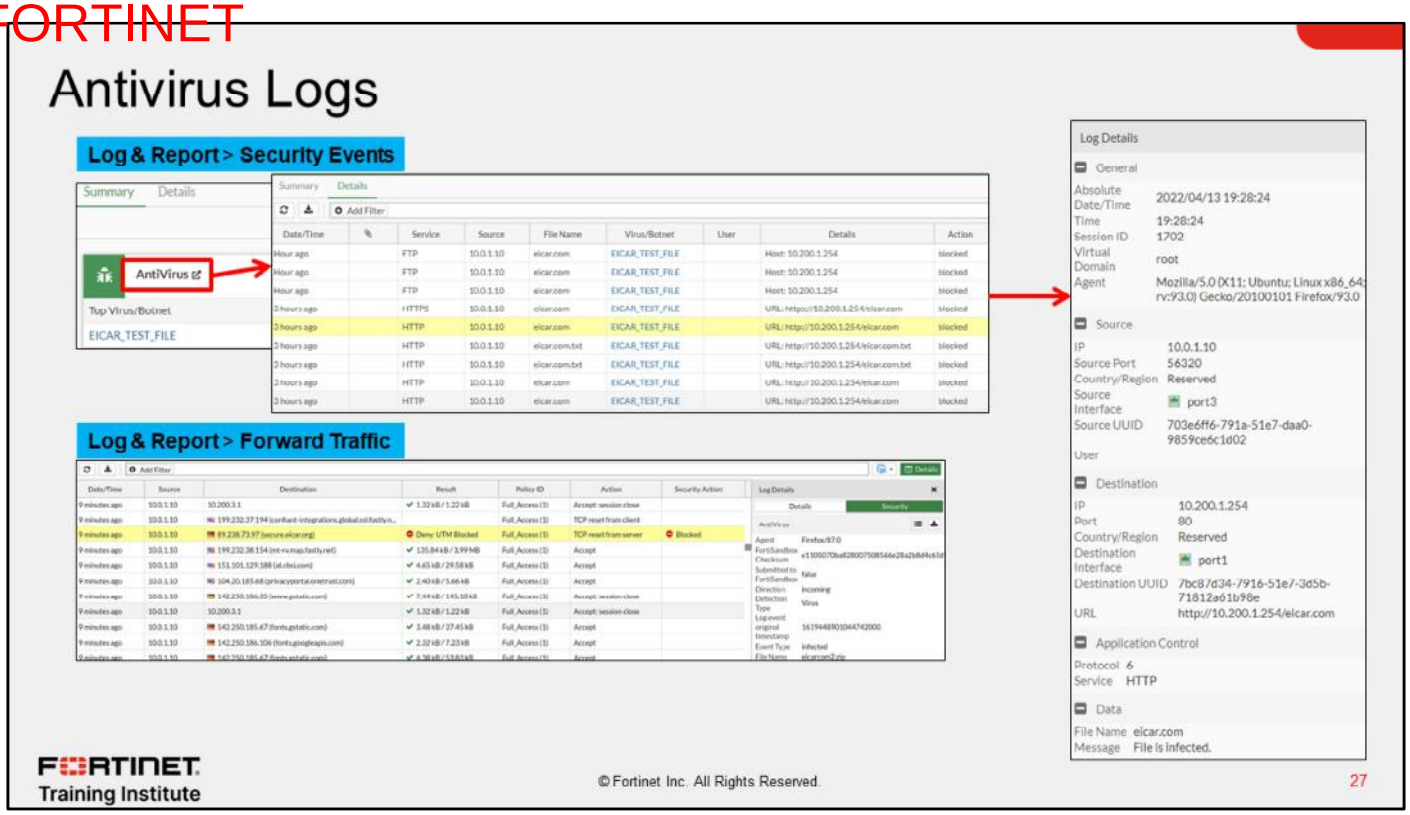
For antivirus scanning in proxy-based inspection mode (with client comforting disabled), the block replacement page is displayed *immediately* when a virus is detected.

For flow-based inspection mode scanning, if a virus is detected at the start of the stream, the block replacement page is displayed at the *first attempt*. If a virus is detected after a few packets have been transmitted, the block replacement page is *not* displayed. However, FortiGate caches the URL and can display the replacement page immediately, on the second attempt.

Note that if deep inspection is enabled, all HTTPS-based applications also display the block replacement message.

The block page includes the following:
- File name
- Virus name
- Website host and URL
- User name and group (if authentication is enabled)
- Link to FortiGuard Encyclopedia—which provides analysis, recommended actions (if any), and detection availability

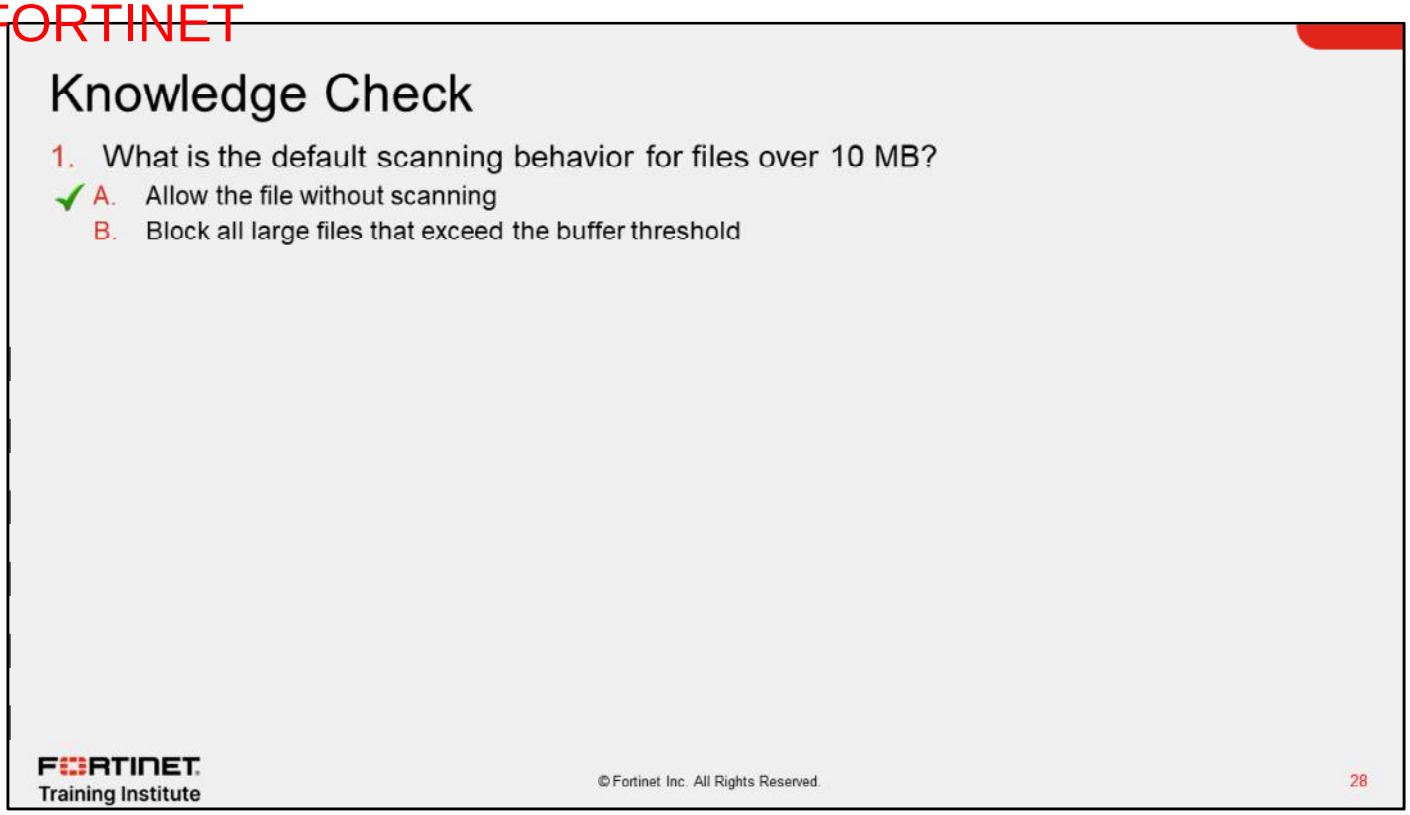
You can go directly to the FortiGuard website to view information about other malware, and scan, submit, or do both, with a sample of a suspected malware.

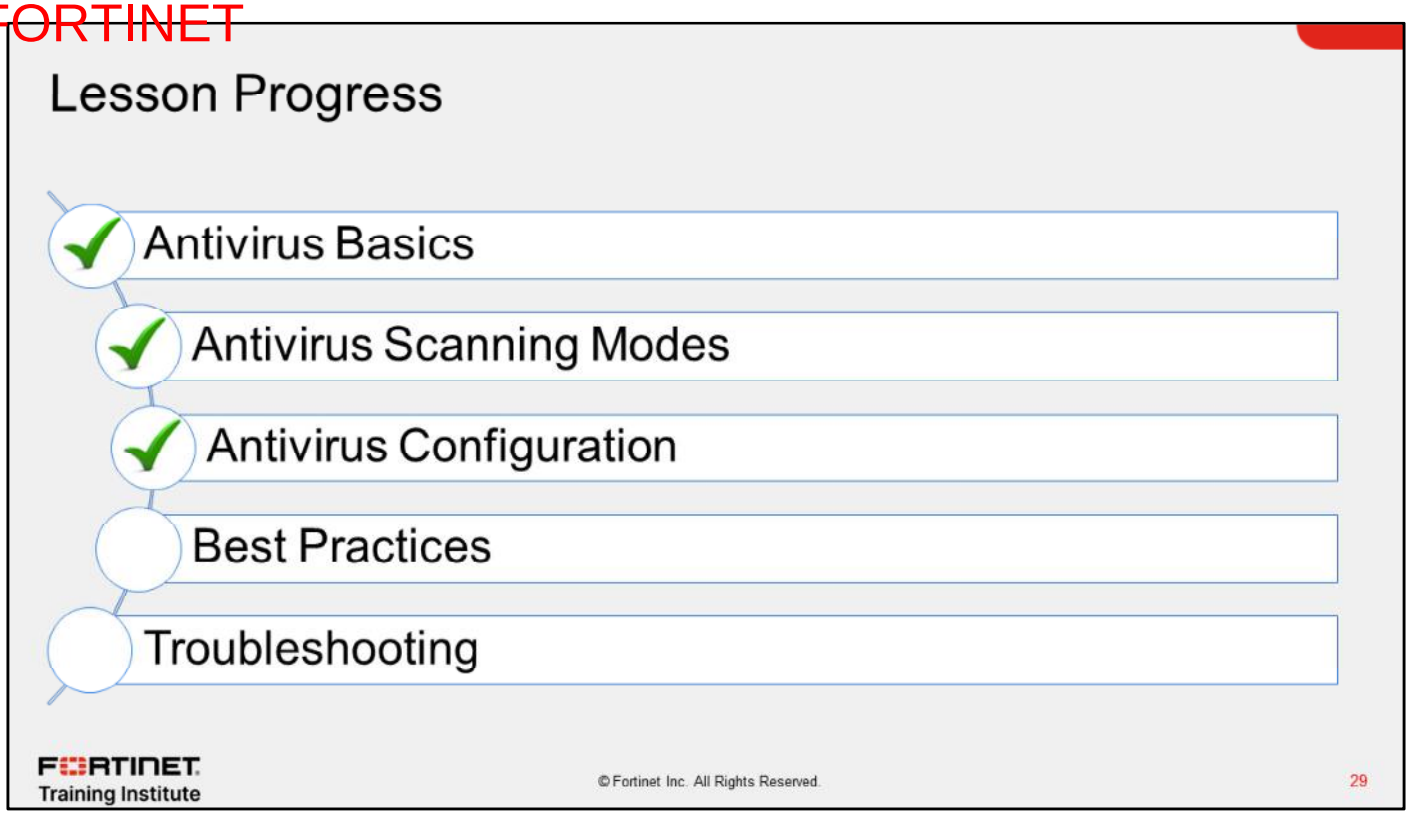


If you enable logging, you can find details on the **AntiVirus** log page under **Security Events**.

When the antivirus scan detects a virus, by default, it creates a log about what virus was detected, as well as the action, policy ID, antivirus profile name, and detection type. It also provides a link to more information on the FortiGuard website.

You can also view log details on the **Forward Traffic** log page, where firewall policies record traffic activity. You'll also find a summary of the traffic on which FortiGate applied an antivirus action.





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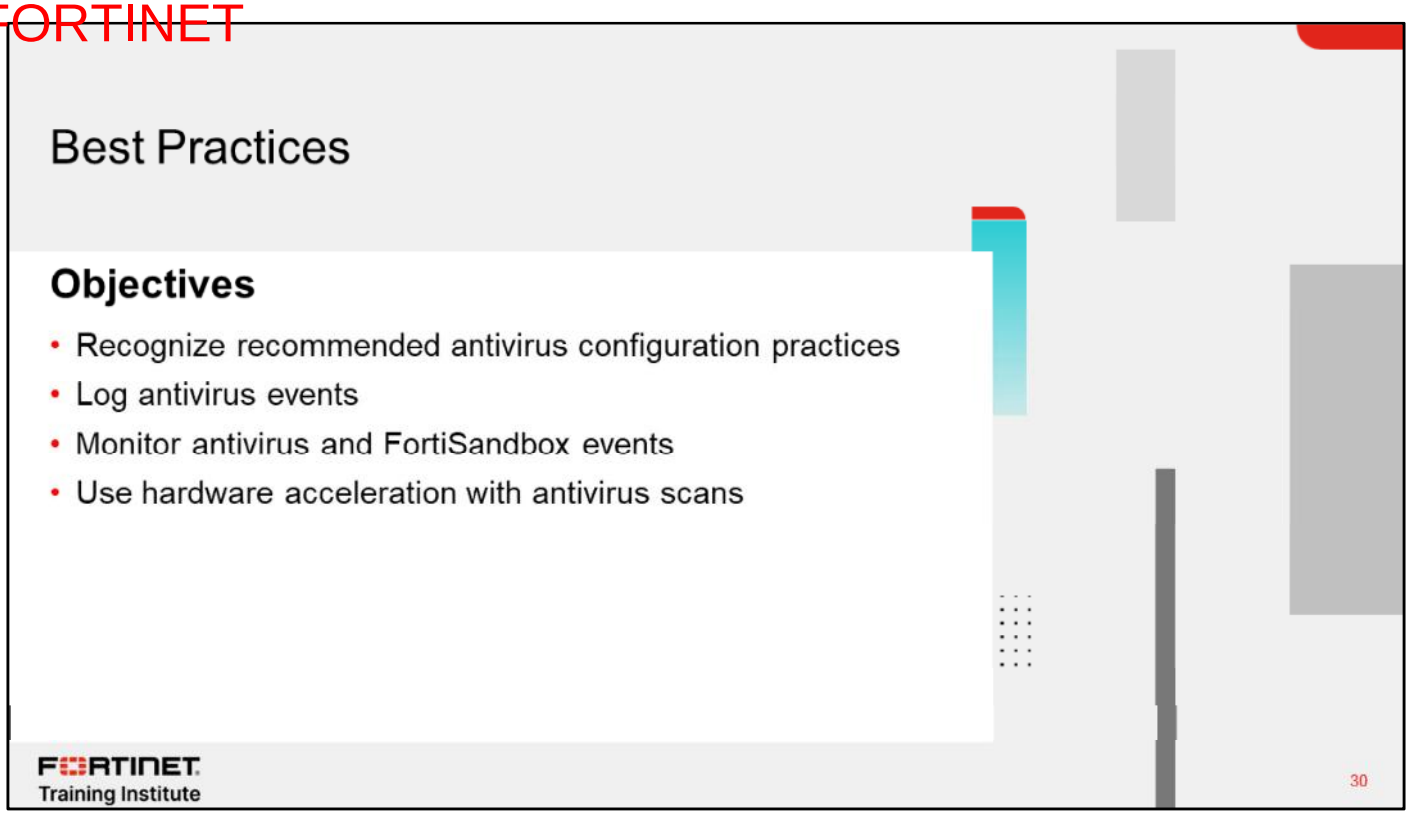
Now, you will learn about some antivirus best practices.



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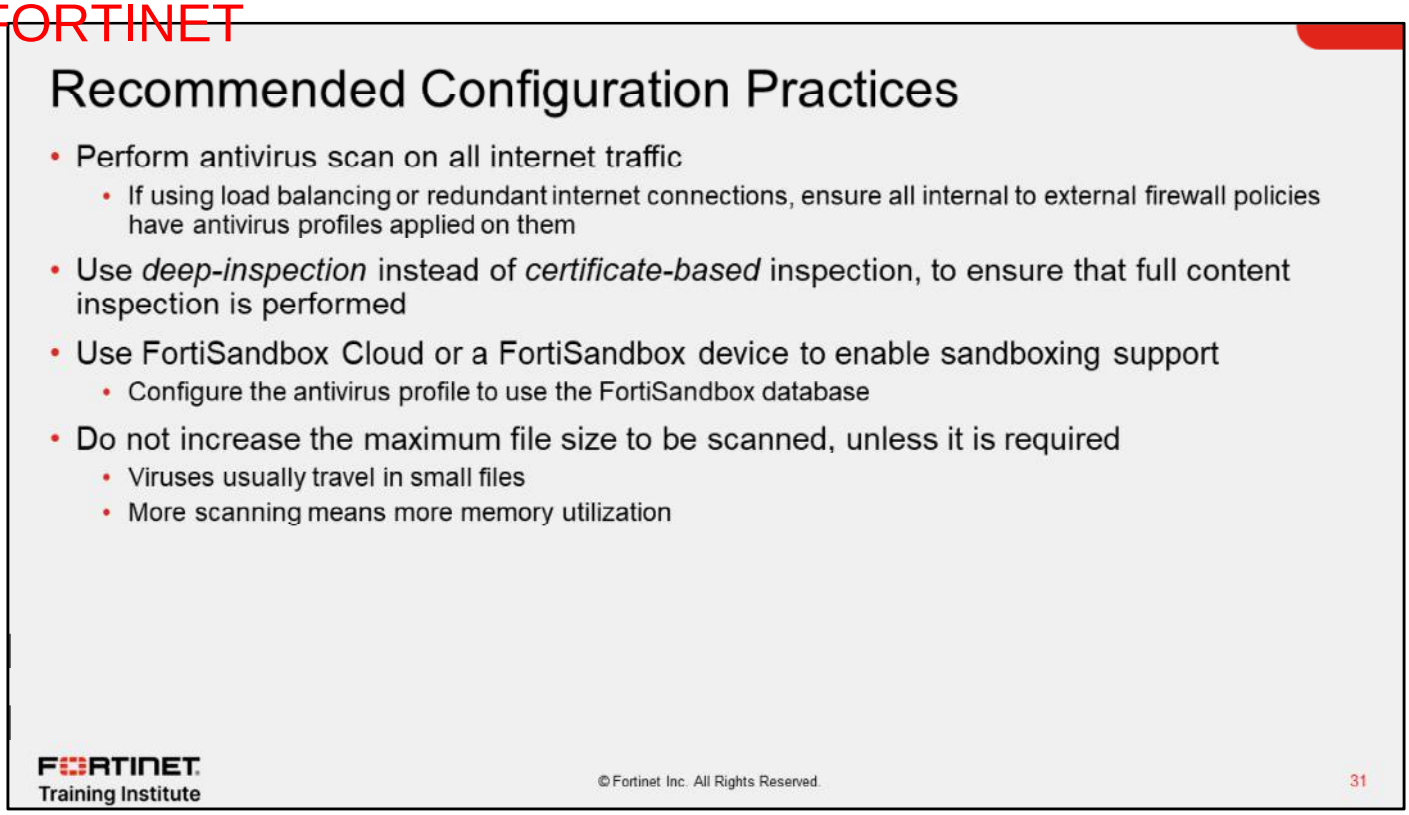
By demonstrating competence in antivirus best practices, you will be able to configure an effective antivirus solution.

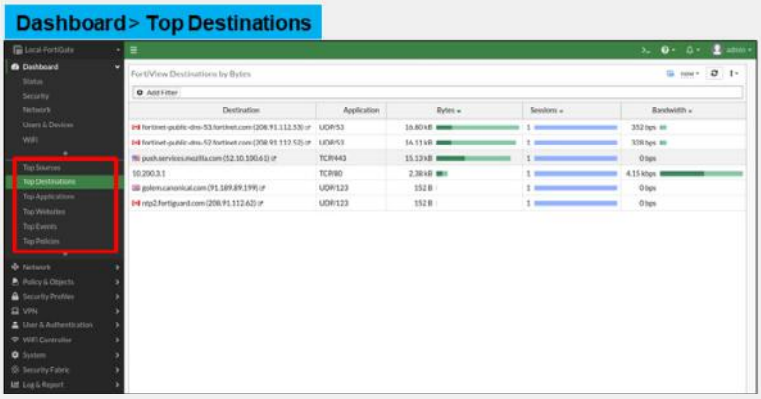


The following are some best practices to follow when configuring antivirus scanning for use on FortiOS:

- Enable antivirus scanning on all internet traffic. This includes internal to external firewall policies, and any VIP firewall policies.
- Use *deep-inspection* instead of *certificate-based* inspection, to ensure that full content inspection is performed.
- Use FortiSandbox for protection against new viruses.
- Do not increase the maximum file size to be scanned, unless there is good reason, or you need to do so in order to meet a network requirement.

Log Antivirus Events

- Enable logging of oversized files
  - This will ensure that files that are not *scanned* are *logged*
- Ensure that firewall policies with antivirus applied have security events logging enabled
- Use standalone dashboard to monitor threats to your network
  - Dashboard organizes threats based on network segments on the device



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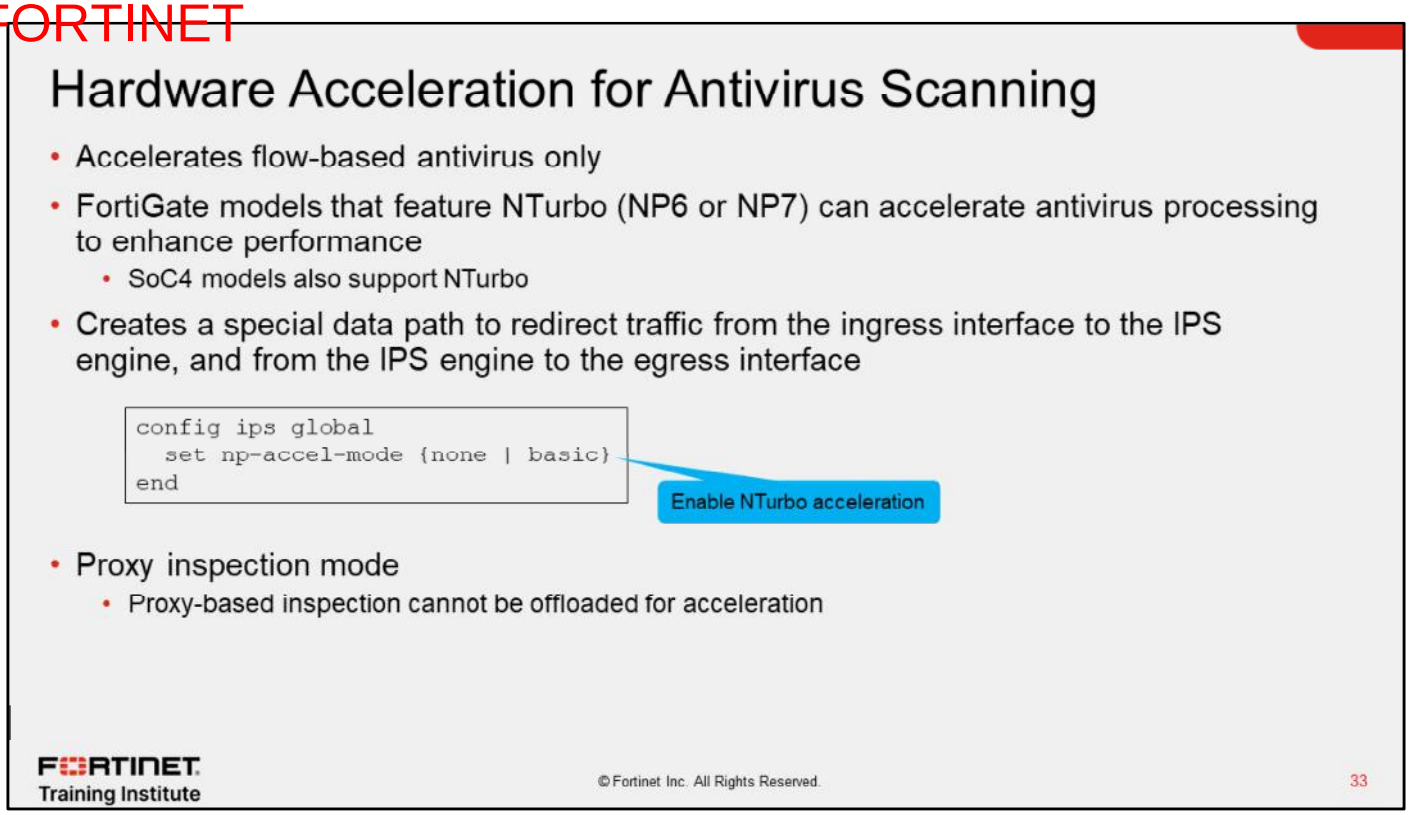
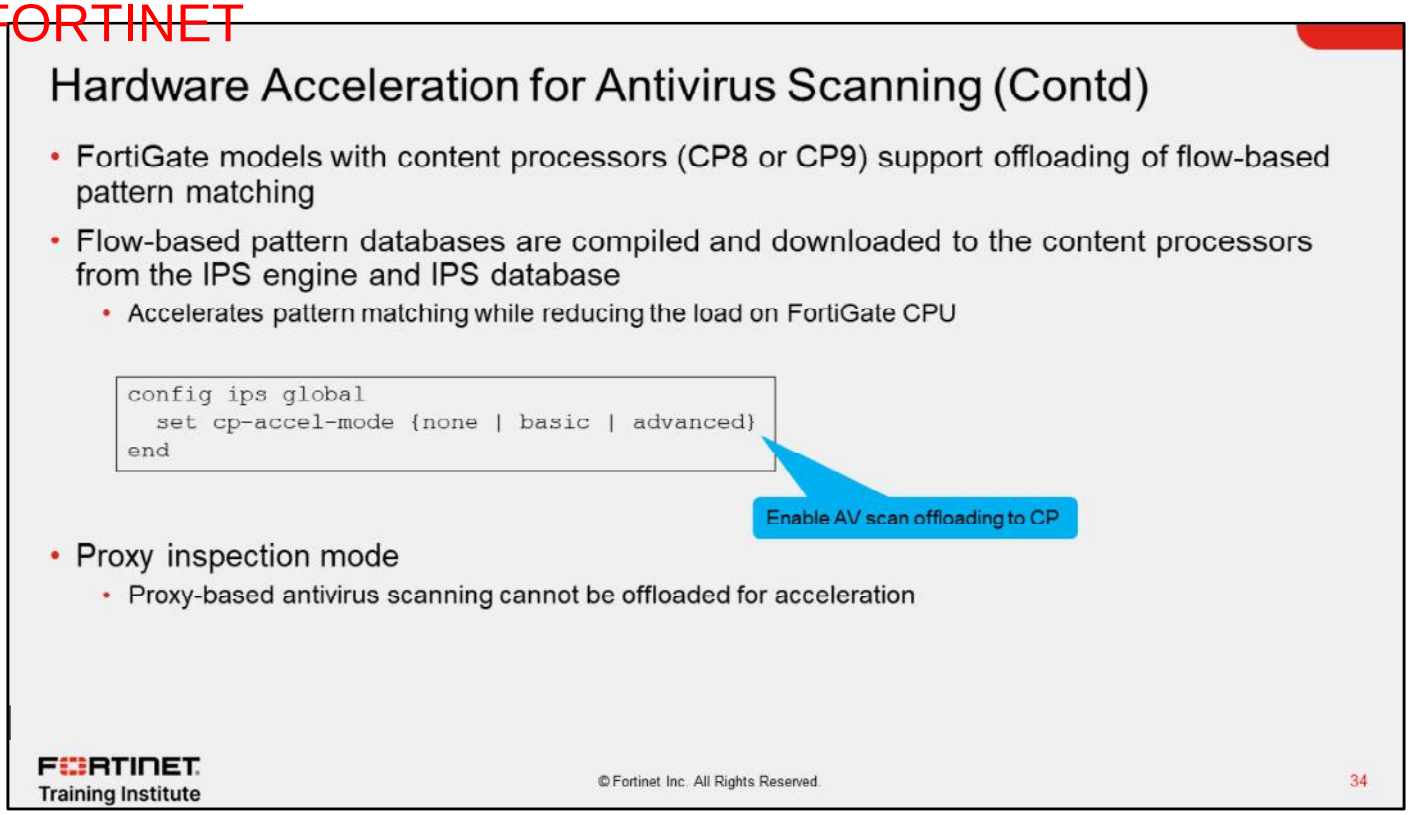
Logging is an important part of managing a secure network. Enable logging for oversized files so that if there are files that are not scanned, you can be aware of it. Also, ensure that security events logging is enabled on all firewall policies using security profiles. Use the standalone dashboards to view relevant information regarding threats to your network. The standalone dashboard organizes information into network segments and breaks it down into various categories.



The FortiGate main CPU is responsible for performing UTM/NGFW inspection on the network traffic. FortiGate models that have specialized chips can offload inspection tasks to enhance performance while providing the same level of protection. FortiGate devices that support the NTurbo feature can offload UTM/NGFW sessions to network processors. NTurbo creates a special data path to redirect traffic from the ingress interface to the IPS engine, and from the IPS engine to the egress interface. This can improve performance by accelerating antivirus inspection, without sacrificing security.



FortiGate models that have CP8 or CP9 content processors can offload flow-based pattern matching to CP8 or CP9 processors. When CP acceleration is enabled, flow-based pattern databases are compiled and downloaded to the content processors from the IPS engine and IPS database. This reduces load on the FortiGate CPU because flow-based pattern matching requests are redirected to the CP hardware. Before flow-based inspection is applied to the traffic, the IPS engine uses a series of decoders to determine the appropriate security modules that can be used, depending on the protocol of the packet and policy settings. In addition, if SSL inspection is configured, the IPS engine also decrypts SSL packets. SSL decryption is also offloaded and accelerated by CP8 or CP9 processors.

Knowledge Check

1. Which type of inspection mode can be offloaded using NTurbo hardware acceleration?
   - A. Proxy-based
   - ✓ B. Flow-based

2. What does the logging of oversized files option do?
   - ✓ A. Enables logging of all files that cannot be scanned because of oversize limit
   - B. Logs all files that are over 5 MB

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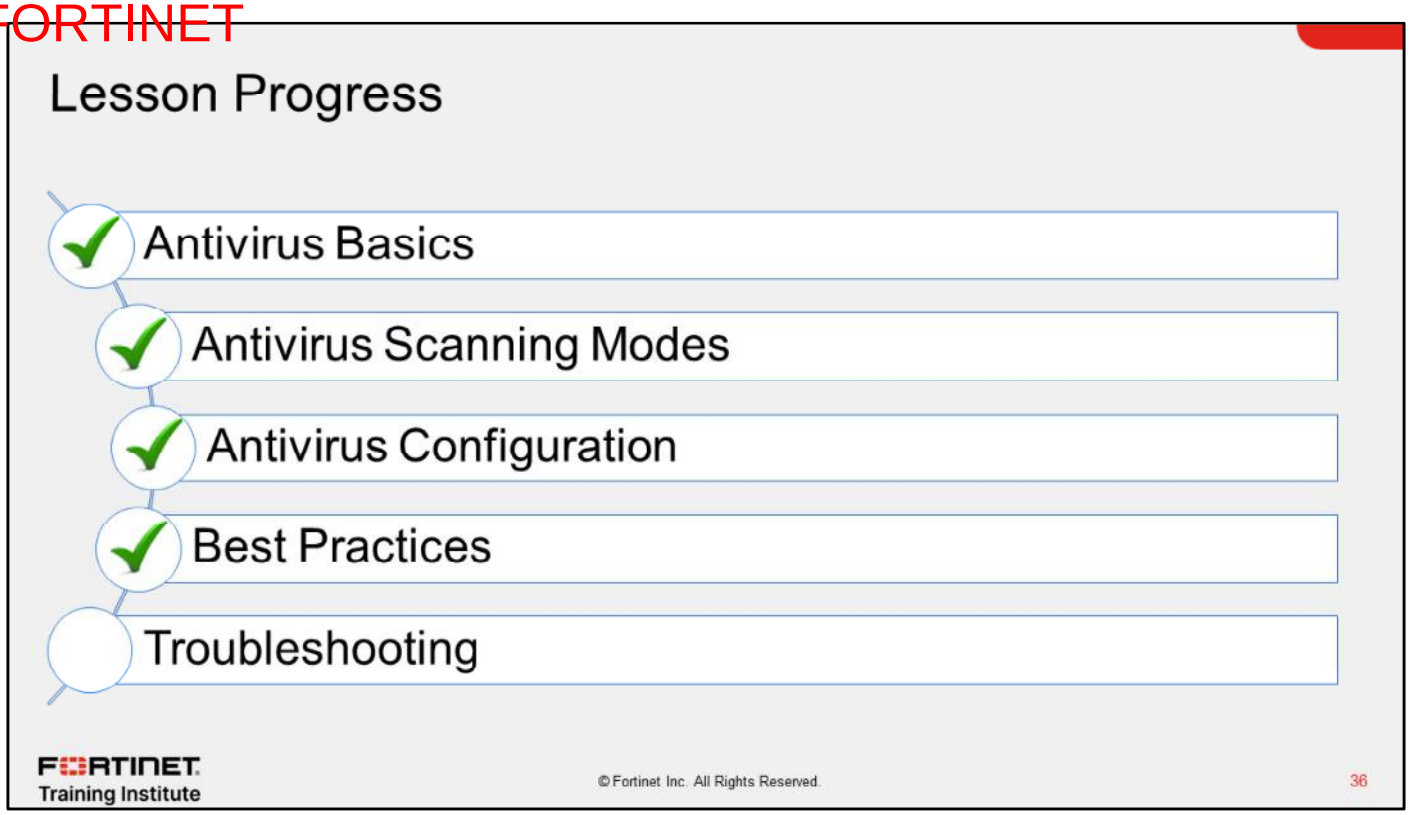

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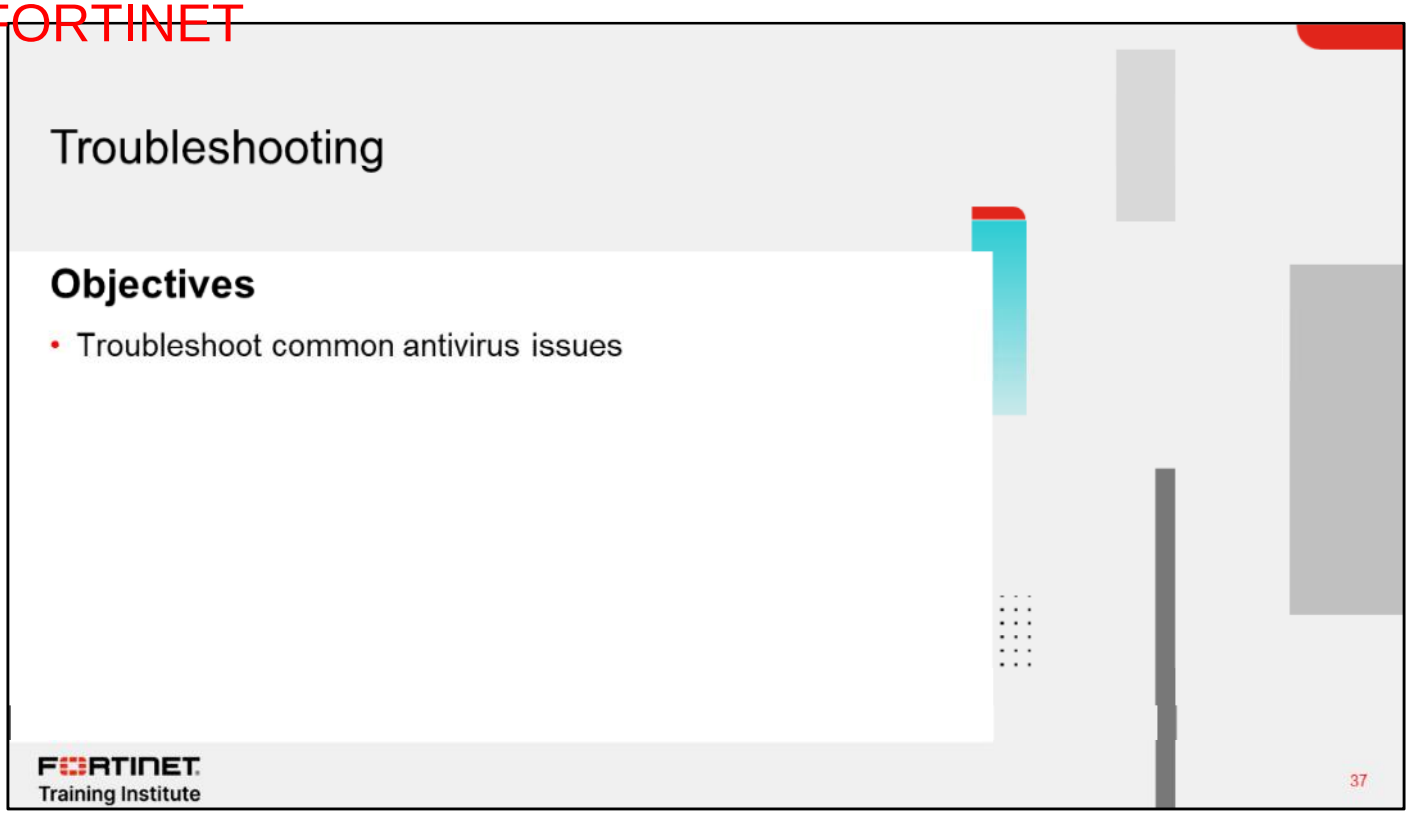
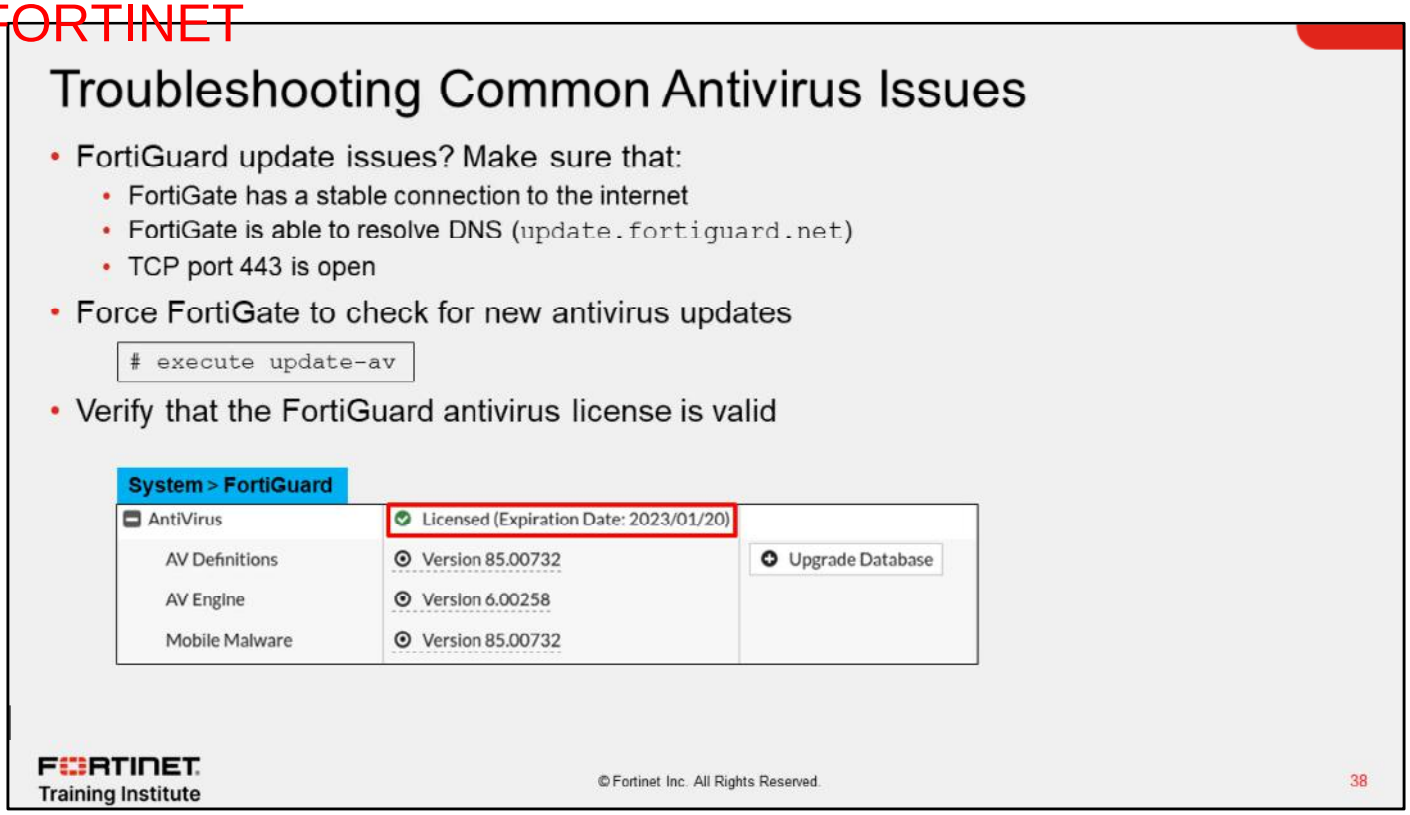
Now, you will learn about antivirus troubleshooting.



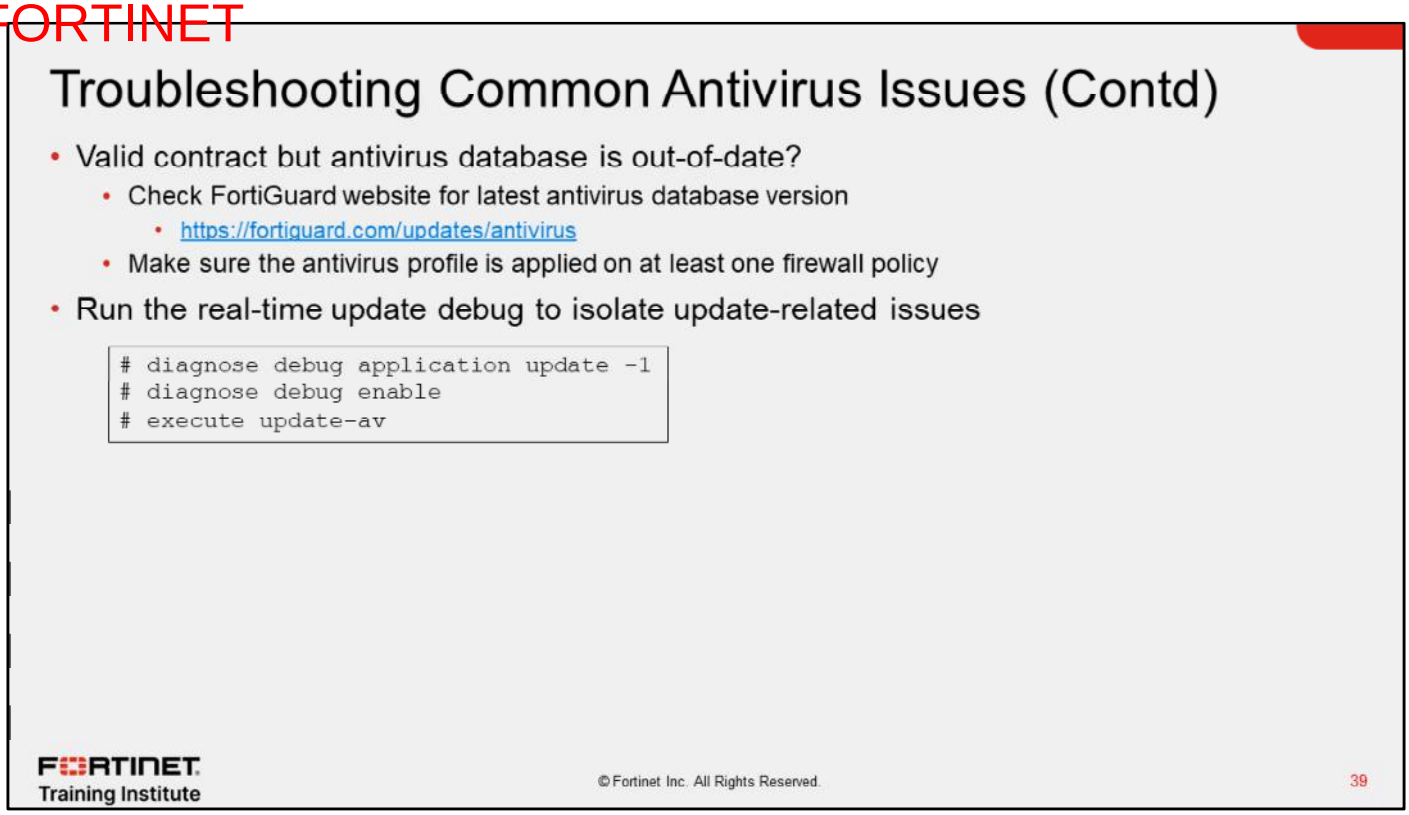
After completing this section, you should be able to troubleshoot common issues with antivirus.

By demonstrating competence in troubleshooting common antivirus issues, you will be able to configure and maintain an effective antivirus solution.



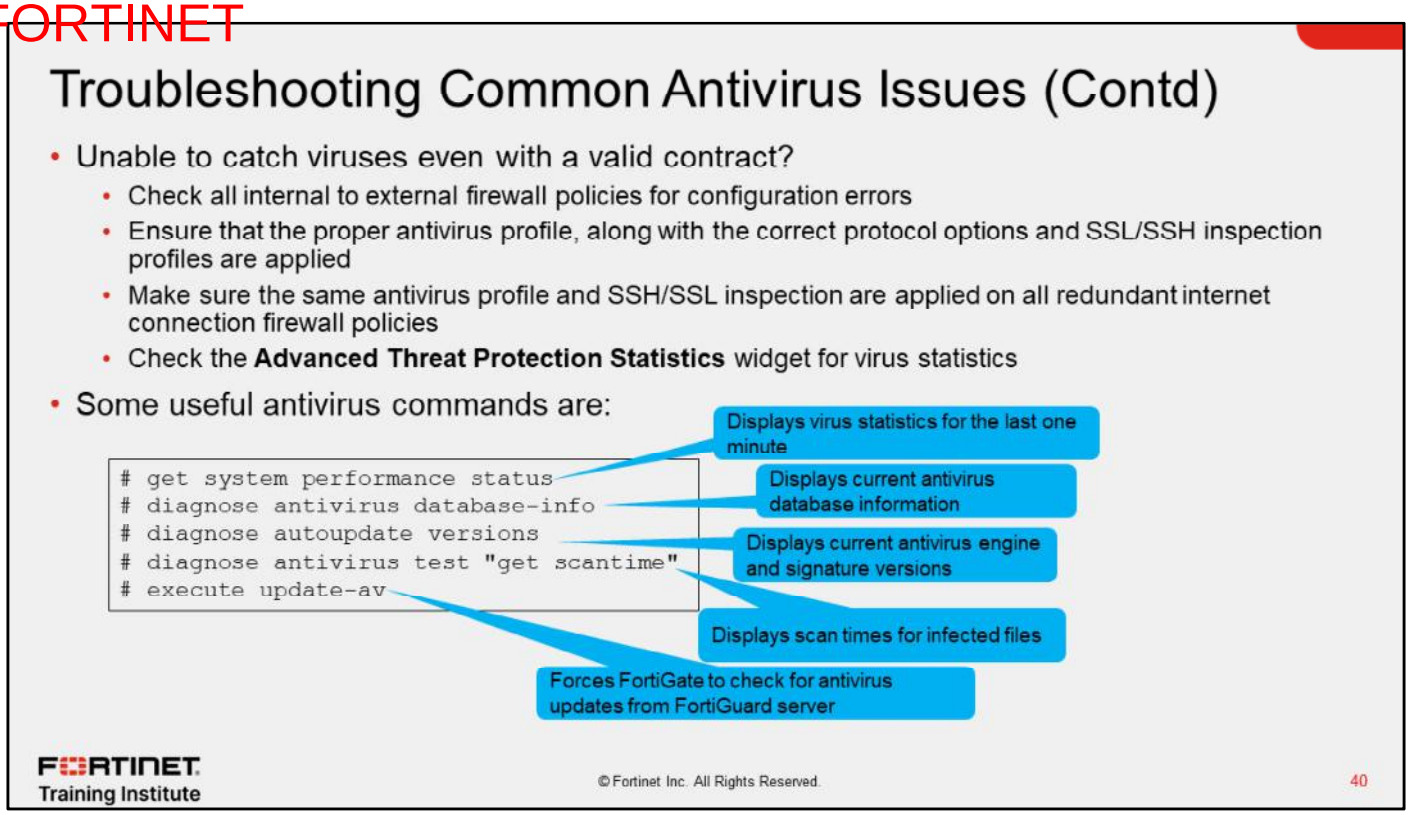
If you are having issues with the antivirus license or FortiGuard updates, start troubleshooting with basic connectivity tests. Most of the time, issues related to updates are caused by connectivity problems with FortiGuard servers. You can perform the following to handle common antivirus issues:

- Make sure that FortiGate has a stable internet connection and can resolve DNS (`update.fortinet.net`).
- If there is another firewall between FortiGate and the internet, make sure TCP port 443 is open and traffic is allowed from and to the FortiGate device.
- Force FortiGate to check for new virus updates using the CLI command: `execute update-av`.
- Verify that the FortiGate device is registered and has a valid antivirus service contract.



What if FortiGate shows a valid license but the antivirus database is out-of-date?

Check the current database version installed on your FortiGate and compare the version number with the current release on the FortiGuard website. FortiGate may not update the antivirus database if it is not being used (applied on a firewall policy). Make sure the antivirus profile is applied on at least one firewall policy. If you continue to see issues with the update, run the real-time debug command to identify the problem.



What if you have a valid contract and updated database, and you are still having issues catching viruses? Start troubleshooting for basic configuration errors. Most of the time, issues are caused by misconfiguration on the device. You can verify them as following:

- Make sure that the correct antivirus profile is applied on the right firewall policy.
- Make sure that you are using the same antivirus profile and SSL/SSH inspection on all internet connection firewall policies.
- Add and use advanced the threat protection statistics widget to get the latest virus statistics from the unit.

These are some of the commands that can be used to retrieve information and troubleshoot antivirus issues:

- `get system performance status`: Displays statistics for the last one minute.
- `diagnose antivirus database-info`: Displays current antivirus database information.
- `diagnose autoupdate versions`: Displays current antivirus engine and signature versions.
- `diagnose antivirus test "get scantime"`: Displays scan times for infected files.
- `execute update-av`: Forces FortiGate to check for antivirus updates from the FortiGuard server.

Knowledge Check

1. What command do you use to force FortiGate to check for new antivirus updates?
   A. `execute update antivirus`
   ✓ B. `execute update-av`

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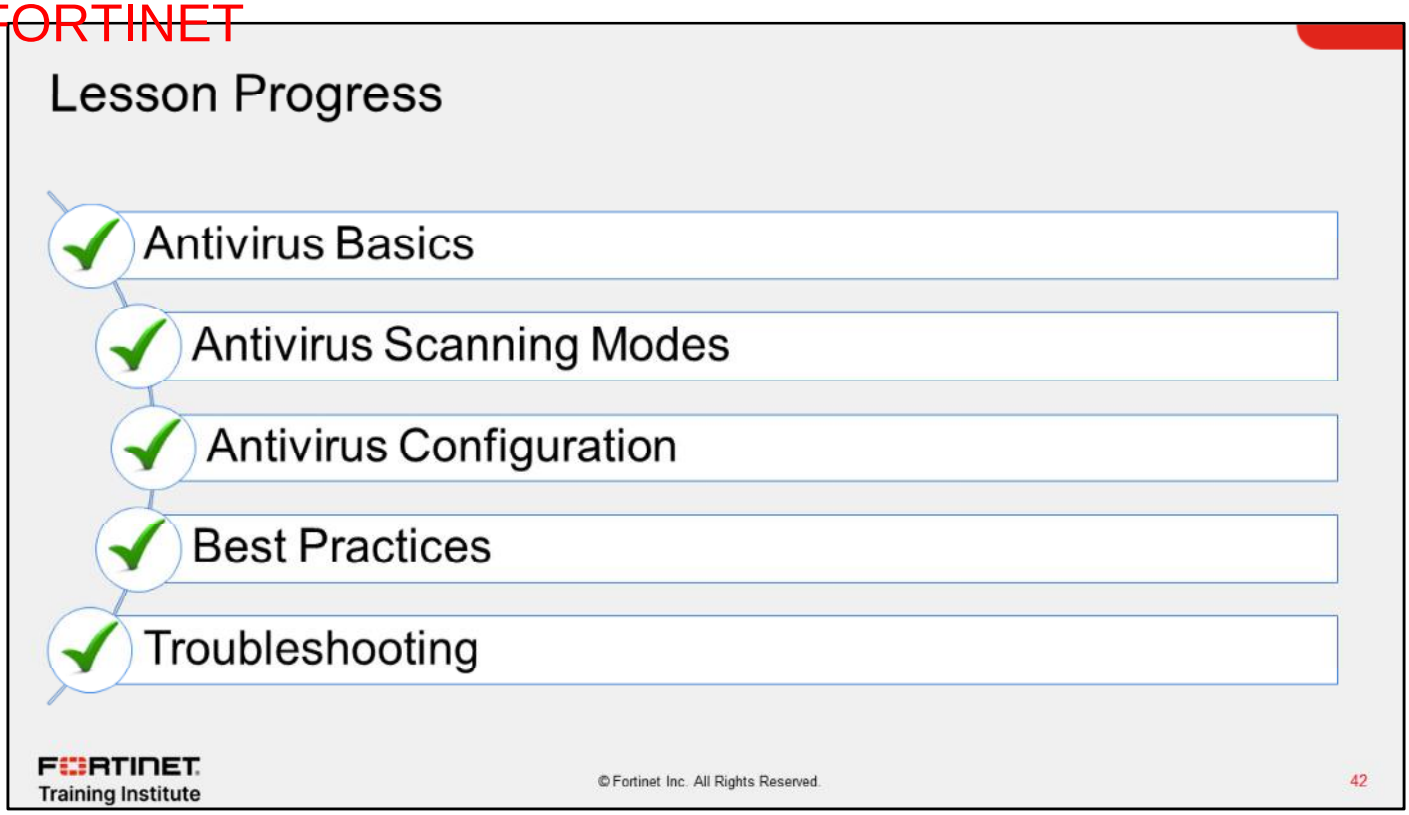

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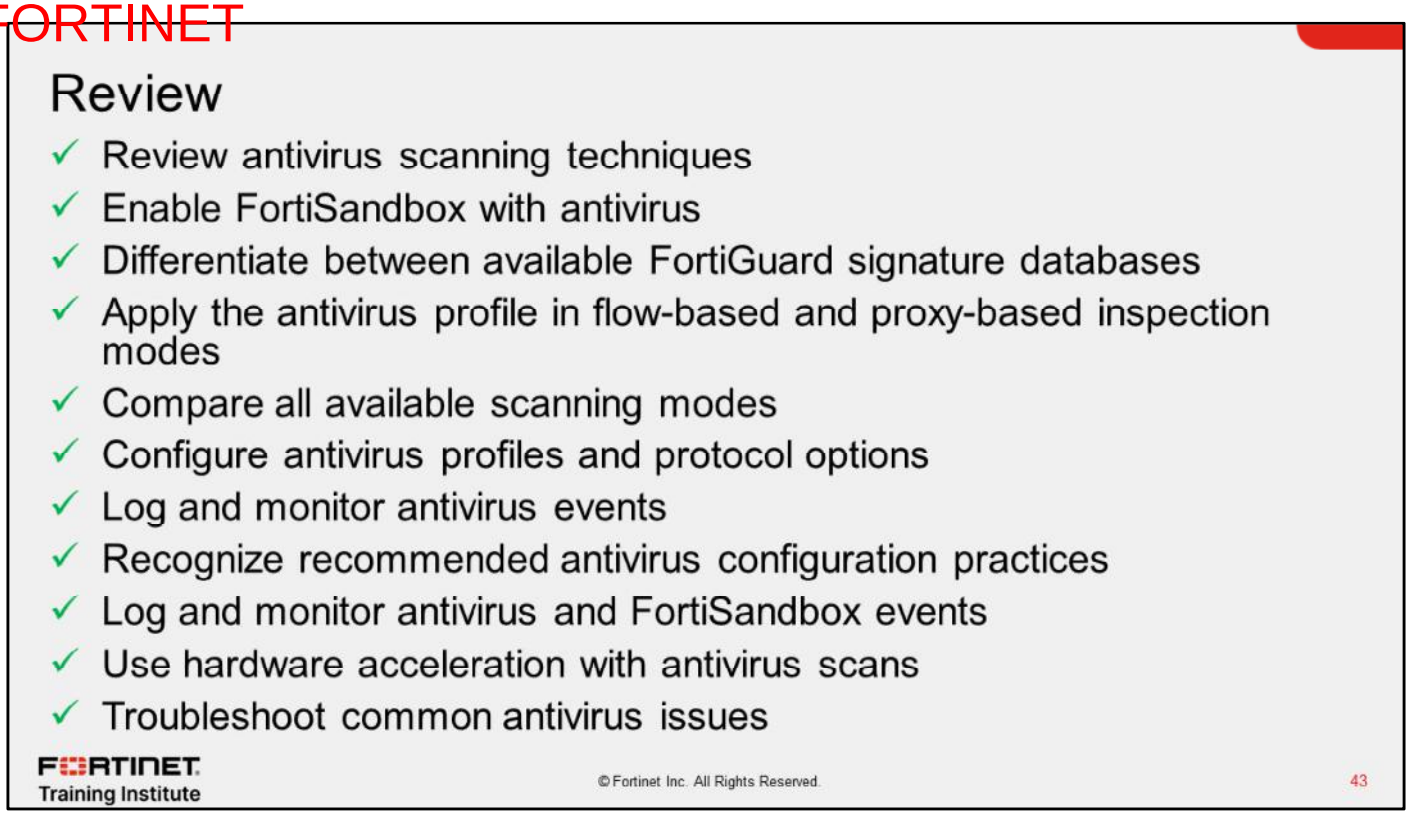
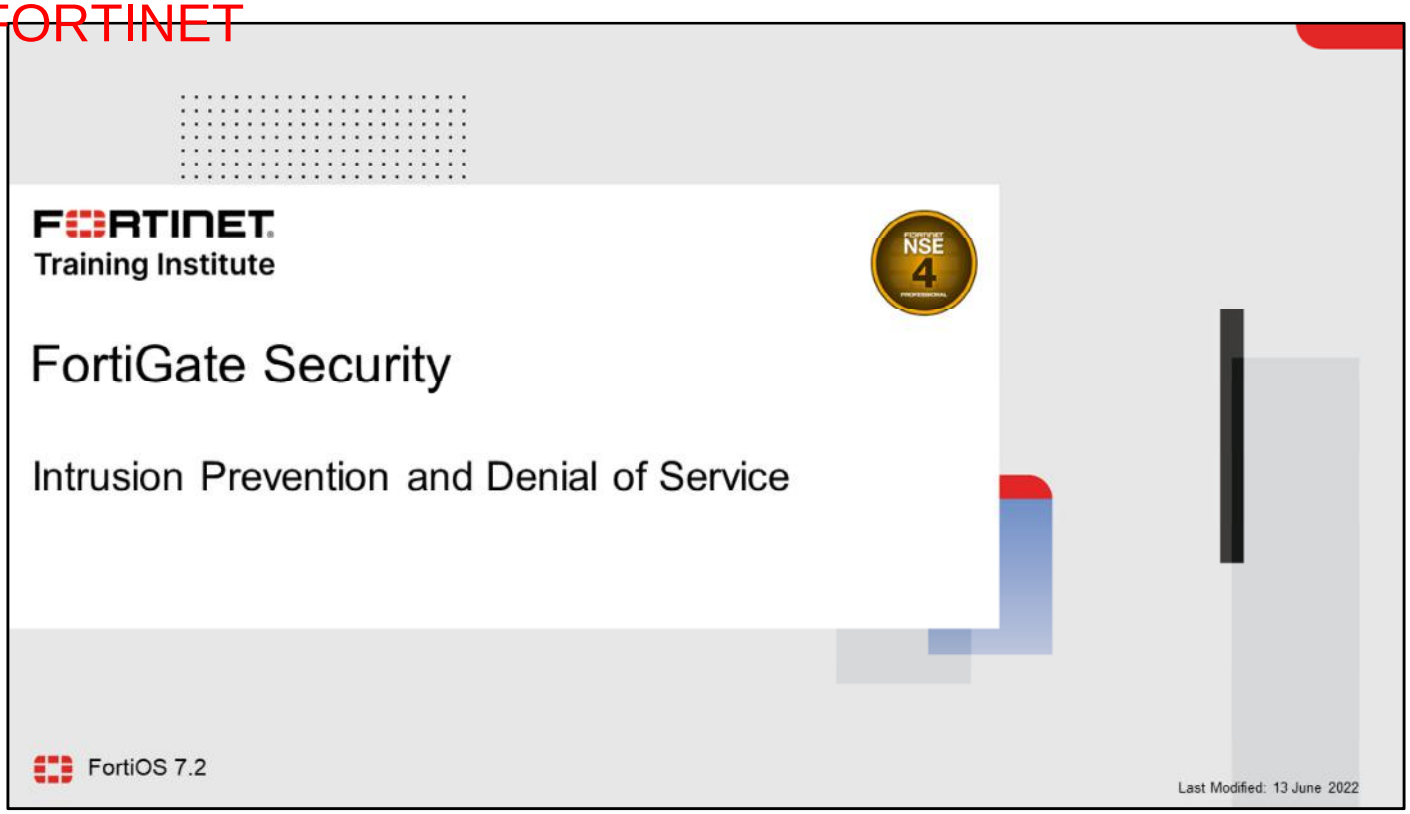
Now, you will review the objectives that you covered in this lesson.

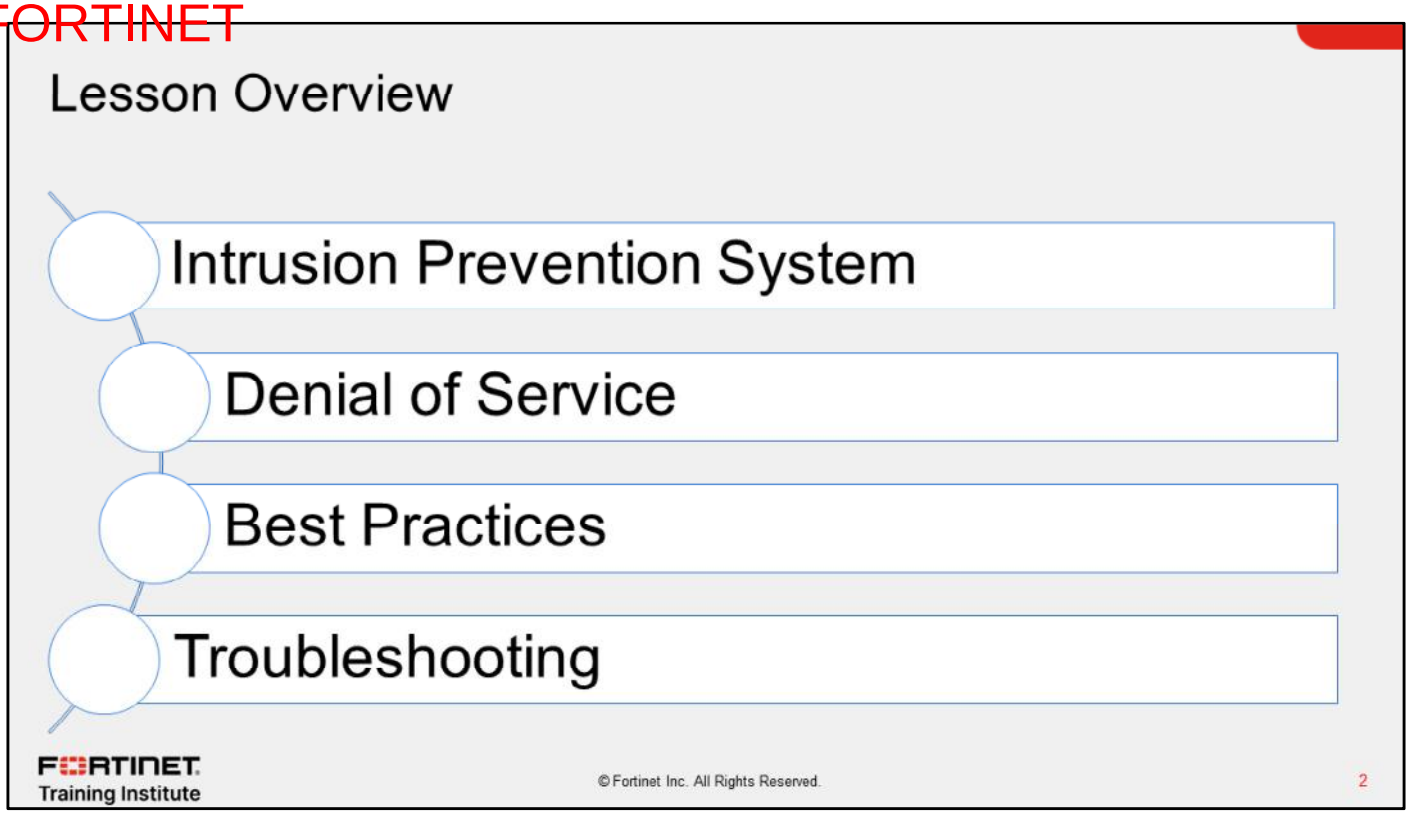


This slide shows the objectives that you covered in this lesson.

By mastering the objectives covered in this lesson, you learned how to use FortiGate features and functions to protect your network against viruses.



In this lesson, you will learn how to use FortiGate to protect your network against intrusions and denial of service (DoS) attacks.



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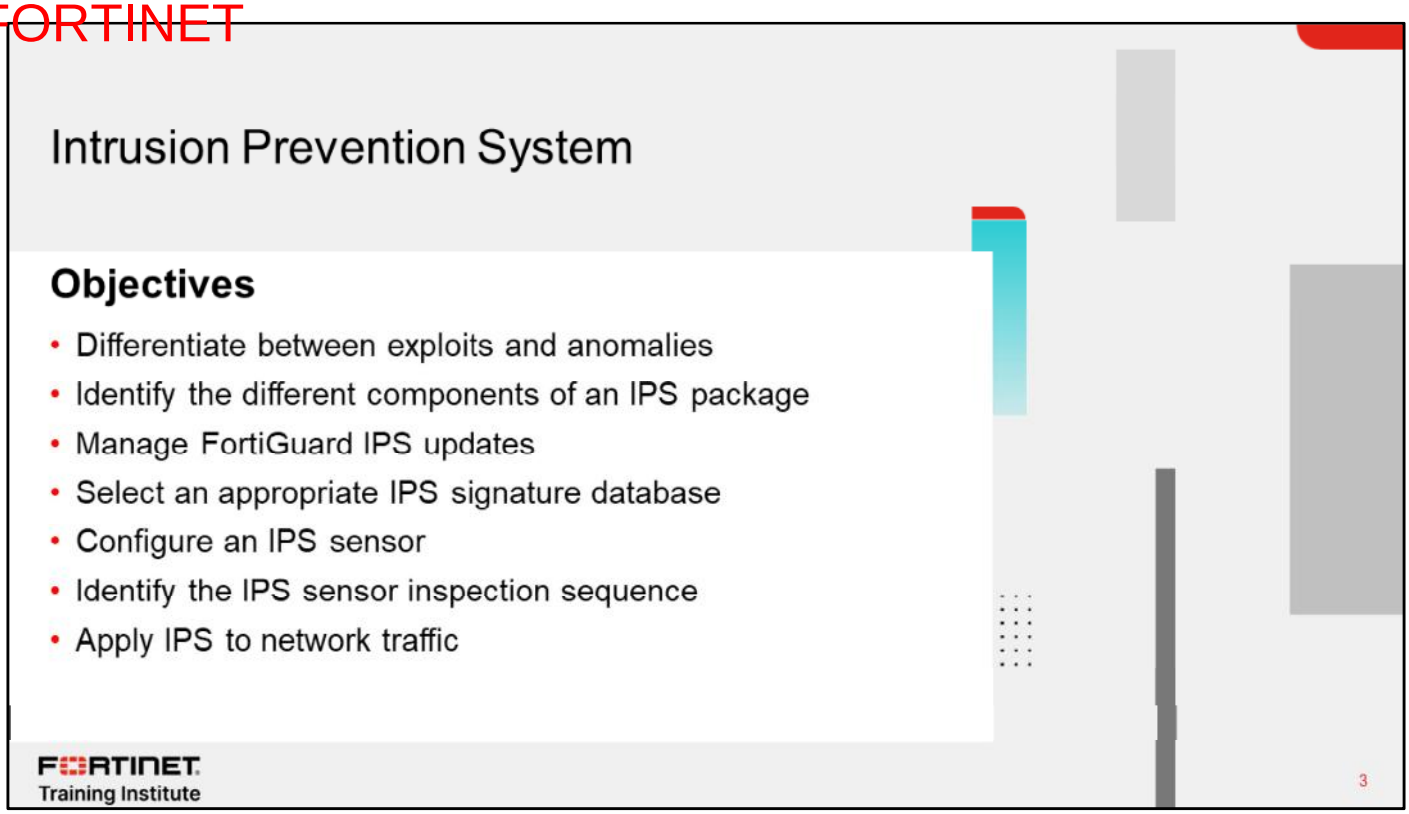

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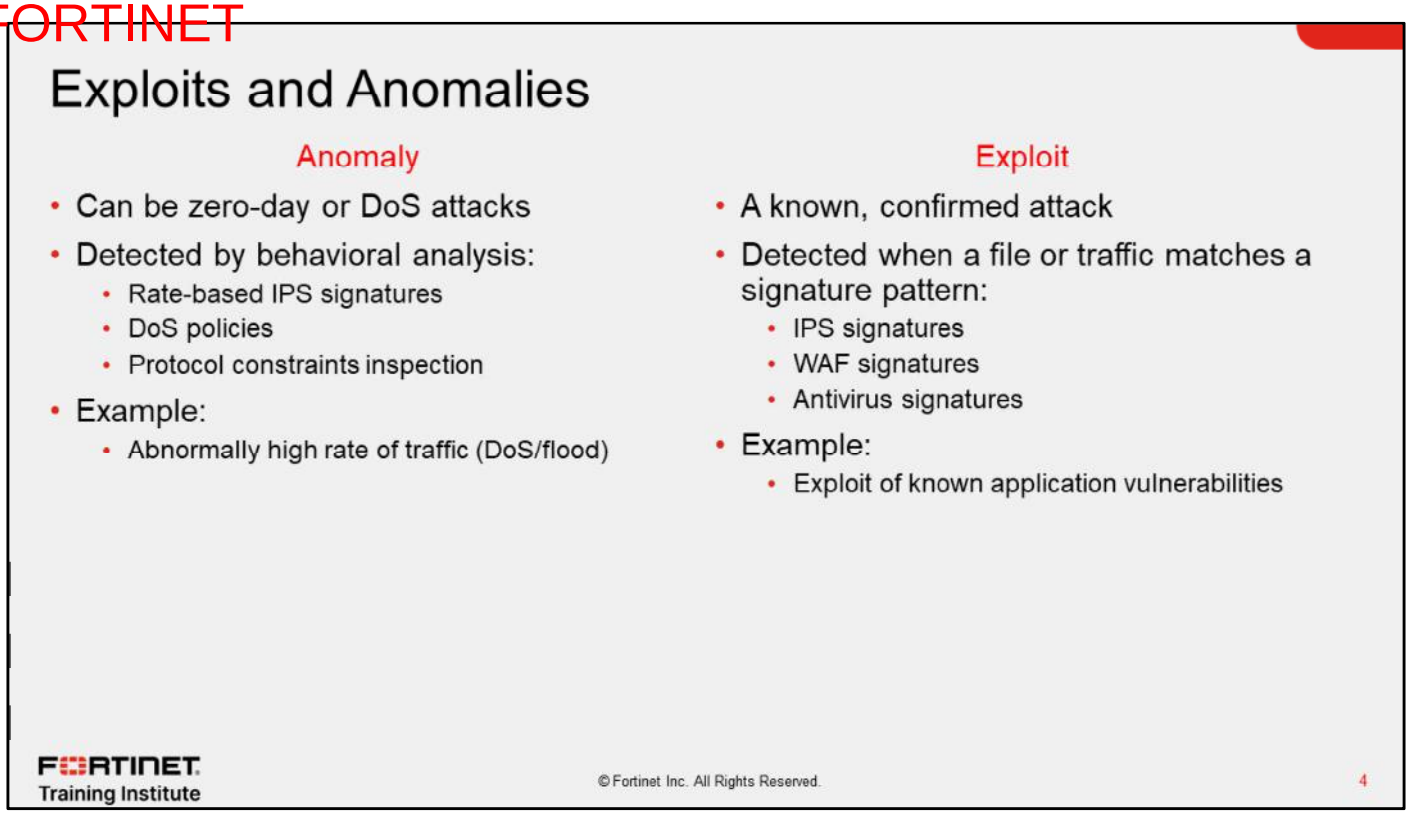
By demonstrating competence in intrusion prevention systems (IPS), you should be able to implement an effective IPS solution to protect your network from intrusion.



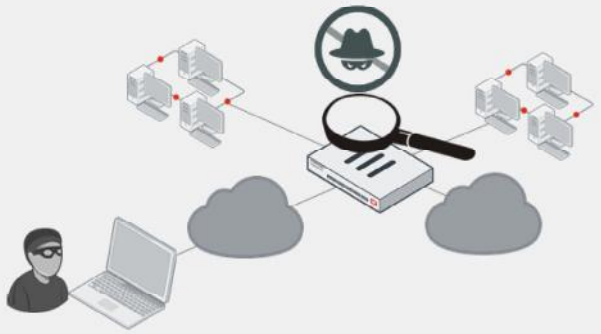
It's important to understand the difference between an anomaly and an exploit. It's also important to know which FortiGate features offer protection against each of these types of threats.

Exploits are known attacks, with known patterns that can be matched by IPS, web application firewall (WAF), or antivirus signatures.

Anomalies are unusual behaviors in the network, such as higher-than-usual CPU usage or network traffic. Anomalies must be detected and monitored (and, in some cases, blocked or mitigated) because they can be the symptoms of a new, never-seen-before attack. Anomalies are usually better detected by behavioral analysis, such as rate-based IPS signatures, DoS policies, and protocol constraints inspection.

IPS

- Flow-based detection and blocking
  - Known exploits that match signatures
  - Network errors and protocol anomalies
- IPS components
  - IPS signature databases
  - Protocol decoders
  - IPS engine
    - Application control
    - Antivirus (flow-based)
    - Web filter (flow-based)
    - Email filter (flow-based)



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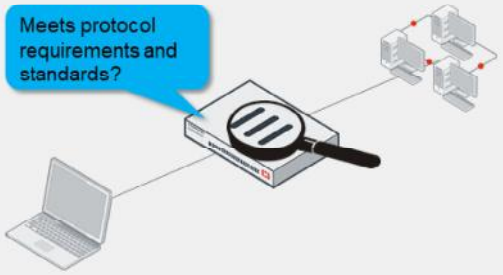
IPS on FortiGate uses signature databases to detect known attacks. Protocol decoders can also detect network errors and protocol anomalies.

The IPS engine is responsible for most of the features shown in this lesson: IPS and protocol decoders. It's also responsible for application control, flow-based antivirus protection, web filtering, and email filtering.

What Are Protocol Decoders?

- Decoders parse protocols
- IPS signatures find parts of a protocol that don't conform
  - For example, too many HTTP headers, or a buffer overflow attempt
- Unlike proxy-based scans, IPS often does not require IANA standard ports
  - Automatically selects decoder for protocol at each OSI layer



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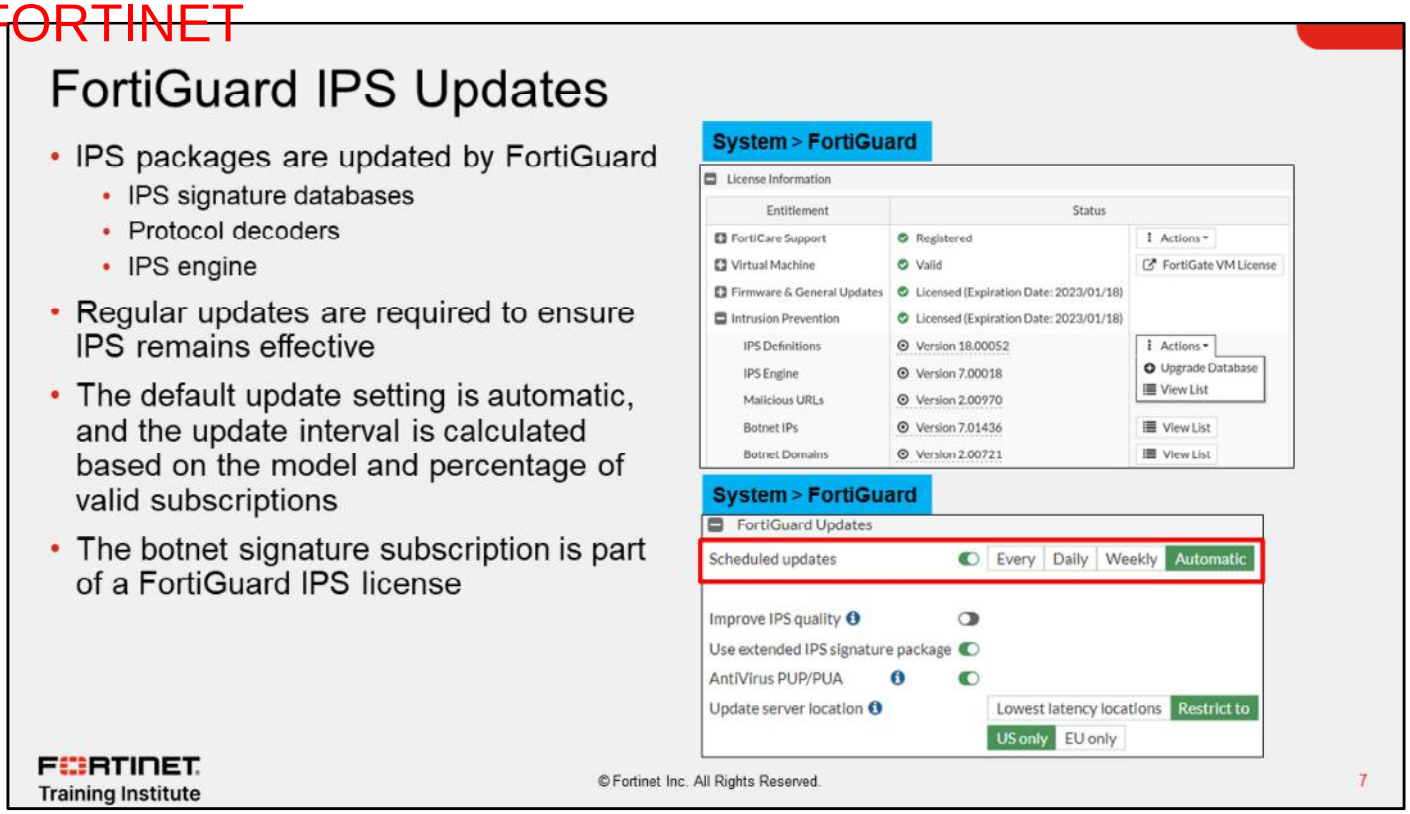
How does the IPS engine determine if a packet contains an attack or anomaly?

Protocol decoders parse each packet according to the protocol specifications. Some protocol decoders require a port number specification (configured on the CLI), but usually, the protocol is automatically detected. If the traffic doesn't conform to the specification—if, for example, it sends malformed or invalid commands to your servers—then the protocol decoder detects the error.



By default, an initial set of IPS signatures is included in each FortiGate firmware release. FortiGuard updates the IPS signature database with new signatures. That way, IPS remains effective against new exploits. Unless a protocol specification or RFC changes (which doesn't happen very often), protocol decoders are rarely updated. The IPS engine itself changes more frequently, but still not often.

The FortiGuard IPS service updates the IPS signatures most often. The FortiGuard research team identifies and builds new signatures, just like antivirus signatures. So, if your FortiGuard Services contract expires, you can still use IPS. However, just like antivirus scans, IPS scans become increasingly ineffective the longer the signatures are not updated—old signatures won't defend against new attacks.

The default auto-update schedule for FortiGuard packages has been updated. Previously, the frequency was a reoccurring random interval within two hours. Starting in FortiOS 7.0, the frequency is automatic, and the update interval is calculated based on the model and percentage of valid subscriptions. The update interval is within one hour.

For example, an FG-501E has 78% valid contracts. Based on this device model, FortiOS calculates the update schedule to be every 10 minutes. You can verify the system event logs, which are generated approximately every 10 minutes.

IPS is a FortiGuard subscription, and includes a botnet signature database. The botnet IP database is part of the ISDB updates. The botnet domains database is part of the AV updates, and only the botnet signatures require the FortiGuard IPS license subscription.

Choosing the Signature Database

- Regular
  - Common attacks with fast, certain identification (default action is block)
- Extended
  - Performance intensive

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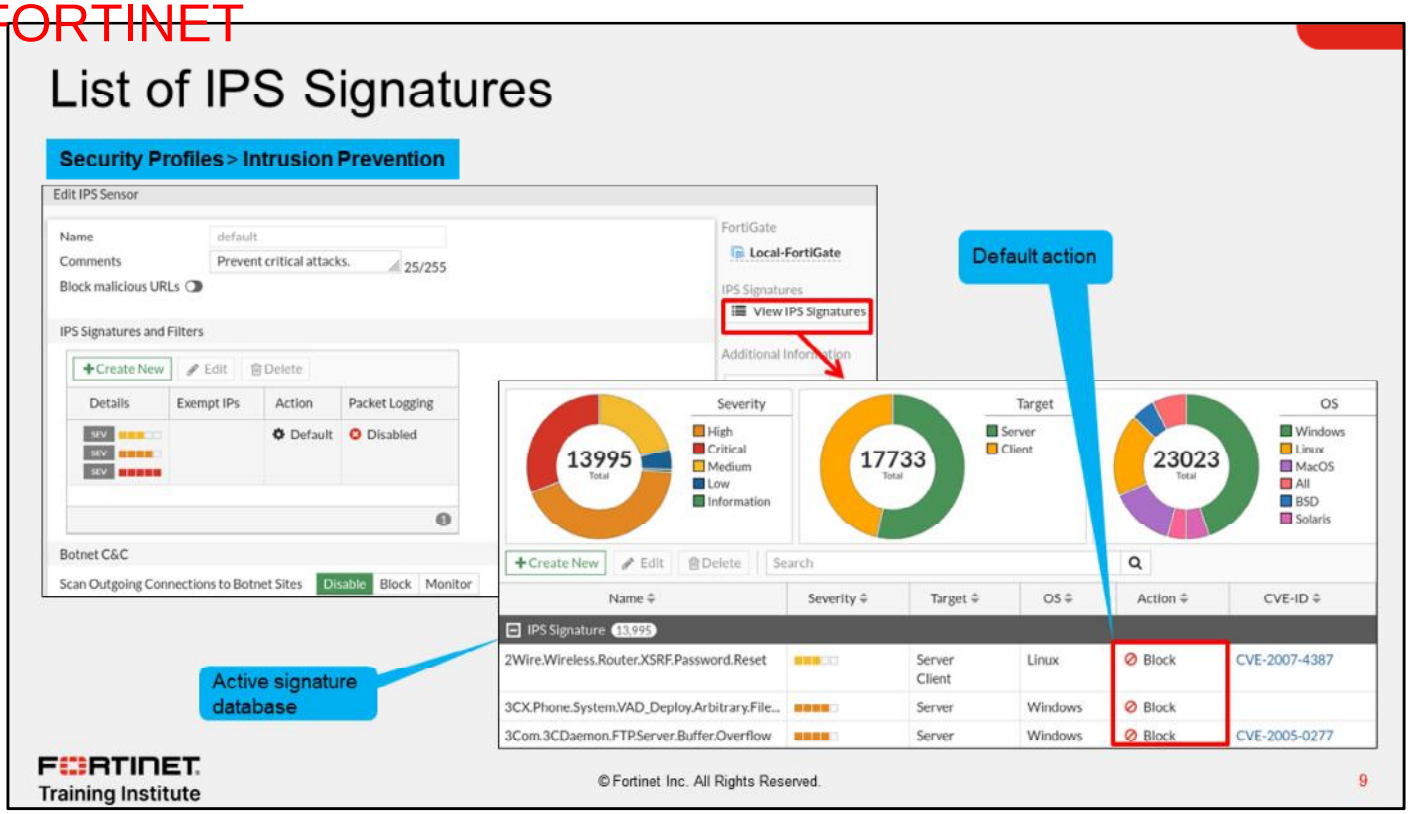
The IPS signature database is divided into the regular and extended databases. The regular signature database contains signatures for common attacks whose signatures cause rare or no false positives. It's a smaller database, and its default action is to block the detected attack.

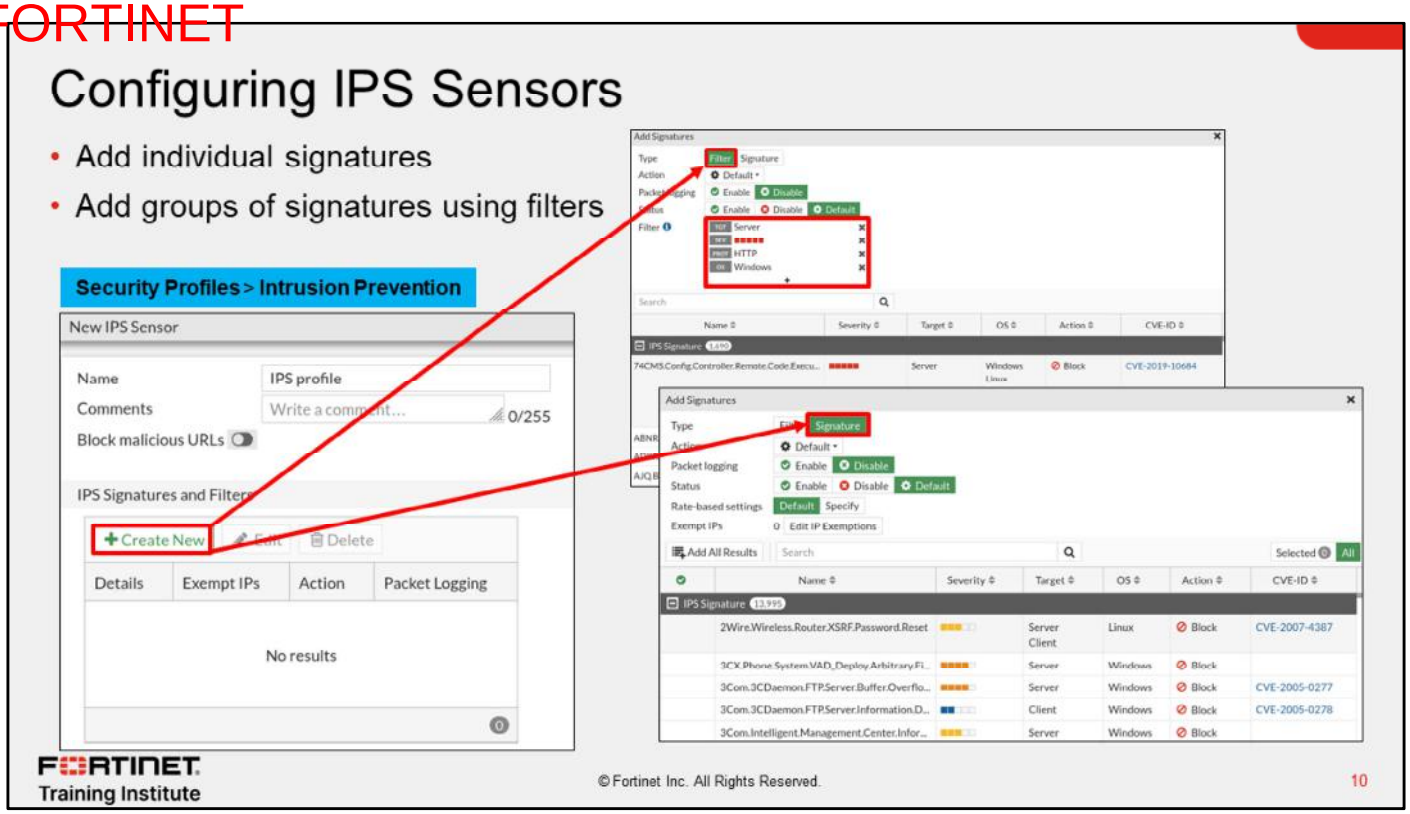
The extended signature database contains additional signatures for attacks that cause a significant performance impact, or don't support blocking because of their nature. In fact, because of its size, the extended database is not available for FortiGate models with a smaller disk or RAM. But, for high-security networks, you might be required to enable the extended signatures database.



After FortiGate downloads a FortiGuard IPS package, new signatures appear in the signature list. When configuring FortiGate, you can change the **Action** setting for each sensor that uses a signature.

The default action setting is often correct, except in the following cases:

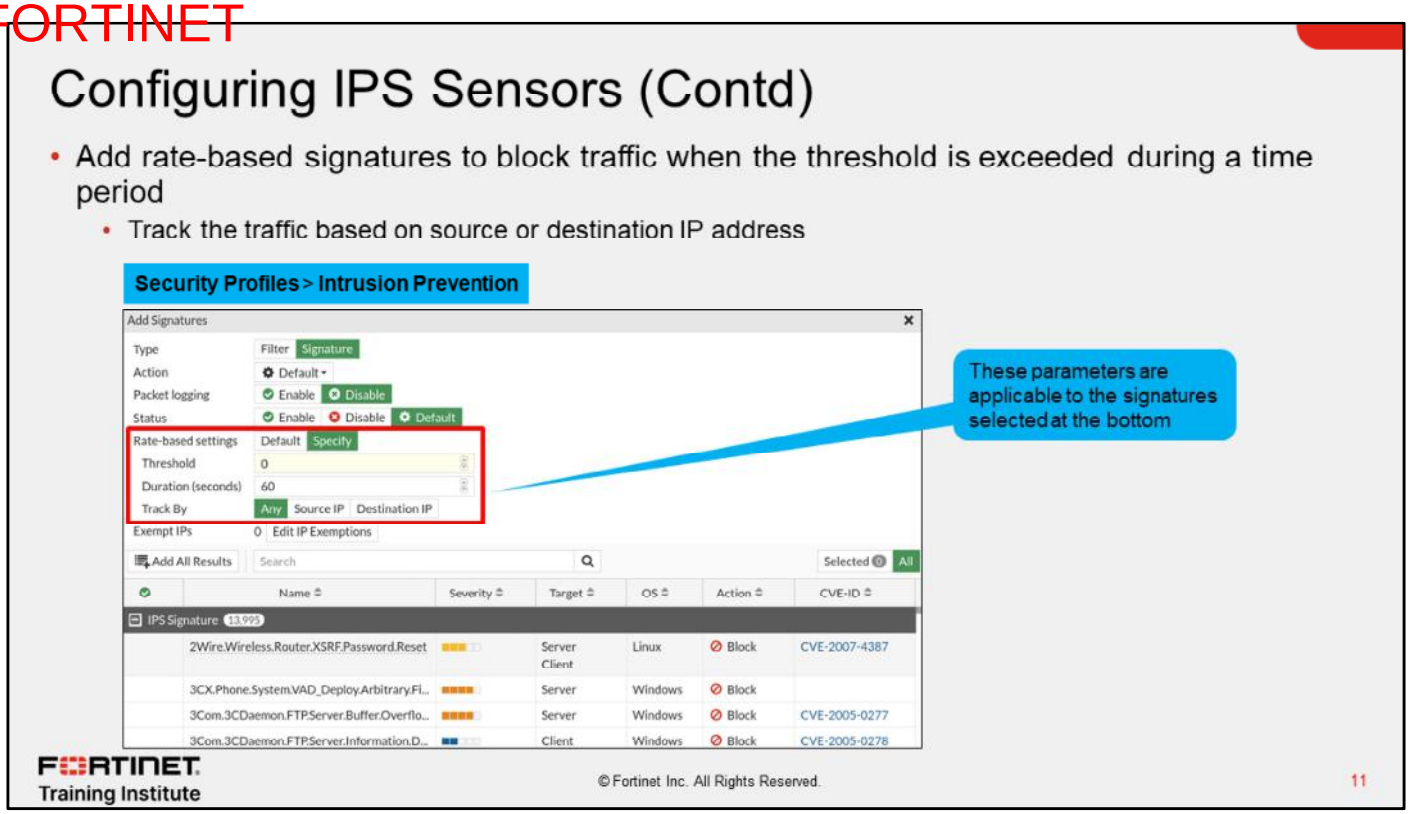
- Your software vendor releases a security patch. Continuing to scan for exploits wastes FortiGate resources.
- Your network has a custom application with traffic that inadvertently triggers an IPS signature. You can disable the setting until you notify Fortinet so that the FortiGuard team can modify the signature to avoid false positives.



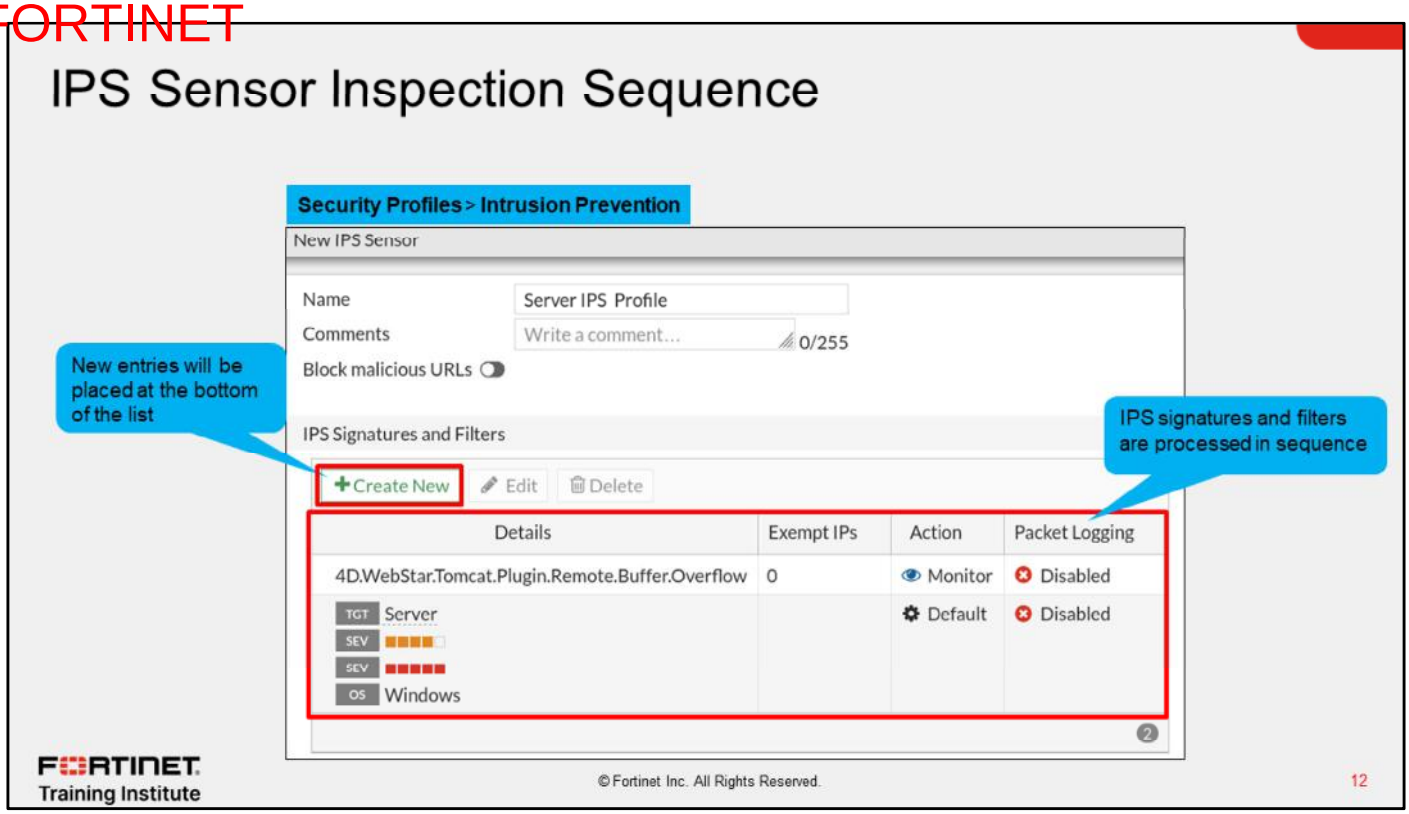
There are two ways to add predefined signatures to an IPS sensor. One way is to select the signatures individually. After you select a signature in the list, the signature is added to the sensor with its default action. Then, you can right-click the signature and change the action.

The second way to add a signature to a sensor is using filters. FortiGate adds all the signatures that match the filters.

The purpose of the IPS feature is to protect the inside of the network from outside threats.



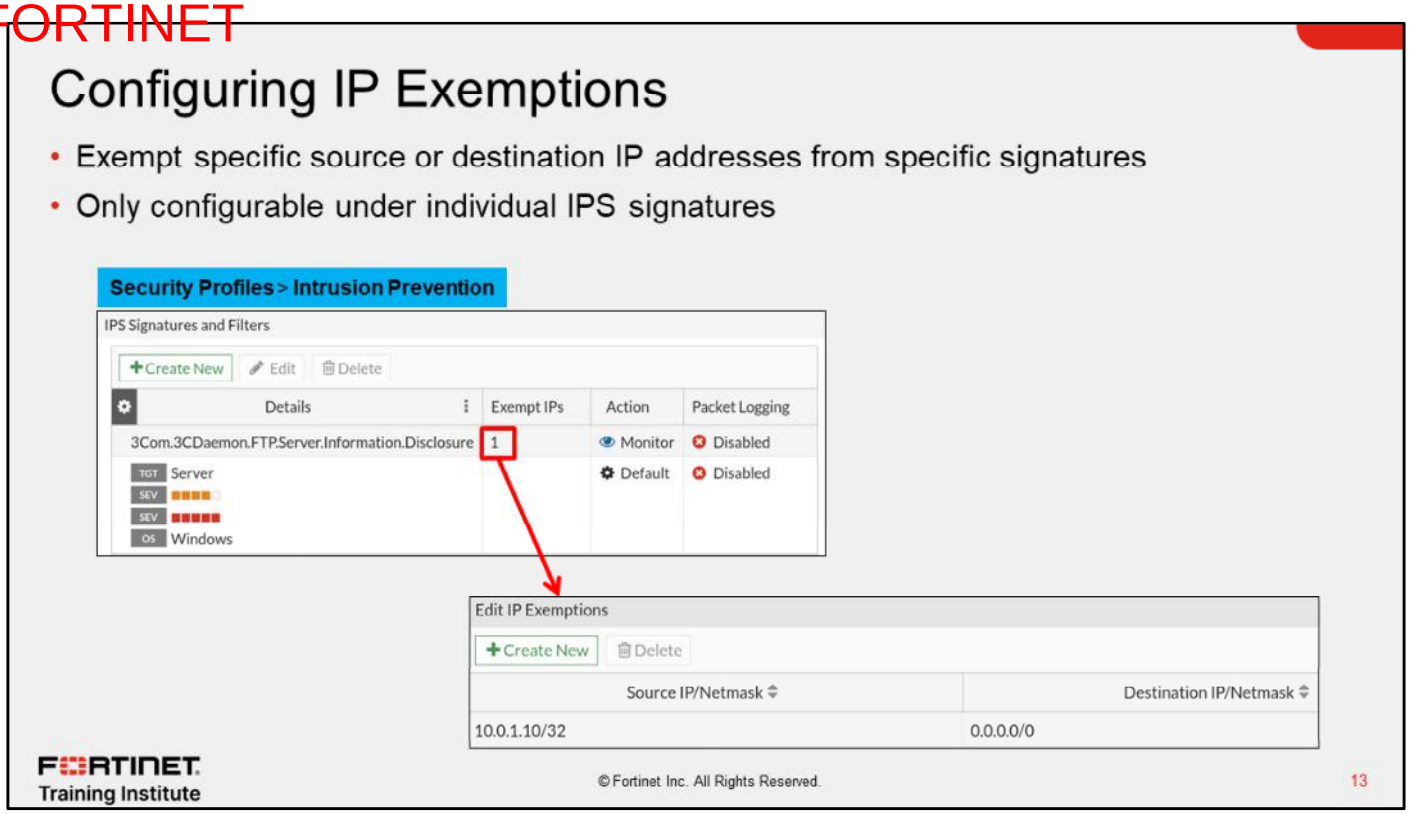
You can also add rate-based signatures to block specific traffic when the threshold is exceeded during the configured time period. You should apply rate-based signatures only to protocols you actually use. Then, configure **Duration** to block malicious clients for extended periods. This saves system resources and can discourage a repeat attack. FortiGate does not track statistics for that client while it is temporarily blocklisted.



When the IPS engine compares traffic with the signatures in each filter, order matters. The rules are similar to firewall policy matching; the engine evaluates the filters and signatures at the top of the list first, and applies the first match. The engine skips subsequent filters.

So, position the most likely matching filters, or signatures, at the top of the list. Avoid making too many filters, because this increases evaluations and CPU usage. Also, avoid making very large signature groups in each filter, which increase RAM usage.

In the event of a false-positive outbreak, you can add the triggered signature as an individual signature and set the action to **Monitor**. This allows you to monitor the signature events using IPS logs, while investigating the false-positive issue.



Sometimes it is necessary to exempt specific source or destination IP addresses from specific signatures. This feature is useful during false-positive outbreaks. You can temporarily bypass affected endpoints until you investigate and correct the false-positive issue.

You can configure IP exemptions on individual signatures only. Each signature can have multiple exemptions.

When you create a new entry to add signatures or filters, you can select the action by clicking **Action.**

Select **Allow** to allow traffic to continue to its destination. Select **Monitor** to allow traffic to continue to its destination and log the activity. Select **Block** to silently drop traffic matching any of the signatures included in the entry. Select **Reset** to generate a TCP RST packet whenever the signature is triggered. Select **Default** to use the default action of the signatures.

Quarantine allows you to quarantine the attacker's IP address for a set duration. You can set the quarantine duration to any number of days, hours, or minutes.

If you enable **Packet logging**, FortiGate saves a copy of the packet that matches the signature.

IPS Signature Filter Options—CVE Pattern

- IPS signature filter options include CVE pattern
  - Allows you to filter IPS signatures based on CVE IDs or with a CVE wildcard
  - For example, to configure CVE patterns for CVE-2010-0177

```
# config ips sensor
    edit "cve"
     set comment "cve"
      config entries
        edit 1
          set cve "cve-2010-0177"
          set status enable
          set log-packet enable
          set action block
        next
      end
   next
end
```

- For example, the CVE of the IPS signature `Mozilla.Firefox.PluginArray.NsMimeType.Code.Execution` is CVE-2010-0177
- This matches the CVE filter in the IPS sensor, so traffic is blocked and logged

```
date=2022-04-13 time=15:44:56 logid="0419016384"
type="utm" subtype="ips" eventtype="signature"
level="alert" vd="vd1" eventtime=1594593896666145871
tz="-0700" severity="critical" srcip=10.1.100.22
srccountry="Reserved" dstip=172.16.200.55
srcintf="port2" srcintfrole="undefined"
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sessionid=1638 action="dropped" proto=6
service="HTTPS" policyid=1
attack="Mozilla.Firefox.PluginArray.NsMimeType.Code.E
xecution" srcport=58298 dstport=443
hostname="172.16.200.55" url="/Mozilla"
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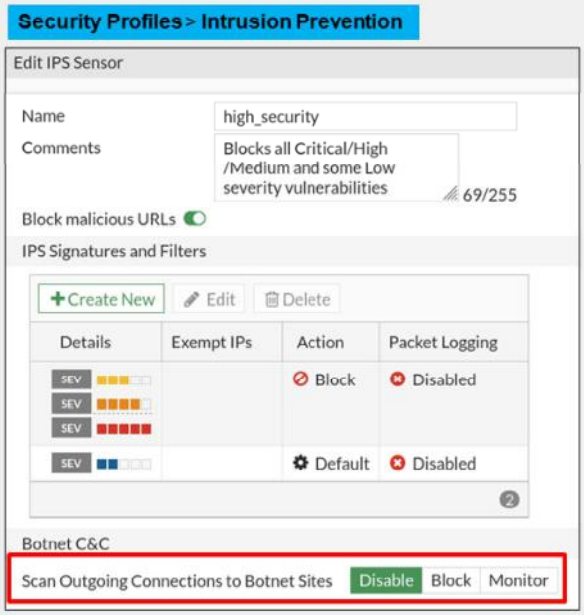
IPS signature filter options include the CVE pattern. The CVE pattern option allows you to filter IPS signatures based on CVE IDs or with a CVE wildcard, ensuring that any signatures tagged with that CVE are automatically included.

Enabling Botnet Protection

- The botnet database:
  - Part of the IPS contract
  - Should be used with the IPS profile to maximize the protection of internal endpoints
- Can be enabled only on the IPS profile
- Administrators can set the action to **Block** or **Monitor**
- IPS logs are generated



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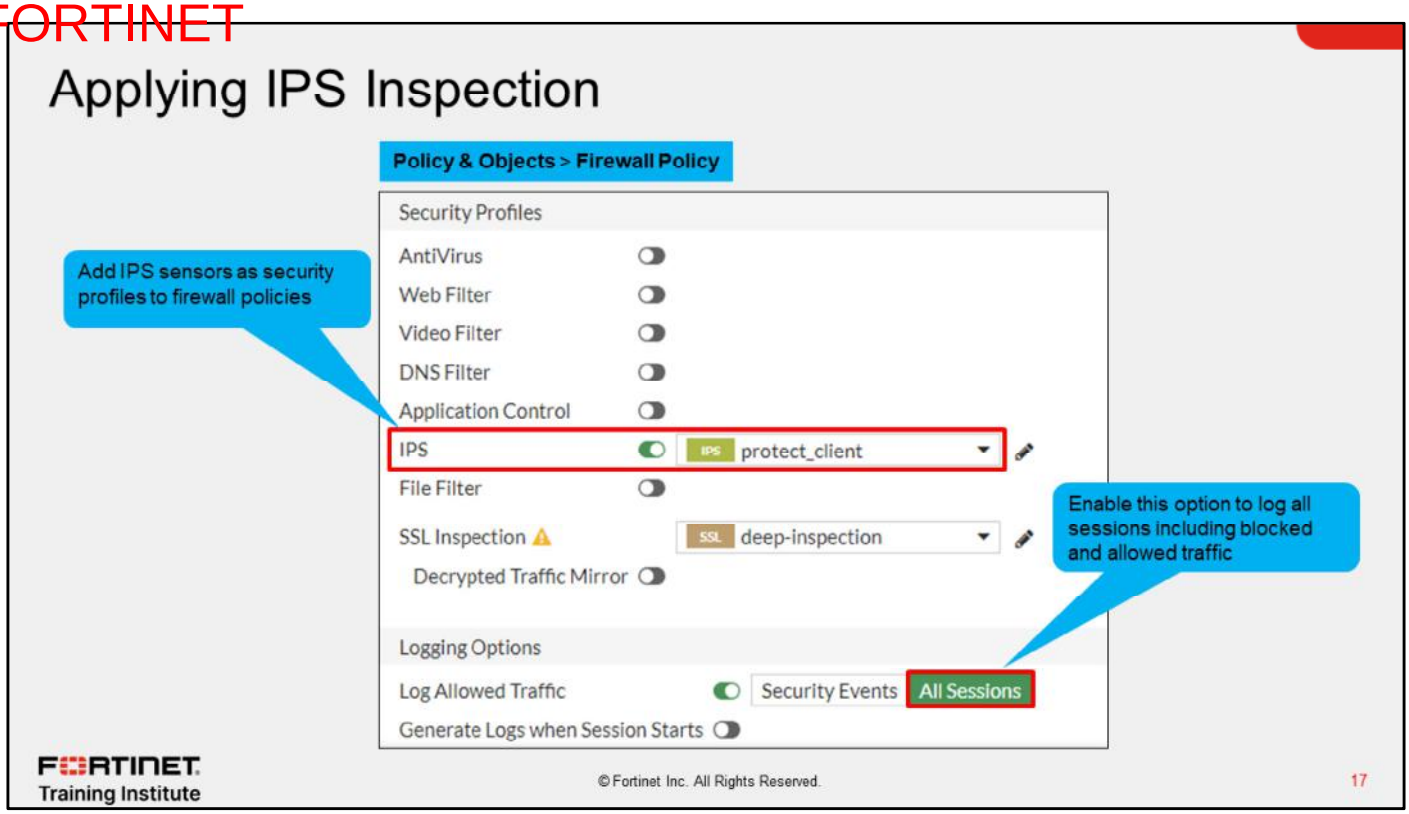
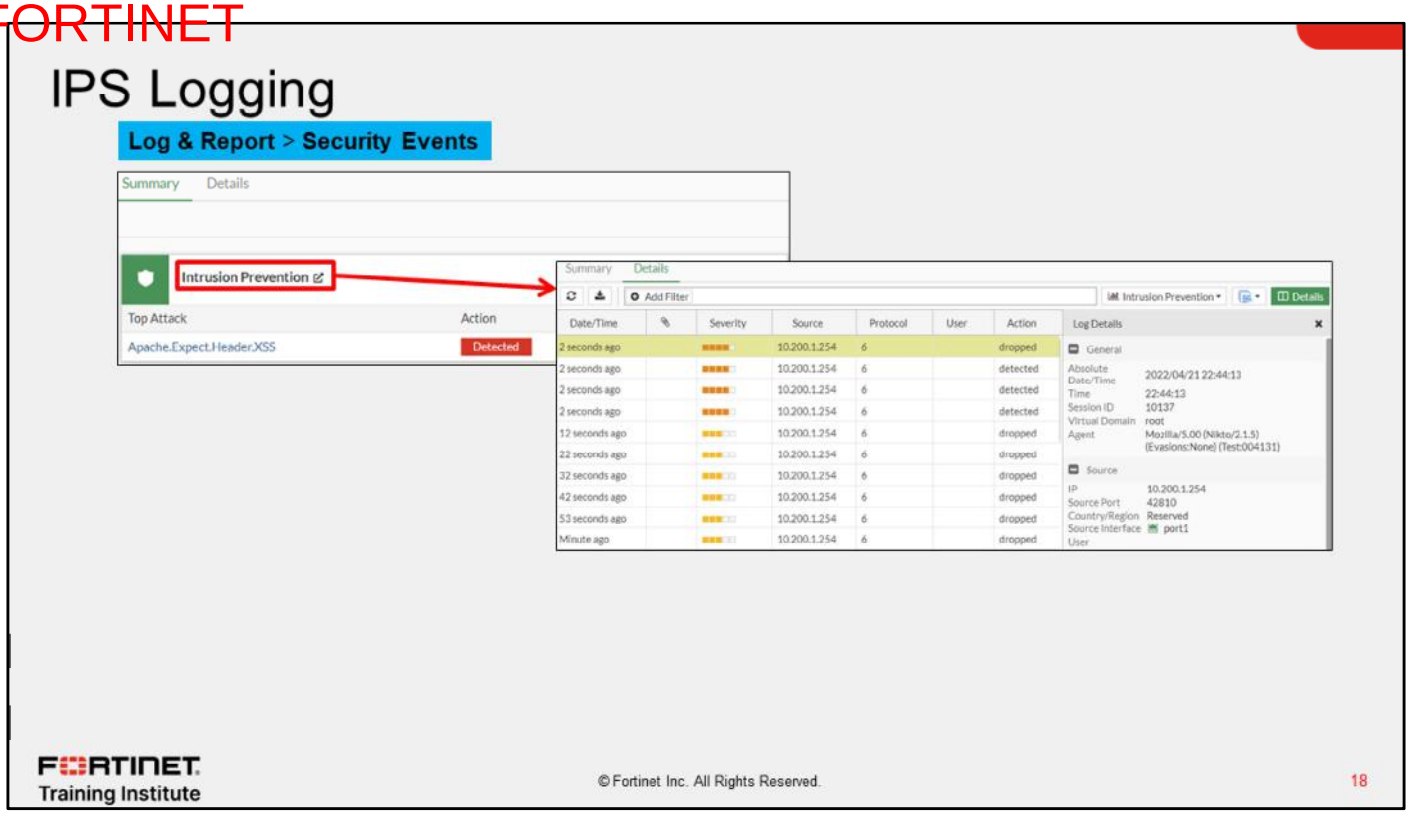
Since the botnet database is part of the FortiGuard IPS contract, administrators can enable scanning of botnet connections to maximize their internal security. You enable botnet scanning on the IPS profile that you applied the firewall policy on. You can also enable scanning of botnet connections using the CLI.

There are three possible actions for botnet and C&C:
- **Disable**: Do not scan connections to botnet servers
- **Block**: Block connections to botnet servers
- **Monitor**: Log connections to botnet servers



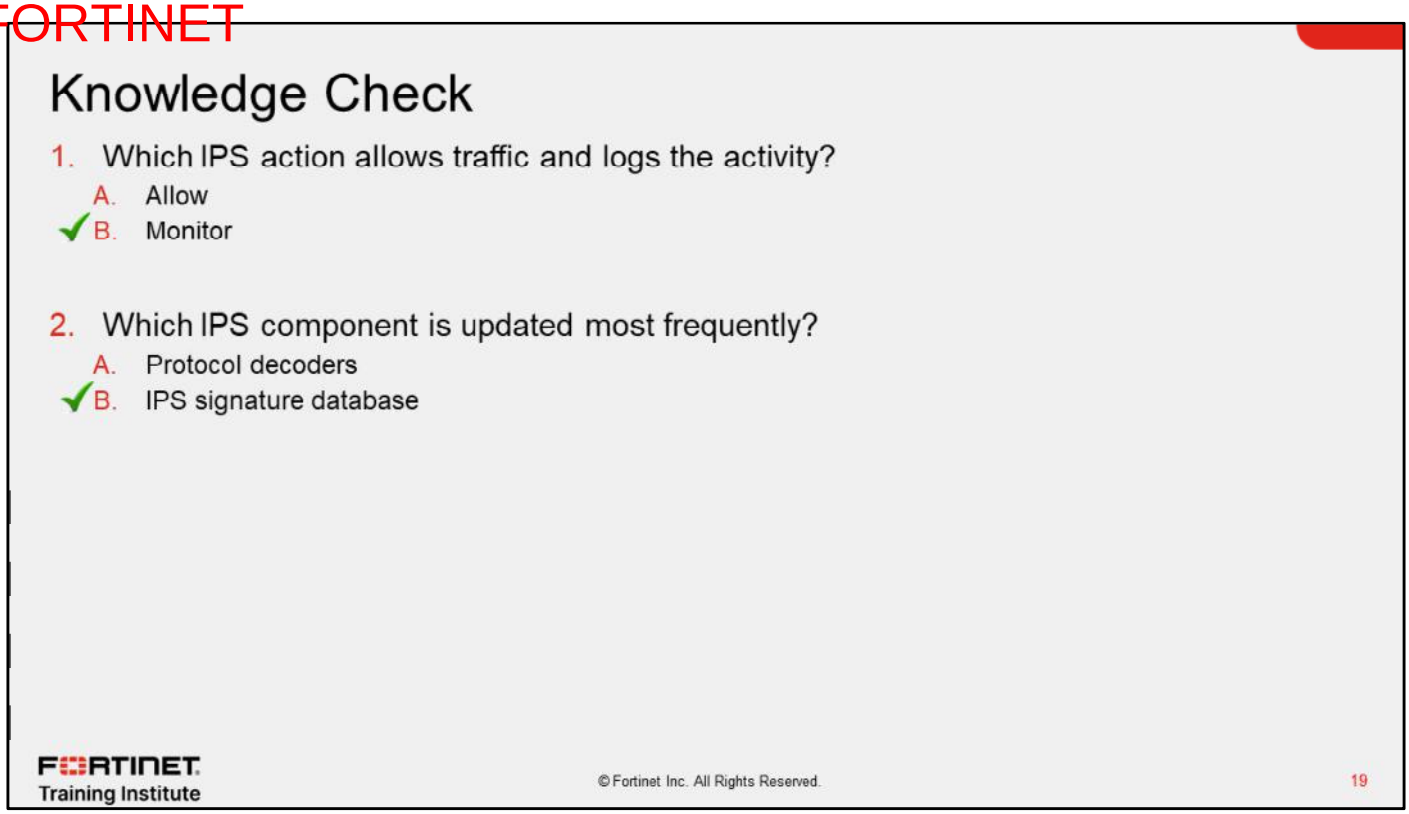
To apply an IPS sensor, you must enable **IPS** and then select the sensor in a firewall policy. By default, FortiGate logs all security events. This means you can see any traffic that is being blocked by IPS.

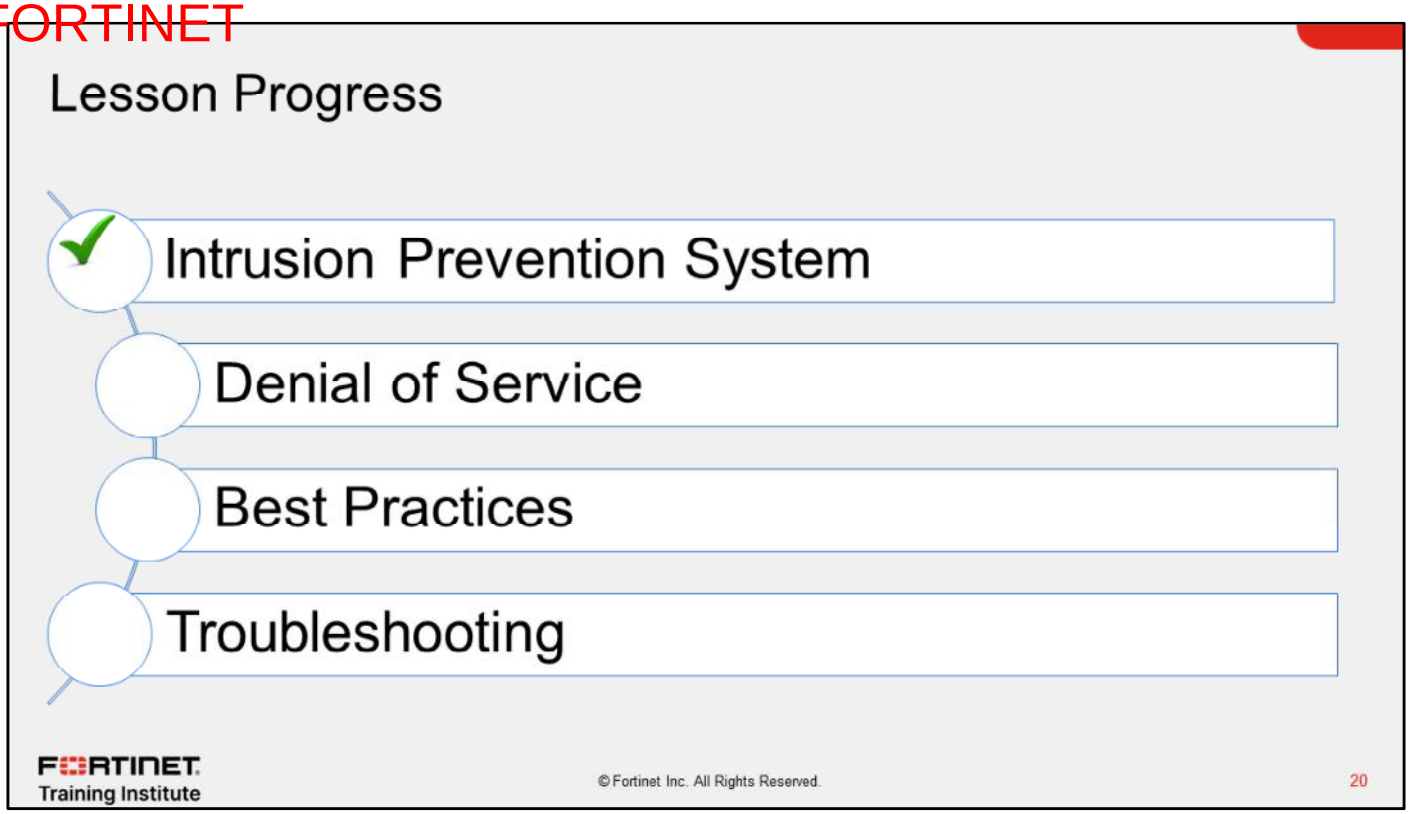
If you think some traffic should be blocked but is passing through the policy, you should change the **Log Allowed Traffic** method to **All Sessions**. This will log all traffic processed by that firewall policy, and not just the traffic that is blocked by the security profiles. This can help you in identifying false negative events.



If you enabled security events logging in the firewall policies that apply IPS, you can view events are logged on the **Security Events** pane on the **Log & Report** page. You can view the logs by clicking on **Intrusion Prevention**.

You should review IPS logs frequently. The logs are an invaluable source of information about the kinds of attacks that are being targeted at your network. This helps you develop action plans and focus on specific events, for example, patching a critical vulnerability.





Good job! You now understand the IPS on FortiGate.

Now, you will learn about DoS.