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This document contains guidance on the core, supported, recommended way to use Contrast Security products.



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# Get started

Welcome to Contrast!

Contrast supports real-time application security through all phases of your software development life cycle (SDLC).

Take a walk through (page 13) an example of how you can use Contrast in your environment.

If you want to...	Contrast offers...
<p>Analyze your applications for security vulnerabilities during the development and test (QA) phases of your SDLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In the development phase:</b> Get instant and accurate vulnerability feedback for applications and the libraries that they use. By exercising your application, you can simulate the routes in your application and, with the data from Contrast, ensure that you are checking in secure code.</li> <li>• <b>In the test phase:</b> Get assurance that applications are evaluated for security vulnerabilities as you apply manual or automated test cases or in a CI/CD pipeline.</li> <li>• <b>In production:</b> Get full visibility into attacks and defend applications from malicious exploitation in the production phase of your SDLC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Agents (page 26)</a> Supports a variety of programming languages, frameworks, and container technologies that instrument your applications with sensors.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Contrast Assess: (page 19)</a> Uses tunable detection rules to accurately find vulnerabilities. It provides details on how the issue was discovered, how to reproduce it, and how to fix it.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Scan: (page 22)</a> Identifies vulnerabilities in uploaded binary packages by performing a fast and efficient static scan.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Protect: (page 21)</a> Automatically identifies attacks and either monitors them or prevents them from being exploited in production. Protect discovers and blocks attacks from within the running application but can also integrate with Web Application Firewalls (WAF).</li> </ul>
Analyze libraries that your applications use.	<a href="#">Contrast OSS: (page 20)</a> Offers visibility into security risks and legal issues introduced by open-source libraries used during applications at runtime. It identifies vulnerabilities in open-source libraries. It also identifies if a current library is out-of-date and should be updated.
Find vulnerabilities in your code earlier in the SDLC and get easy-to-understand guidance on how to fix them.	View <a href="#">vulnerability (page 235)</a> data that includes suggestions on <a href="#">how to fix (page 241)</a> vulnerabilities that Assess, Scan, and OSS discover.
View an architecture diagram that provides an interactive view of where data and resources are shared within your organization and beyond it.	<a href="#">Flow maps (page 204)</a> provide a detailed diagram of your application, the layers of technologies within it, and the back-end systems to which it connects.
Integrate Contrast into your CI/CD pipeline.	A wide variety of <a href="#">integrations (page 258)</a> that let you to integrate Contrast actions and data into developer IDEs, build system, communication tools, and more.

## Customization

Contrast provides a variety of options for customizing data access, data views, and data collection from applications that you've added to Contrast. Customization helps you to enhance your views of the data that Contrast provides.

Option	Description
Role-based access control	<p><a href="#">Access groups (page 335)</a> let you assign permissions and capabilities for specific users. You can assign different types of access, based on role, for each application associated with a group.</p> <p>It is useful to plan a group strategy before you add applications to Contrast.</p> <p>If you do not specify the group in the Contrast configuration file when you first add the application to Contrast, you can only add it to a group from the Contrast web interface. If you want to add applications using a Contrast configuration file, you will need to delete the application and add it again to associate it with your access group.</p> <p>Start by creating or adding a user or application (or both) to an existing group in the Contrast web interface.</p> <p>Then, using a Contrast configuration file for each application, you can associate an application with an access group when you add the application to Contrast.</p> <pre># application:  # Add the name of the application group with which this # application should be associated in the Contrast UI. # group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET</pre>
Custom filters	<p>Contrast provides tag options that let you create customized filters. The benefit of creating custom filters is you can view data according to your specific needs, in addition to using the default filters.</p> <p>You can create custom filters through the use of <a href="#">application metadata</a>.</p> <p>You can also apply tags to specific <a href="#">application (page 194)</a> data or <a href="#">vulnerability (page 238)</a> data in Contrast. After you tag an application or a vulnerability, you can use that tag as a filter on the Applications page or the Vulnerabilities page in the Contrast application.</p> <p><b>Example: Application metadata</b></p> <p>This example shows how to create free form, custom fields in the Contrast web interface to request application metadata:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Custom field:</b> managersInfo <b>Value:</b> "John Doe"</li> <li>• <b>Custom field:</b> businessUnit <b>Value:</b> "NodeGoat Group"</li> <li>• <b>Custom field:</b> officeLocation <b>Value:</b> "New York City"</li> </ul> <p><b>Example: Application tags</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appname:</b> The name of a specific application.</li> <li>• <b>Groupname:</b> The name of an access group.</li> <li>• <b>Environment:</b> The environment in which you are testing the application (development, QA, or production).</li> <li>• <b>Server Name:</b> The name of the server hosting the application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Example: Vulnerability tags</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Build:</b> A specific build number</li> <li>• <b>Version:</b> A specific release version</li> </ul>
Custom data from applications	<p><a href="#">Session metadata (page 198)</a> lets you identify the source of vulnerabilities in your application.</p> <p>When you add the necessary property to your agent configuration file, the agent reports this information along with the rest of the standard vulnerability data to the Contrast web interface for filtering.</p> <p>If you change the values of metadata in the Contrast configuration file for the agent, you can filter the vulnerability data based on the different values. For example, if you change the values for Branch name or Version, you can filter data based on the different versions or branches.</p> <p><b>Example:</b></p> <p>In this example for a Java application, you add an entry in the line where you add your javaagent flag. In this example, you set the property <code>contrast.application.session_metadata</code> to a set of key-value pairs that identify a branch, a committer, and a repository.</p> <pre>- Dcontrast.application.session_metadata="branchName=build22,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-Java"</pre>

Option	Description
Custom naming	<p>You have the option of providing customized names for <a href="#">applications (page 194)</a> and <a href="#">servers (page 215)</a> that host the applications.</p> <p>By default, a Contrast agent creates a name based on data it discovers in your code.</p> <p>To specify a custom name, you can use an agent configuration file when you <a href="#">add the application (page 27)</a> to Contrast or set the name in the Contrast web interface after you add an application.</p>

## Next steps

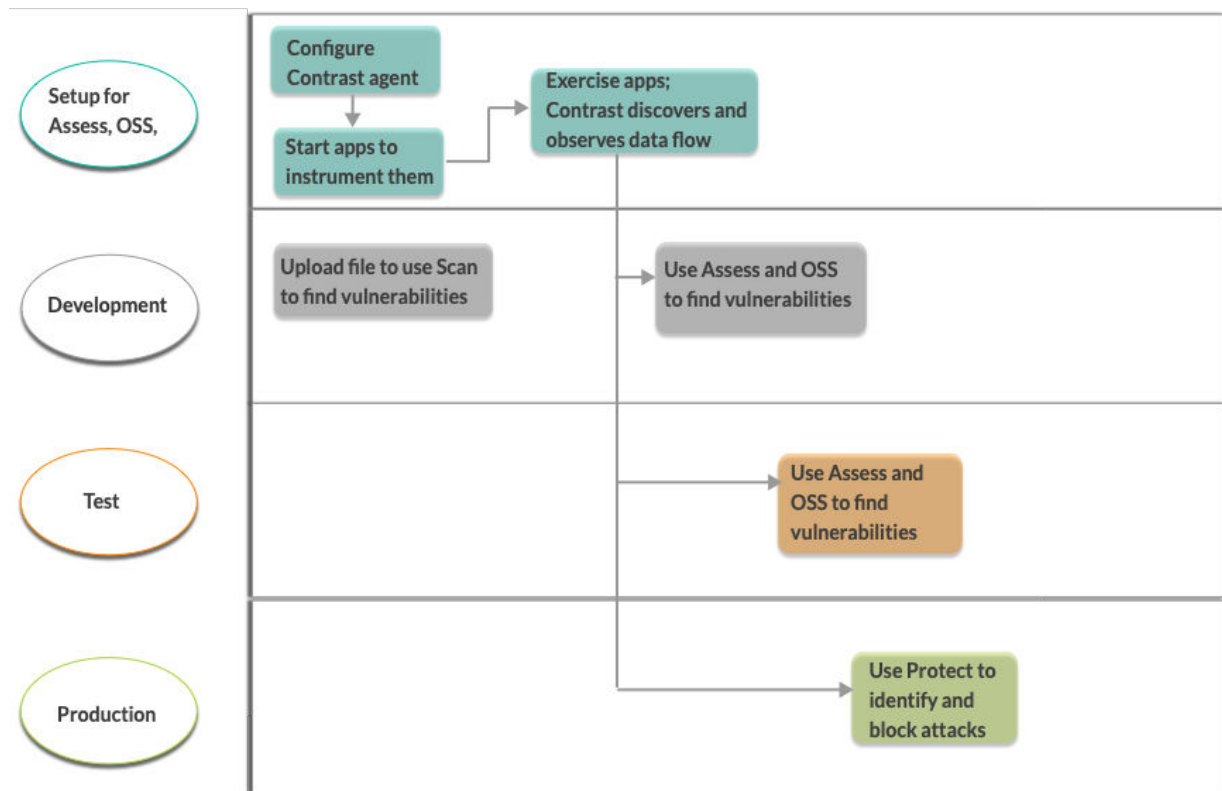
- Get an overview of [how Contrast works \(page 11\)](#)
- Try Contrast for free - [Community Edition \(CE\) \(page 24\)](#)
- [Install and configure a Contrast agent \(page 27\)](#)
- [Install Contrast \(on-premises\) \(page 343\)](#)
- Get started with a particular [integration \(page 258\)](#)

## How Contrast works

Contrast Security provides accurate, continuous, real-time application security testing and attack blocking for your application portfolio. Contrast works within each application to secure it across the entire software development life cycle (SDLC).

Because Contrast doesn't require any changes to the way that you build, test, or deploy your code, it is easy to integrate with a variety of software development processes. Essentially, Contrast transforms functional tests into security tests, so that you get security feedback every time you exercise your applications through your quality assurance function. Contrast delivers results continuously and in real time, so you are integrating security into your entire development pipeline from source code to running applications, and all points in between.

## How Contrast integrates with your development environment



## Analysis techniques and data sources

Contrast combines numerous data sources and a variety of analysis techniques including:

- Runtime control flow and data flow (IAST)
- Application code or APIs (SAST)
- HTTP requests and responses
- All libraries and frameworks in the application and how they are used (SCA)
- Configuration information
- Back-end connections
- Static scans of local files (SAST)

## Contrast agents

Contrast Assess and Contrast Protect use [agents \(page 26\)](#) to analyze data flow and identify vulnerabilities in fully-assembled and running applications. Contrast Assess and Contrast Protect use the same agent to analyze data flow and identify vulnerabilities in fully-assembled and running applications. You do not need one agent for Assess and another for Protect.

[Adding and configuring an agent \(page 27\)](#) inserts Contrast code in the application's existing methods across custom code and libraries. Sensors in the agents observe the locations where data enters and leaves the application (routes). This action creates real-time visibility into any data that flows through the application and allows Contrast to detect security flaws or vulnerabilities in this code path and report them to Contrast. The agents also allow Contrast to identify and block attacks.

## Agent configuration

Configuring an agent consists of editing a YAML configuration file, using environment variables on a command line, or other methods native to the language and tools you are using.

When you configure an agent for an application, you specify information for the following settings:

- Agent communication with Contrast
- Agent-specific settings
- Settings for Assess and Protect rules
- Application-specific settings
  - These settings include session and custom metadata that are available to you as additional information for each vulnerability reported or as a way to filter them.
- The server hosting the application and the agent:
  - Developer's local application server running in the integrated development environment (IDE)
  - Continuous integration application server that's used during the automated testing process
  - Application test server
  - Application staging server
  - Embedded server in an appliance
  - Application server running in a virtual machine
  - Remote application server running in the cloud
  - Production application server

## Static scans

Contrast Scan is a static application security testing (SAST) tool that makes it easy for you to find and remediate vulnerabilities during the development phase of software development lifecycle (SDLC).

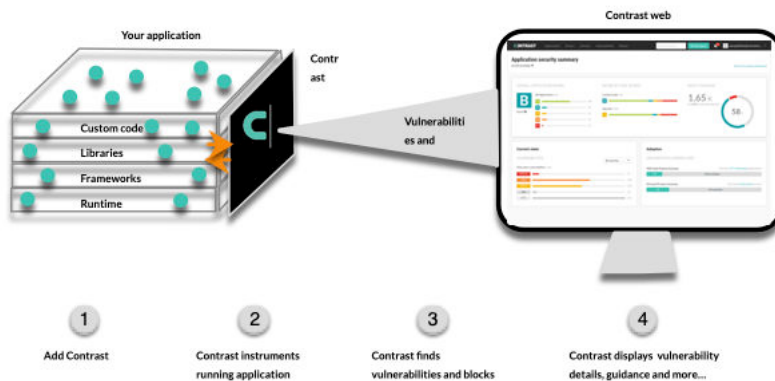
To scan applications, you upload a binary package. Contrast technology identifies vulnerabilities based on a set of rules that Contrast defines for you.

## Integrations

Contrast works with several different [integrations \(page 258\)](#) to provide accurate security feedback with tools you are already using. This approach accelerates the software development process by encouraging security and development to work together effectively.

## Contrast walk through

Let's take a closer look at how you can use Contrast to ensure your code is secure from critical vulnerabilities and protect your applications from attacks.



In this example, you are using the Contrast Java agent to configure applications for security testing and blocking attacks, as the application is exercised.

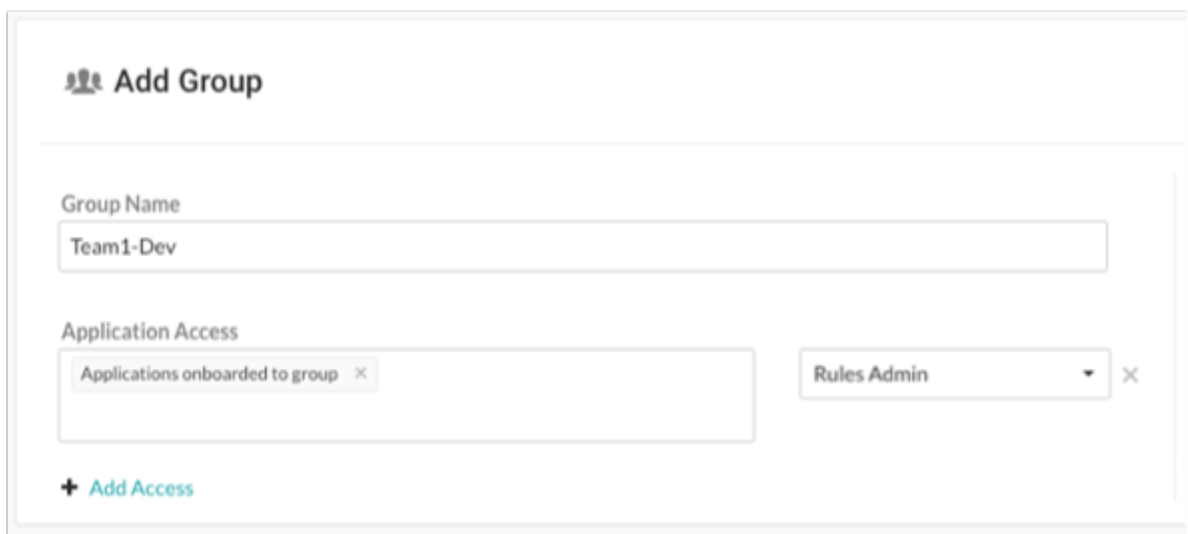
## Customize the Contrast environment

Once you have access to the Contrast web interface, you think about customizing your environment so that you can find important test results easily and control access to Contrast data.

## Access groups

You have three teams involved with your financial applications. You create these access groups and specify them in the Contrast configuration files:

- Team1-Dev is for developers and has these settings:



Developers can remediate findings, add tags, manage vulnerabilities, edit attributes, merge applications, add or delete applications, and create servers.

- Team2-Test is for your test team and has these settings:

**Add Group**

Group Name  
Team2-Test

Application Access  
Applications onboarded to group × View ×

+ Add Access

Test staff can see scores, libraries, vulnerabilities and comments, but can't perform edits to traces to the application.

- Team3-AppSec is for your AppSec team and has these settings:

**Add Group**

Group Name  
Team3-AppSec

Application Access  
Applications onboarded to group × Rules Admin ×

+ Add Access

The AppSec team can edit rules and policies in the application, enable Protect, and manage notifications and scoring for the application.

## Application and server naming

Since all teams are working on the same application, you use the same name in each Contrast configuration file. You plan to use one configuration file for the development environment and one for the test environment.

Although you are using two configuration files, since you use the same name for the application in both files, Contrast displays data as if you only have a single instance of the application.

You decide to let Contrast determine the server name.

## Session metadata

You want to be able to view vulnerabilities and route information for a specific branch, committer, and repository. You define session metadata values in your Contrast configuration file to collect this information:

```
-
Dcontrast.application.session_metadata="branchName=release24,committer=Jane,
repository=finapp-Java"
```

## Step 1: Configure applications for security testing

During development, you want to make sure developers are checking in code that's secure. During testing, you want to verify that your applications have no vulnerabilities that will allow attacks when in production.

You decide to add Contrast to your applications so that you can do the necessary security testing before releasing your products to the public. Since your applications use Java, you are going to use the Contrast Java agent.

1. You [download the agent \(page 33\)](#) from the Maven Central repository because you use Maven for your build processes. You also download a [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#) from the Contrast web interface.
2. For your development environment, you edit the YAML configuration file to include settings similar to these:

```
api:
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
  url:https://mycontrast.mycompany.com:8080/Contrast/
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
  api_key:A2xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxG9N
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
  # UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
  service_key:service_key:88xxxxxxxxxxxxx5Z
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
  # UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
  user_name:agent_XXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX@mydevorg
.
.
.
# java:

# Configure the Java agent to skip its application discovery
# algorithm, and instead associate all libraries, vulnerabilities,
# and web traffic to a single application with the name specified
# by this property. This configuration is preferred when deploying
# Java SE applications with embedded web servers (e.g., applications
# built with Spring Boot, Dropwizard, and embedded Jetty). When used
# with an application server, this configuration associates all
# web traffic with the single, standalone application, including
# web traffic handled by application server-hosted endpoints that
# would not be associated with a discovered application otherwise.
#
# Note - This settings takes preferences
# over the `application.name` settingjava:
standalone_app_name:finappl
.
.
.
```

```
# \
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=====
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
=====
# server:
# Override the reported server environment.
environment: development
.
.
.
```

3. For your test environment, you edit a Contrast YAML configuration file with settings similar to these:

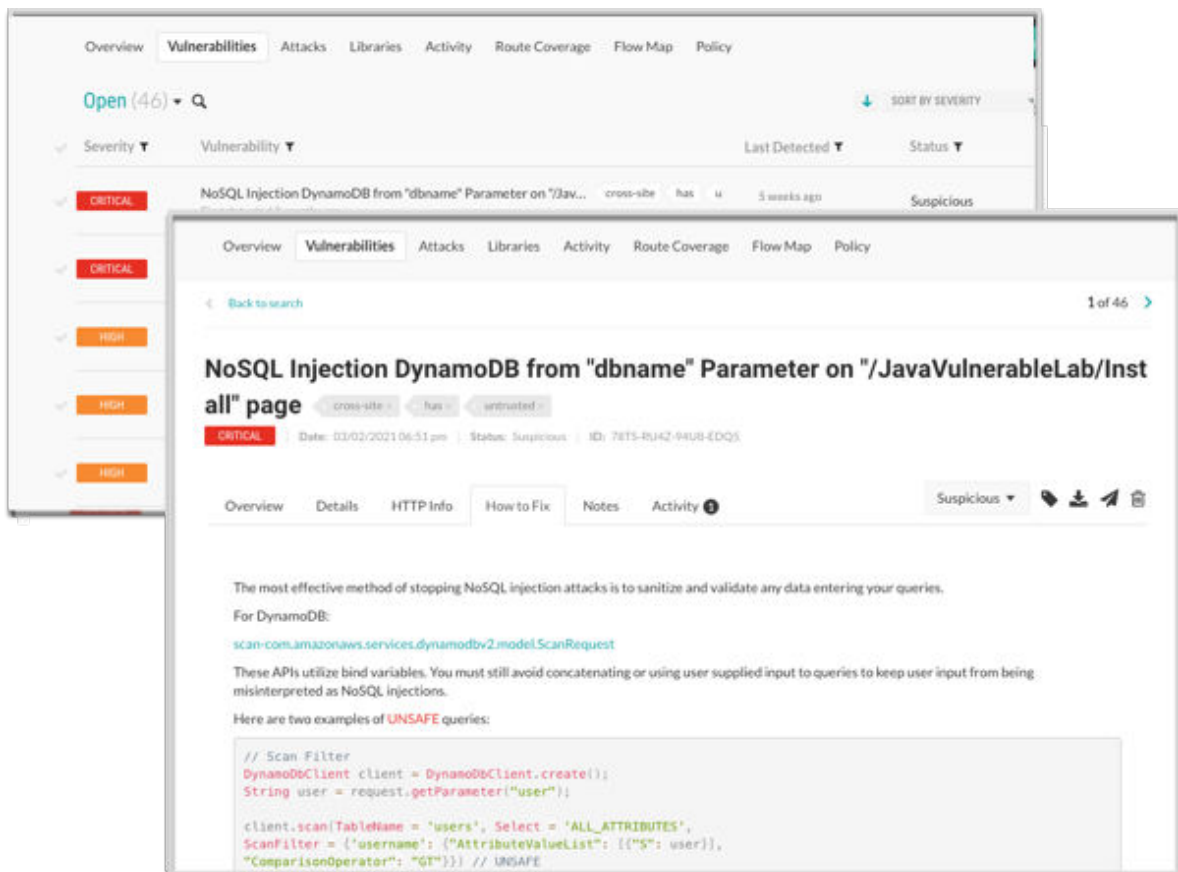
```
api:
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
  url:https://mycontrast.mycompany.com:8080/Contrast/
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
  api_key:A2xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxG9N
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
  # UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
  service_key:service_key:88xxxxxxxxxx5Z
  # ***** REQUIRED *****
  # Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
  # UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
  user_name:agent_XXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX@mydevorg
.
.
.
# java:

# Configure the Java agent to skip its application discovery
# algorithm, and instead associate all libraries, vulnerabilities,
# and web traffic to a single application with the name specified
# by this property. This configuration is preferred when deploying
# Java SE applications with embedded web servers (e.g., applications
# built with Spring Boot, Dropwizard, and embedded Jetty). When used
# with an application server, this configuration associates all
# web traffic with the single, standalone application, including
# web traffic handled by application server-hosted endpoints that
# would not be associated with a discovered application otherwise.
#
# Note - This settings takes preferences
# over the `application.name` settingjava:
standalone_app_name:finappl
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```



```
# \
=====
=====
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
=====
# server:
# Override the reported server environment.
environment: QA
.
.
.
```

- Next, you start your application and run functional tests to exercise all the routes and data endpoints that the application and business logic expose.
- Using the Contrast web interface, you first check the Application page to make sure that Contrast recognizes your application. Then, you check for vulnerabilities and how to fix guidelines to determine what actions to take to secure your code.



- After initial tests, you decide to use the [Maven plugin \(page 297\)](#) to integrate Contrast in to your CI/CD process. You configure the integration so that builds fail if Contrast discovers vulnerabilities with a Critical or High status.

## Step 2: Configure applications to block attacks

Although you've been using Contrast during your development and test phases, you also want make sure that your users are not subject to malicious activity when they use your product. You decide to add Contrast to the applications that are in production to protect your application, users, and data.

First, you make sure that you have a Protect license and that Protect is enabled for your organization.

Similar to how you installed and configured an agent for your application in development and test, you need to configure a new configuration file for the production environment that enables Contrast Protect. After you create the new configuration file, you run the application and verify that the Contrast web interface displays your application for a production environment.

```
api:
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url:https://mycontrast.mycompany.com:8080/Contrast/
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key:A2xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxG9N
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key:service_key:88xxxxxxxxxx5Z
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name:agent_XXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXX@myprodorg
.
.
.
# java:

# Configure the Java agent to skip its application discovery
# algorithm, and instead associate all libraries, vulnerabilities,
# and web traffic to a single application with the name specified
# by this property. This configuration is preferred when deploying
# Java SE applications with embedded web servers (e.g., applications
# built with Spring Boot, Dropwizard, and embedded Jetty). When used
# with an application server, this configuration associates all
# web traffic with the single, standalone application, including
# web traffic handled by application server-hosted endpoints that
# would not be associated with a discovered application otherwise.
#
# Note - This settings takes preferences
# over the `application.name` setting
standalone_app_name:finappl

.
.
.
# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
```

```
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: true
.
.
.
# \
=====
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:
# Override the reported server environment.
environment: production
.
.
.
```

Once the application is in production, you monitor the Attacks page in the Contrast web interface to see if attacks occur.

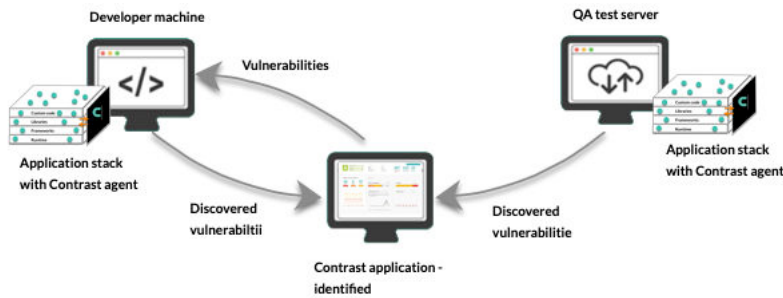
Source IP	Status	Application	Server	Rule	Start	End	Events
10.1.1.1	EXPLOITED	Cat-Engine-2	Cat-Server	Command Injection Cross-Site Scripting Path Traversal	5 hours ago	5 hours ago	35
10.1.1.1	EXPLOITED	Cat-Engine-2	Cat-Server	Command Injection Cross-Site Scripting Path Traversal	8 hours ago	8 hours ago	22
10.1.1.1	EXPLOITED	Cat-Engine-2	Cat-Server	Command Injection Cross-Site Scripting Path Traversal	a day ago	a day ago	11
10.1.1.1	EXPLOITED	Cat-Engine-1 Cat-Engine-2	Cat-Server	Command Injection Cross-Site Scripting Path Traversal	5 days ago	5 days ago	66
10.1.1.1	BLOCKED IP	Grape-on-rack	Grape-Server	Cross-Site Scripting	7 days ago	7 days ago	8

### Step 3: Fix code and retest applications

After you analyze the results of testing with Contrast and identified attacks, you update the code and ensure that Contrast displays the latest version of your application. You verify that the new version is free of the vulnerabilities you blocked in production and re-deploy the application.

## Assess

Contrast Assess is an application security testing tool that combines Static (SAST), Dynamic (DAST), and Interactive Application Security Testing (IAST) approaches to provide highly accurate and continuous information on security vulnerabilities in your applications.



Contrast Assess uses an agent that instruments applications with sensors. The sensors look at data flow in real time and analyze the application from within to help figure out vulnerabilities in:

- Libraries, frameworks, and custom code
- Configuration information
- Runtime control and data flow
- HTTP requests and responses
- Back-end connections

Assess is appropriate for environments such as a test, QA, or staging servers. It is also applicable to developer workstations. When coupled with Contrast integrations, such as Visual Studio, developers can find and fix vulnerabilities without leaving their integrated development environment (IDE).

## Features

Once you [install and configure an agent \(page 27\)](#) and [enable Assess \(page 331\)](#), Contrast offers you these features:

- A list of [vulnerabilities \(page 235\)](#) in the application, along with remediation guidance.
- [Application scores \(page 389\)](#) to gauge the security of an application at a glance.
- [Route coverage \(page 199\)](#) that detects possible routes by associating vulnerabilities with the originating web request.
- [Flow maps \(page 204\)](#) that provide insight into the architecture of the running application.
- [Compliance and policy reporting \(page 253\)](#).

## Customization

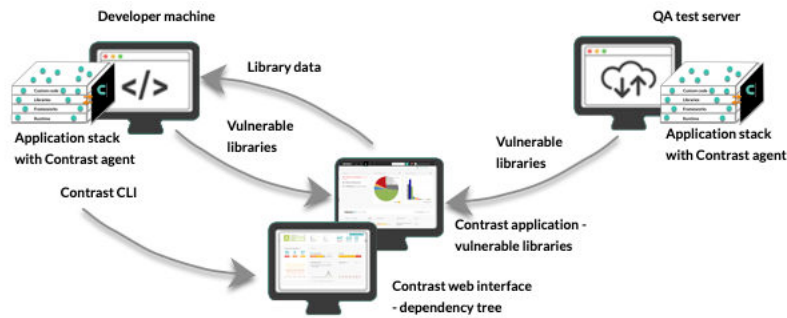
To customize Assess for your needs, you have the option of configuring these types of policies:

- [Assess rules \(page 308\)](#) that you can enable or disable to fine tune the detection capabilities of Assess.
- [Security controls \(page 310\)](#) are methods in your code that make sure data is safe to use.

## OSS

Contrast OSS identifies open-source components through runtime analysis, file system scanning, and dependency analysis. Leveraging these techniques, OSS reports an exact inventory to Contrast.

By default, Contrast Assess includes powerful OSS capabilities. With an OSS license, you have access to advanced OSS capabilities.



## Features

To simplify the process and merge open-source analysis with custom code analysis, OSS is integrated as part of the Contrast platform. Here's what you can do with OSS (some of these features are free and other require an OSS license):

- **Open-source license management:** Contrast OSS provides [license data \(page 228\)](#) tied to open-source components. This data helps you understand intellectual property compliance and mitigate operational risk.  
This feature requires an OSS license.
- **Open-source policy:** With OSS, you can set policies to denylist open-source licenses. If a denylisted license type is deployed in your applications, it triggers an alert. To keep your library usage safe, [set compliance policies \(page 326\)](#) for your organization. To restrict use of specific open-source libraries and licenses, as well as set version requirements, you can [set library policies \(page 328\)](#).  
This feature requires an OSS license.
- **Identification of CVE vulnerabilities** Contrast OSS identifies the CVE vulnerabilities for each library that your applications are using. This data includes a description of each CVE vulnerability for a selected library as well as the number of applications using that library.  
This feature is available without an OSS license.
- **CLI and dependency tree:** The Contrast command line interface (CLI) allows testing source code at the earliest stages of development. The data collected by the [Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#) is used to display a [dependency tree \(page 228\)](#) that brings awareness to underlying library dependencies.  
This feature is available without an OSS license.

## Contrast data

Once a library is reported to Contrast, you can access:

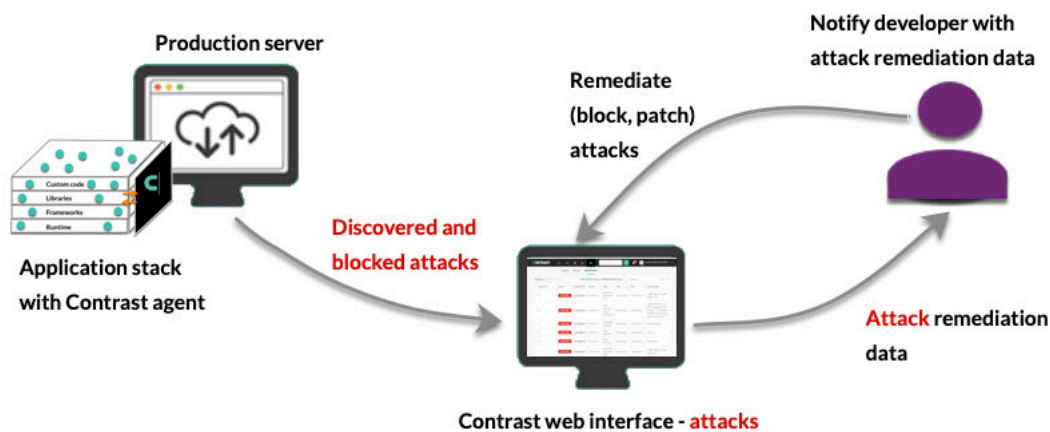
- Library usage analysis to identify whether vulnerable components are actually used by the application
- Library version identification and guidance on the latest version
- Comprehensive vulnerabilities coverage
- Portfolio wide, real-time reporting of open-source components

## Protect

Protect is a defensive control for production environments that monitors attacks and actively defends applications based on specific vulnerabilities, for example, command injection.

It offers Runtime Application Self-Protection (RASP) that complies with NIST 800-53, PCI-DSS, PCI-SSS, and other industry standards. Protect operates directly inside runtimes such as [Java \(page 31\)](#), [.NET \(page 58\)](#), [.NET Core \(page 93\)](#), [Node.js \(page 118\)](#), [Ruby \(page 157\)](#), [Python \(page 138\)](#), and [Go \(page 174\)](#) to leverage in-app intelligence without any manual tuning.

Contrast Protect blocks both automated and advanced threats attacking web applications and API, and provides valuable and timely application layer threat intelligence across the entire application portfolio.



## How Protect works

Contrast Protect works inside application software to understand complete data flow rather than network traffic. Instead of only analyzing incoming data, Protect sees the same data and watches its impact on underlying actions, such as complete SQL queries, command arguments, and more.

This analysis improves detection accuracy, separating the noise of many attacks that might be false positives to focus on attacks that met their intended target. This insight can be shared with external systems, such as a SIEM, to focus on key attack events.

Protect limits its impact on application performance by operating with the same shared memory as the application to avoid additional overhead. Contextual defense improves performance by avoiding unnecessary actions. For example, NoSQL applications do not need checks against SQL injection if the SQL APIs are never invoked.

## Customization

When Protect is enabled, you can customize these policies and rules:

- **Protect Rules:** (page 313) Set applications to monitor for attacks.
- **CVE shields:** (page 317) Specify how to CVE shields to block vulnerabilities.
- **Virtual Patches:** (page 321) Define custom defenses against specific vulnerabilities.
- **Log Enhancers:** (page 322) Provide additional instrumentation instructions.
- **IP Management:** (page 327) Manage a denylist and allowlist (trusted hosts).

## Scan

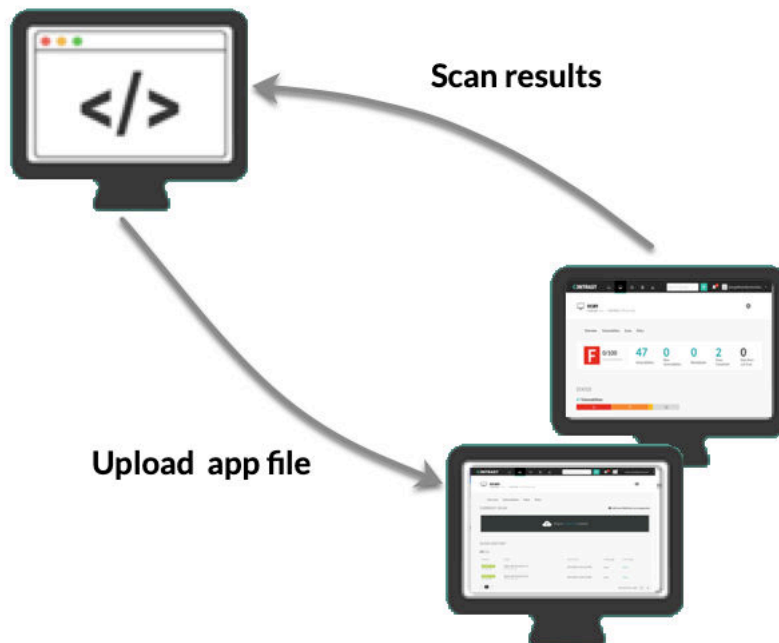
**Contrast Scan** (page 205) is a static application security testing (SAST) tool that makes it easy for you to find and remediate vulnerabilities. It is a valuable tool to use during the development phase of an application. Licensed, hosted customers have access to this feature.

To scan an application, you upload binary packages to a Contrast secure environment. After you upload the code, you start the scan. The scan observes the data flows in the source code and identifies vulnerabilities that could allow malicious attacks. Some examples of these malicious attacks include SQL injections, command injections, and server-side injections.

The scan results identify vulnerabilities in custom code. After fixing these issues, running the scan again verifies that the code changes removed one or more vulnerabilities.

No open-source code or libraries are included in the scan.

## Developer machine



## Features

- Ability to create scan groups that enable you to track results of multiple scans
- Scan settings that let you change the name of a scans
- Starting or stopping scans
- Views of identified vulnerability details
- Monitoring of scan progress and history
- Assignment of status to vulnerability records
- Integration of scanning into your CI/CD pipeline
- Information about risk and approaches for fixing each type of vulnerability

## Supported languages

Scan supports the following languages:

- Java (for example: J2EE, JSP, and Spring MVC)
  - Binary files only

## Contrast performance and resource consumption

Minimize the impact of Contrast on production servers by using the proper configuration:

- **Development environments:** Contrast Assess should be on and Protect can be off. This provides the strongest insight into an application's security posture. This detailed insight favors deep insight over performance to focus on helping developers locate security flaws.
- **Test environments:** Contrast Assess or Protect should be enabled based on what the team needs. Teams should strike a balance to achieve the overall goals of the team:
  - If little testing is done in development, teams should leverage Assess to find vulnerabilities as the application is used.
  - When evaluating performance, Contrast Assess should be turned off and only Protect should be enabled. This provides a corrective control that favors performance but still retrieves code-level information when corrective action is needed.
- **Production environments:** Only Contrast Protect should be on. This provides contextual defense while favoring performance.



## Community Edition (CE)

Community Edition offers near full access to Contrast's products (Assess, OSS, and Protect), with developers receiving interactive application security testing (IAST), software composition analysis (SCA), and runtime application self-protection (RASP) solutions—all for free.

Sign up for a [Community Edition account](#) and install an agent to get started. Learn more on the [Community Edition blog](#).



### NOTE

Community Edition lets you add **one** Java or .NET Core application to Contrast.

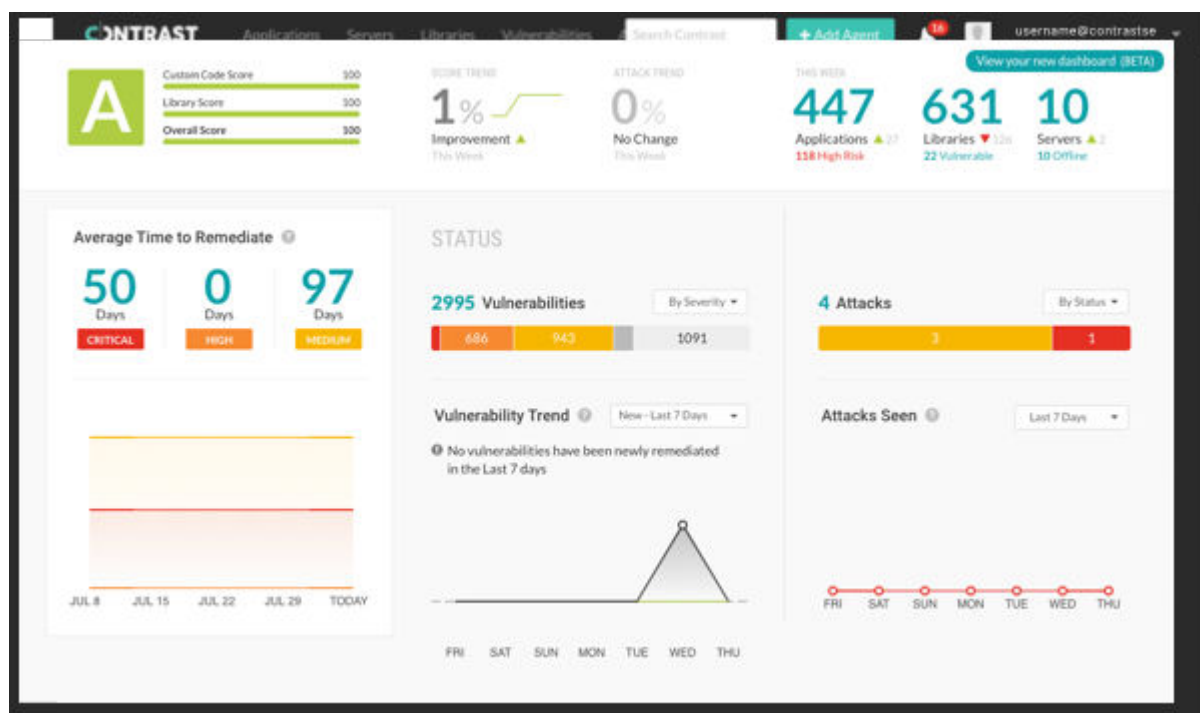
## Community Edition features

Community Edition offers:

- Contrast Assess, which allows developers to focus only on fixing vulnerabilities derived from custom code that actually matter.
- Contrast OSS, which delivers unparalleled visibility into and management of security risks from vulnerabilities introduced through open-source and third-party libraries  
Contrast OSS is an open-source security or software composition analysis (SCA) solution.
- Contrast Protect, which monitors and automatically blocks attacks on applications using instrumentation from within the application— even if the vulnerability still exists in self-written code or open-source libraries.

## Community Edition portal

Here's an example of the CE portal that you interact with when using Contrast:





## Next steps

- [Install the .NET Core agent \(page 95\)](#)
- [Install the Java agent \(page 32\)](#)

# Agents

Contrast agents are responsible for gathering security relevant data from an application, analyzing that data, and reporting findings to Contrast when necessary. In specific situations, a Contrast agent can also take actions within an application to prevent exploitation or enable a security defense.

A Contrast agent gathers security relevant information using a variety of security instrumentation techniques, including code scanning, library scanning, [instrumenting an application \(page 27\)](#), configuration file scanning, and other techniques. Any security instrumentation technique that gathers information is a sensor.

Sensors generate events that snapshot information directly from within an application. For example, a sensor might capture an incoming HTTP parameter, or the details of a SQL query being made to the database. Some sensors may also take action if necessary to help strengthen defenses or block malicious activity, typically by throwing a security exception that causes a vulnerability to be bypassed.

Events generated by sensors are all reported to the tracking and analysis part of the agent. Over time, the analysis engine [receives events \(page 240\)](#) from all over the code of the application and builds them into traces. The analysis engine watches these traces for patterns of behavior that represent a violation of the Contrast rules.

For example, the analysis engine might see a data flow like this:

- An incoming HTTP parameter event
- Then another event shows that parameter being appended to a SQL query
- Finally another event shows that query being sent to a database

If the analysis engine sees that data flow without the proper defenses (escaping or parameterization), it recognizes that trace to match the Contrast rule for SQL injection reports it to Contrast. The vast majority of the analysis is done locally in the agent, which enables Contrast's scalability and performance.

Use the agents that matches the language of the application you want to instrument:

- [Java \(page 31\)](#) instruments Java web applications and web APIs running on your container.
- [.NET Framework \(page 58\)](#) instruments .NET web applications and APIs running on IIS.
- [.NET Core \(page 93\)](#) instruments applications and APIs running in the .NET Core runtime.
- [Node.js \(page 118\)](#) instruments Node.js web applications and APIs.
- [Ruby \(page 157\)](#) instruments Ruby on Rails web applications.
- [Python \(page 138\)](#) instruments Django, Flask and Pyramid web applications.
- [Go \(page 174\)](#) instruments Go library web applications.



## NOTE

Contrast agents are supported for one year after release. Older agents may continue to function and remain compatible, but they are no longer fully supported.

Contrast applies bug fixes and develops new features on the latest version of the agent. Code changes are not backported to previous versions. While a workaround may be provided for a bug, to resolve issues, you should update to the release in which the issue was addressed.

## Install and configure an agent

To instrument an application with Contrast you need to install and configure the agent that corresponds to the language your application uses. Most agents can be downloaded from a package manager or repository.

Installation varies depending on the agent, on which Contrast product(s) you are using and on where you want to install Contrast. For example, this could be:

- On an application server or web server
- In a build pipeline or container
- In a Develop, QA or Production environment

### Installation

Depending on your situation, you may install the agent directly or with the help of [integrations \(page 258\)](#) that work with Contrast.

Consider your goals for Contrast and consult specific installation instructions for the agent you want to use:

- [Java \(page 32\)](#)
- [.NET Framework \(page 60\)](#)
- [.NET Core \(page 95\)](#)
- [Node.js \(page 121\)](#)
- [Python \(page 139\)](#)
- [Ruby \(page 159\)](#)
- [Go \(page 175\)](#)

### Configuration

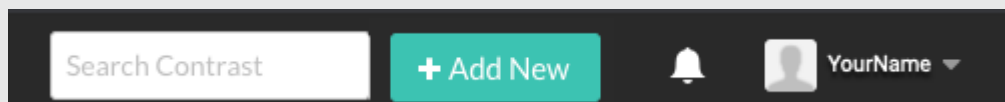
When you install an agent, you must configure it so that it recognizes your application and can communicate information back to Contrast. At a minimum, you need to supply four basic agent keys ([find them here](#)) (page 28):

- **api.api\_key**: Your organization's API key
- **api.user\_name**: Contrast user account (in most cases your login ID)
- **api.service\_key**: Contrast user account service key
- **api.url**: Address of the Contrast installation you would like your agent to report to. Defaults to: `https://app.contrastsecurity.com`



#### TIP

You can download a YAML configuration file that is pre-populated with your organization keys. Select **Add new** in the Contrast web interface and choose your application language to find a download link.



You can further configure by using [environment variables \(page 30\)](#), [a YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#), command line or other methods native to the language and tools you are using. Configuration follows this [order of precedence](#).

Consider your goals for Contrast and consult specific configuration instructions for the agent you want to use:

- [Java \(page 41\)](#)
- [.NET Framework \(page 69\)](#)
- [.NET Core \(page 103\)](#)
- [Node.js \(page 126\)](#)
- [Python \(page 140\)](#)
- [Ruby \(page 160\)](#)
- [Go \(page 178\)](#)

## Find the agent keys



### IMPORTANT

If you download the YAML configuration file from Contrast (select **Add new** in the top right) the file is pre-populated with your agent keys.

If you create your own YAML file, you'll need to add the keys yourself.

Agent keys are common to all agents in an organization. They are values that represent and identify the agents:

- Agent username
- Agent service key

The organization keys are values that represent the organization. They are sent by the agent (and API users) to identify which organization is being accessed.

- API key
- Contrast URL
- Organization ID

All of these keys (except Organization ID) are required when installing agents.



### TIP

The organization keys is also visible along with your [personal keys \(page 191\)](#) under your profile.

To view the agent keys:

1. Select **User name > Organization settings** in the top right corner.
2. Select **API** to see the values for organization keys and agent keys.

### Organization settings

- Organization
- Groups
- Users
- Security
- API**
- Single Sign-On
- Integrations
- Servers
- Applications
- Notifications
- Report Settings
- Score Settings

#### REST API

Get vulnerability information, download agents, set up integrations, and more through the Contrast API. Learn how in our [API documentation](#).

Organization Keys	Agent Keys
<b>Organization ID</b> 0f767995-4882-4c7c-889f-994d945ff0d5	<b>Agent Username</b> agent_0f767995-4882-4c7c-889f-994d945ff0d5@Org
<b>API Key</b> B6Y14MfSBmLC6k4GxhIIgk297ZuvG9N <a href="#">Rotate</a>	<b>Agent Service Key</b> 889Zl2OCZHQ4EO5Z <a href="#">Rotate</a>
<b>Contrast URL</b> <a href="https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast">https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast</a>	

Need your personal keys? Get them in [Your Account](#)

[Generate Sample API Request](#)

The Contrast URL is <https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast>, or the URL of your on-premises or private cloud instance.



### NOTE

If you don't see the agent username or service key on this page, it may mean that a license has not been applied to your organization. [Contact Support](#) for help with this.

- You can **Rotate** agent keys to generate new keys if your credentials have been compromised.



### IMPORTANT

Rotating agent service keys will take all agents offline. Your applications will still function, but data will not be sent to Contrast. To begin using the new credentials, reconfigure the agents and restart your applications. You can use a credential management system to coordinate this change among your systems.

## YAML configuration

You can use a YAML configuration file to set configuration properties for your agent. These values can be overridden with environment variables or command line arguments.

While all Contrast agents share the same property formatting in YAML configuration files, each agent must use its own specified file as there are unique properties that apply to each agent.

The configuration file must be called *contrast\_security.yaml* and placed properly in the [load path](#).

When you download the agent configuration file from Contrast, it will contain all the basic properties required for your instance of Contrast. If you create your own configuration file, you will need to add [these keys \(page 28\)](#) yourself.

The minimum required *contrast\_security.yaml* content for all agents should look like this:

```
api:
  url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com
  user_name: contrast_user
  api_key: demo
  service_key: demo
```



### TIP

Since YAML is a natural superset of JSON, you can also configure your agent using JSON in your YAML file.

You can use these YAML templates to create a *contrast\_security.yaml* for each agent:

- [Java \(page 42\)](#)
- [.NET Framework \(page 71\)](#)
- [.NET Core \(page 104\)](#)
- [Node.js \(page 127\)](#)
- [Python \(page 140\)](#)
- [Ruby \(page 160\)](#)
- [Go \(page 178\)](#)



### CAUTION

Take care when editing the YAML template as it relies on whitespace, and uses spaces but not tabs. Configuration guidance is provided in the template as comments. (A space followed by the pound sign "#" starts a comment.)

## Environment variables

You can configure the agent with any of the supported properties through environment variables.

The environment variables need to be set before the agent starts up, and in a location where the agent has access to it. Environment variables can be set within the same process or system-wide.



### IMPORTANT

If you set system-wide environment variables, this may impact other Contrast agents running on the same server.

You can convert any Contrast property between command line, YAML and an environment variable.

To convert a command line formatted variable to an environment variable, replace the path segment delimiters (.) with double underscores (\_\_).

To convert a YAML formatted variable to an environment variable, start with the top-level property and separate every nested property with a double underscore (\_\_).

Then, prepend the "contrast" namespace (either `contrast.` or `CONTRAST__`).

Environment variables should be in all caps and have no spaces.

For example:

Command line	YAML property	Environment variable
contrast.server.name	server: name:	CONTRAST__SERVER__NAME
contrast.api.api_key	api: api_key:	CONTRAST__API__API_KEY

You can see a list of all supported properties for each agent in their respective YAML templates:

- [Java \(page 42\)](#)
- [.NET Framework \(page 71\)](#)
- [.NET Core \(page 104\)](#)
- [Node.js \(page 127\)](#)
- [Python \(page 141\)](#)
- [Ruby \(page 161\)](#)
- [Go \(page 179\)](#)

## Java agent

The Contrast Java agent adds either Contrast Assess or Contrast Protect analysis to Java based applications. The agent analyzes Java web applications built on traditional application servers, and newer Java web applications such as those built with Netty, Play or Spring Boot. If there's a JVM, the Java agent can provide security insights.

As your application runs, the Java agent's sensors gather information about the application's security, architecture and libraries. You can see the results of the agent's analysis in Contrast.

To start analyzing an application, [install the Java agent \(page 32\)](#).

## Supported technologies for the Java agent

Contrast is tested and proven to be compatible with the following technologies; however, Contrast is also compatible with many more that aren't listed.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Java runtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IBM 6, 7, 8</li> <li>• Oracle 6, 7, 8, 11 (LTS), 12, 13, 14, 15</li> <li>• OpenJDK 6, 7, 8, 11 (LTS), 12, 13, 14, 15, 16</li> </ul>	OpenJDK support is designed to work with all <a href="#">publicly available builds</a> within the current version support shown here. Popular varieties like Azul and Amazon Corretto fall into this category of supported JDKs.
Application servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GlassFish 4</li> <li>• Grizzly 2.3.20 and later</li> <li>• JBoss EAP 6.X and 7.X</li> <li>• Jetty 7, 8, 9</li> <li>• Karaf 3.0.X</li> <li>• Netty 4.X</li> <li>• Play 2.4</li> <li>• Tomcat 5, 6, 7, 8, 9</li> <li>• Vert.X 3.0</li> <li>• WebLogic 10, 11g, 12c</li> <li>• WebSphere* 8.5, 9.0</li> <li>• WildFly 10, 10.1.X</li> </ul>	* Contrast offers limited support for zSeries and AIX environments. Customers using WebSphere on SPARC Solaris require version 8.5.5.11.
Optimizers	Proguard	<a href="#">Proguard</a> includes Java bytecode optimization features which break basic assumptions that runtime agents like Contrast rely on. Proguard users that want to protect their applications with Contrast need to avoid these optimizations by using Proguard's - <a href="#">dontoptimize configuration option</a> .

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DB2</li> <li>• DynamoDB</li> <li>• MySQL</li> <li>• Oracle</li> <li>• PostgreSQL</li> <li>• SQL Server</li> <li>• SQLite JDBC drivers</li> </ul>	
Other Java technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apache POI, fileupload, HttpComponents</li> <li>• Axis (RPC), XMLRPC, RMI, Apache CXF, JMS (javax.jms)</li> <li>• Direct Web Remoting (DWR)</li> <li>• DropWizard</li> <li>• Freemarker</li> <li>• Glowroot*</li> <li>• GSON, Kryo, minidev, org.json</li> <li>• Google Web Toolkit (GWT)</li> <li>• Hibernate</li> <li>• J2SE</li> <li>• JDBC, JDBI, MongoDB</li> <li>• JSF (MyFaces, RichFaces, Sun)</li> <li>• java.nio, java.beans</li> <li>• Java EE/J2EE, Servlet/JSP</li> <li>• Jersey</li> <li>• MyBatis</li> <li>• OWASP ESAPI, AntiSamy, Coverity</li> <li>• Seam</li> <li>• Spring, Spring Boot, Spring AOP</li> <li>• Struts, Struts 2</li> <li>• Wicket</li> <li>• XStream, Jackson (JSON/XML)</li> <li>• Xerces, JAXB, nu.xom</li> </ul>	<p>*If you are using Glowroot, the Contrast Java Agent jar should be included and loaded prior to the Glowroot jar.</p>

## Install the Java agent

There are several ways to install the Java agent depending on your situation. You might want to consider where you want to use Contrast (for example, Assess in your development environment or Protect in your production environment), your existing build tools, and how your application is deployed.

## Quick start

Just want to try out the Java agent and see how it works? Check out this [Java Quick Start Guide \(page 40\)](#).

## Basic installation

To install the Java agent in most situations, choose a repository and follow these instructions to download and install the agent:

- [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
- [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
- [RPM \(page 34\)](#)

## Build-integrated installation

If you are using Assess in a development environment, and you want to fail the build in an existing software project if vulnerabilities are found, install the agent with:

- [Maven plugin \(page 297\)](#)
- [Gradle plugin \(page 281\)](#)
- [Jenkins plugin \(page 286\)](#)



## Install the Java agent using Maven Central

The Contrast Java agent is [available from Maven Central](#) using group ID `com.contrastsecurity` and artifact ID `contrast-agent`. To install the Java agent:

1. Get the `contrast-agent.jar` from Maven Central. (See [examples](#) of how to download from the Maven repository.)
2. [Configure the agent \(page 41\)](#). You can create or download a [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#). You must provide Contrast connection parameters using [these agent keys \(page 28\)](#).
3. Tell the agent where to find the yaml configuration file (`contrast.yaml`). In the example below, substitute `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your Contrast JAR (this may vary depending on your internal file structure and how you downloaded the file) and `<ApplicationJar>` with the name of your application JAR.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -
Dcontrast.config.path=contrast.yaml -jar <ApplicationJar>.jar
```



### NOTE

If you are using system properties, environment variables to configure instead of YAML, or you have placed the YAML in a [standard location](#) where the agent can find it automatically, set the JVM parameter to include the Java agent.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -jar <AppName>.jar
```

4. Use the application as you normally would (for example, click on the web interface, send API commands). Verify that Contrast sees your application (for example, view your application in the Contrast web interface, view logs).

Contrast artifacts deployed to Maven Central are signed with our GPG key hosted on <https://pgp.key-server.io>.

You can also provide security analysis for applications running in a test/QA or production environment, by installing the agent with an application server like:

- [Glassfish \(page 280\)](#)
- [Jetty \(page 285\)](#)
- [JBoss/Wildfly \(page 284\)](#)
- [Tomcat \(page 301\)](#)
- [WebLogic \(page 305\)](#)
- [WebSphere \(page 306\)](#)

You can also [install using a container \(page 36\)](#), like Docker.



### TIP

Check the [Contrast Support Portal](#) for more information about other compatible ways to install the agent using tools like [Pivotal Cloud Foundry \(now VMware Tanzu\)](#).

## Install the Java agent using the Debian repository

You can configure your system to retrieve and install the Java agent from the Contrast Debian repository. To do this:

1. Use the following commands to configure your system to receive packages from the repository:

```
curl https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/api/gpg/key/public | sudo apt-key \
add -
echo "deb https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/debian-public/ all contrast" |
sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/contrast-all.list
```

2. Install the Contrast Java agent:

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install contrast-java-agent
```

3. You will now see the Contrast Java agent JAR file at `/opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar`.
4. [Configure the agent \(page 41\)](#). You can create or download a [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#). You must provide Contrast connection parameters using [these agent keys \(page 28\)](#).
5. Tell the agent where to find the yaml configuration file (`contrast.yaml`). In the example below, substitute `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your Contrast JAR (this may vary depending on your internal file structure and how you downloaded the file) and `<ApplicationJar>` with the name of your application JAR.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -
Dcontrast.config.path=contrast.yaml -jar <ApplicationJar>.jar
```



#### NOTE

If you are using system properties, environment variables to configure instead of YAML, or you have placed the YAML in a [standard location](#) where the agent can find it automatically, set the JVM parameter to include the Java agent.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -jar <AppName>.jar
```

6. Use the application as you normally would (for example, click on the web interface, send API commands). Verify that Contrast sees your application (for example, view your application in the Contrast web interface, view logs).

You can also provide security analysis for applications running in a test/QA or production environment, by installing the agent with an application server like:

- [Glassfish \(page 280\)](#)
- [Jetty \(page 285\)](#)
- [JBoss/Wildfly \(page 284\)](#)
- [Tomcat \(page 301\)](#)
- [WebLogic \(page 305\)](#)
- [WebSphere \(page 306\)](#)

You can also [install using a container \(page 36\)](#), like Docker.



#### TIP

Check the [Contrast Support Portal](#) for more information about other compatible ways to install the agent using tools like [Pivotal Cloud Foundry \(now VMware Tanzu\)](#).

## Install the Java agent with the RPM repository

To install the Java agent with the RPM repository:

1. Use the following commands to configure your system to retrieve packages from the Contrast RPM repository:

```
OSREL=$(rpmquery -E "%{rhel}")
sudo -E tee /etc/yum.repos.d/contrast.repo << EOF
[contrast]
name=contrast repo
baseurl=https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/rpm-public/centos-$OSREL/
gpgcheck=0
enabled=1
EOF
```

2. Once you've finished configuration, install the Contrast Java agent:

```
sudo yum install contrast-java-agent
```

3. The Contrast Java agent JAR is now installed at `/opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar`.
4. [Configure the agent \(page 41\)](#). You can create or download a [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#). You must provide Contrast connection parameters using [these agent keys \(page 28\)](#).
5. Tell the agent where to find the yaml configuration file (`contrast.yaml`). In the example below, substitute `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your Contrast JAR (this may vary depending on your internal file structure and how you downloaded the file) and `<ApplicationJar>` with the name of your application JAR.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -
Dcontrast.config.path=contrast.yaml -jar <ApplicationJar>.jar
```



#### NOTE

If you are using system properties, environment variables to configure instead of YAML, or you have placed the YAML in a [standard location](#) where the agent can find it automatically, set the JVM parameter to include the Java agent.

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -jar <AppName>.jar
```

6. Use the application as you normally would (for example, click on the web interface, send API commands). Verify that Contrast sees your application (for example, view your application in the Contrast web interface, view logs).

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## Install the Java agent using a container

### Before you begin

This topic provides general guidance for installing the Contrast Java agent in a containerized application, with Docker as an example.

You should have a basic understanding of how containers and related software work. You may need to adjust the instructions to meet your specific circumstances.

### Install the agent

If you add the agent to a base image, you can make a single image change and Contrast will be available to all applications using that base image. Also, this way, updates will depend on the base image update. To do this:

1. Add the Contrast agent and [basic configuration \(page 41\)](#) to a Docker base image, but don't enable it. Use `/opt/contrast` as your location. Optionally, you can change the URL to download agents from an internal repository. For example:

```
FROM BASE_IMAGE
ARG CONTRAST_AGENT_VERSION
ADD https://repo1.maven.org/maven2/com/contrastsecurity/contrast-agent/
$CONTRAST_AGENT_VERSION/contrast-agent-$CONTRAST_AGENT_VERSION.jar
/opt/contrast/contrast.jar
```

You can pass a specific agent version at build time by replacing `<YourAgentVersion>` with the version number you want to download.

```
docker build --build-arg CONTRAST_AGENT_VERSION=<YourAgentVersion> -t \
image_with_contrast:tag .
```



#### TIP

If you want more flexibility to use any version of the Java agent, and to avoid automatic updates, apply the ADD instruction directly to an application's Docker image.

2. Enable Contrast in the application's Docker image or container.

### Configure the agent

Configuration of the Java agent follows this order of precedence. When installing into a container:

- Use a **YAML configuration file** for common configuration so it can be placed in the base image. For example, common configuration might include redirecting logging to console output, proxy configuration, or performance tuning.

Here is a sample YAML configuration file:

```
agent:
  java:
    scan_all_classes: false
    scan_all_code_sources: false
  logger:
    stdout: true
```

Create and copy the YAML file into the base image, then copy the file into the base image Dockerfile using:

```
COPY WORKSPACE/contrast_security.yaml /opt/contrast/contrast_security.yaml
```

- Use **Java system properties** or **environment variables** for application-specific configuration values so you can uniquely configure options for each application.

Contrast configuration	Function	Java system property	
Application metadata	Specify application-specific metadata	<code>-Dcontrast.application.metadata</code>	CONTRAST__AP
Application name	Specify the application name reported to Contrast	<code>-Dcontrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name</code>	CONTRAST__AC
Application session metadata	Send application details like build number, version, GIT hash, and other <a href="#">session metadata (page 198)</a> .	<code>-Dcontrast.application.session_metadata</code>	CONTRAST__AP
Application group	Specify the application access group for this application during onboarding. <a href="#">Create these groups (page 335)</a> in Contrast first.	<code>-Dcontrast.application.group</code>	CONTRAST__AP
Server environment	Specify in which environments the application is running: Development, QA and Production.	<code>-Dcontrast.server.environment</code>	CONTRAST__SE

## Update JVM parameters

To attach any profiler to a Java application, you need to pass a `-javaagent` flag to the application by setting `JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS` environment variables.

Pre-populate the Contrast common JVM parameters in a separate environment variable in the base image, so the application team can use it in `JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS`. For example:

- For the base image Dockerfile:

```
ENV CONTRAST_OPTS "-javaagent:/opt/contrast/contrast.jar \
-Dcontrast.config.path=/opt/contrast/contrast_security.yaml"
```

- For the application image Dockerfile:

```
ENV JAVA_TOOL_OPTIONS $CONTRAST_OPTS \
-
Dcontrast.application.metadata=bU=<value>,contactEmail=<value>,contactName
=<value> \
-Dcontrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name=APP \
-Dcontrast.application.group=APP_GROUP
```

## Build the application image

For the agent to send data to Contrast, it needs [agent authentication keys \(page 28\)](#). To protect the agent credentials, you can utilize the Docker secret and pass them as environment variables during deployment time. Here is an example of the Docker run command:

```
docker run -e CONTRAST__API__URL=https://app.contrastsecurity.com -e \
CONTRAST__API__API_KEY=<value> -e CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY=<value> -e \
CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME=<value> -e CONTRAST__SERVER__NAME=<value> -e \
CONTRAST__SERVER__ENVIRONMENT=<value> image_with_contrast
```

You can verify that Contrast is running by checking the container log. You should see messages like these:

```
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - Copyright: 2019 Contrast \
Security, Inc
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - Contact: \
support@contrastsecurity.com
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - License: Commercial
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - NOTICE: This Software and the \
patented inventions embodied within may only be used as part of
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - Contrast Security's \
commercial offerings. Even though it is made available through public
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - repositories, use of this \
Software is subject to the applicable End User Licensing Agreement
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - found at https://
www.contrastsecurity.com/enduser-terms-0317a or as otherwise agreed between
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - Contrast Security and the End \
User. The Software may not be reverse engineered, modified,
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - repackaged, sold, \
redistributed or otherwise used in a way not consistent with the End User
2020-05-28 22:36:29,910 [main STDOUT] INFO - License Agreement.
[Contrast] Thu May 28 22:36:30 EDT 2020 Effective instructions: \
Assess=false, Protect=true
[Contrast] Thu May 28 22:36:30 EDT 2020 String Supporter has been disabled
[Contrast] Thu May 28 22:36:30 EDT 2020 Logging security messages to /Users/
usernamehere/.contrast/security.log
[Contrast] Thu May 28 22:36:31 EDT 2020 Starting JVM [1862ms]
```

## See also

Contrast Support Portal [Java with Kubernetes](#)

Contrast Support Portal [AWS Fargate and Contrast agents](#)

## Install the Java agent with automatic updates on Linux

Some users like to automatically update their Contrast Java agent software to the latest version. Linux users can schedule Java agent updates from Maven Central using common Linux tools `cron` and `curl`.

Here's how to configure a scheduled Java agent update job on an Ubuntu 18.04 Linux host:



### NOTE

Use your preferred editor to create a file with the following contents. The examples provided use `tee` to create the file.

1. If you want to perform each step as you follow along with this guide, you can use [Vagrant](#) and [VirtualBox](#) to create a new Ubuntu 18.04 virtual machine:

```
vagrant init ubuntu/bionic64
```

```
vagrant up
```

```
vagrant ssh
```

2. Create a shared directory for Contrast software:

```
sudo mkdir -p /opt/contrast
```

3. Create a script for installing the latest Java agent in the `/etc/cron.daily` directory. Scripts in this directory execute once daily; as a result, the host updates the latest Java agent each day.
4. Use `tee` to create this script. Press `CTRL+D` when you've finished typing all the lines:

```
$ sudo tee -a /etc/cron.daily/install-latest-contrast-agent > /dev/null
#!/bin/bash -u

CONTRAST_DIRECTORY=/opt/contrast
CONTRAST_FILE_NAME=contrast-agent.jar

curl --fail --silent --location "https://repository.sonatype.org/service/
local/artifact/maven/redirect?r=central-
proxy&g=com.contrastsecurity&a=contrast-agent&v=LATEST" -o /tmp/
$CONTRAST_FILE_NAME
if [ $? -ne 0 ]; then
    echo "Failed to download Contrast Java agent" >&2
    exit 1
fi
mv /tmp/$CONTRAST_FILE_NAME $CONTRAST_DIRECTORY/$CONTRAST_FILE_NAME
```

5. Set the execute bit on the new script file:

```
sudo chmod +x /etc/cron.daily/install-latest-contrast-agent
```

6. To test the script, execute it and then verify that the file exists using `stat`:

```
$ sudo /etc/cron.daily/install-latest-contrast-agent
$ stat /opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar
stat /opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar
  File: /opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar
  Size: 10568283      Blocks: 20648      IO Block: 4096   regular file
Device: 801h/2049d   Inode: 256034      Links: 1
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: (   0/   root)   Gid: (   0/   root)
Access: 2019-04-11 02:02:01.265775928 +0000
Modify: 2019-04-11 02:24:47.849796936 +0000
Change: 2019-04-11 02:24:47.849796936 +0000
 Birth: -
```

7. The Contrast agent requires some configuration to communicate with Contrast. You can [find agent key information here \(page 28\)](#).
8. When Contrast is installed on a Linux host, users typically want Contrast-enabled web applications on the host to share basic configuration parameters, such as the ones required to connect to Contrast. By convention, Contrast look for configuration in a YAML file at path `/etc/contrast/java/contrast_security.yaml` on Linux hosts.
9. Create the `/etc/contrast/java` directory:

```
sudo mkdir -p /etc/contrast/java
```

10. Use `tee` to create the configuration file. Replace `<contrast_url>`, `<your_api_key>`, `<agent_user_name>` and `<agent_user_service_key>` with the values you obtained from Contrast in the previous step:

```
$ sudo tee -a /etc/contrast/java/contrast_security.yaml > /dev/null
api:
  url: <contrast_url>
  api_key: <your_api_key>
  user_name: <agent_user_name>
  service_key: <agent_user_service_key>
```

11. Press **CTRL+D** when you've finished typing all the lines.
12. Run a diagnostic test to verify that Contrast is installed and properly configured. The host must have Java installed to execute the diagnostic test:

```
sudo apt install --yes openjdk-11-jre-headless
```

13. Finally, execute the Java agent's diagnostic test to verify that the agent is installed correctly and can communicate with Contrast using the configuration parameters from `/etc/contrast/java/contrast_security.yaml`:

```
$ java -jar /opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar diagnostic
*** Contrast Agent (version 3.6.3-SNAPSHOT)
[!] Attempting to connect to the Contrast TeamServer at https://
apptwo.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast (No proxy).
[!] Attempting to resolve domain: apptwo.contrastsecurity.com
    Resolved domain apptwo.contrastsecurity.com to IP Address \
52.200.215.12
[+] Client successfully resolved the DNS of the Contrast TeamServer. No \
proxy needed.
[!] Issuing HTTP request to Contrast...
    Executing request...
    Reading response [200]
    Response size = 4209
    Snippet: <!doctype html> <!--[if gt IE 8]><!--> <html class="no-
js" i
[+] Client can connect directly to the Contrast TeamServer. No proxy \
needed.
```

## Java Quick Start Guide

Contrast uses agents to install sensors that monitor your code for vulnerabilities. Agents analyze for vulnerabilities in development environments and look for attacks in run-time production environments.

As your application runs, the agent analyzes information (such as HTTP requests, data flow, backend connections, and library dependencies) and sends vulnerabilities and attacks to Contrast where you can view, prioritize, and take immediate action on them.

This guide should get Contrast up and running on your application in just a few minutes, so you can see how it works.



### TIP

For future installations, you may want to consider your organization's build tools and deployment pipeline, your security goals and the environments where you want to use Contrast. You can read about [other methods to install Contrast \(page 258\)](#) that may better adapt to your situation.

## Prerequisites

This guide assumes you use an application that meets these prerequisites:

- The application must have access to the internet without using a proxy.
- Your web application is packaged in a JAR file.
- It must use [supported versions, frameworks, and tools \(page 31\)](#).



You will also need access to a command line interface (with a chosen directory for downloading the agent) and your organization's instance of Contrast. If you don't already have Contrast, you can sign up for the [Community Edition \(page 24\)](#) for free.

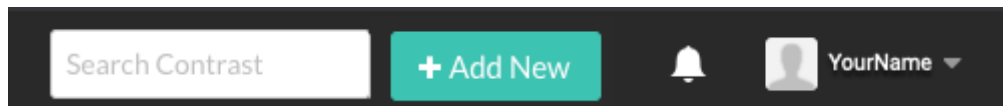
## Install

1. Use this command to download the agent JAR file from Maven Central. From your command line interface, enter this curl request to pull down the latest version of the agent to your current directory.

```
curl -L 'https://repository.sonatype.org/service/local/artifact/maven/redirect?r=central-proxy&g=com.contrastsecurity&a=contrast-agent&v=LATEST' -o contrast.jar
```

Once complete, you should see the `contrast.jar` file in your current directory. (For example: `./contrast.jar`)

2. Download the YAML configuration file from the agent wizard (if you haven't already done so). To do this, in the Contrast application, select **Add new**.



Select **Java** as your language, then select **Download YAML configuration file**. The file will download locally and will contain the specific agent keys for your organization that will connect your application to Contrast.

3. To configure the agent, open the YAML configuration file in an editor. In addition to the pre-populated authentication keys, add the `agent.java.standalone_app_name` property. This property assigns the name of your application as you'd like to see it in Contrast. In this example, replace `<MyAppName>` with the name you'd like to use:

```
api:
  url: https://xxx.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast
  api_key: A2xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxG9N
  service_key: 88xxxxxxxxxxxxx5Z
  user_name: agent_xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxxx@OrgName
agent:
  java:
    standalone_app_name: <MyAppName>
```

4. Tell the agent where to find your YAML configuration file by entering this command in your command line interface.

```
java -javaagent:./contrast.jar -
Dcontrast.config.path=contrast_security.yaml -jar <ApplicationJarPath>
```

Be sure to replace `<ApplicationJarPath>` with the path to your application. For example: `./MyApplication.jar`

5. To verify that Contrast is working, use your application as you normally would. For example, click on your application's web interface, or send some API commands.  
Then in the Contrast web interface, select **Applications** in the header. You should see the name of your application (In this example, "MyAppName" should appear in the list of applications.)  
You can also select **Server** in the header and you should see the hostname of your (local) server listed here.

## Configure the Java agent

The [standard installation \(page 27\)](#) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#).

Configure the Java agent using:

- [Java system properties \(page 42\)](#)
- [Java YAML template \(page 42\)](#)

You may need to configure your application's Java environment to work effectively with the agent if your system uses:

- [Standalone applications \(page 56\)](#): If your JVM server hosts a single application you should specify the name using `agent.java.standalone_app_name`. Certain features like route coverage and build-based views require this.
- [Multi-tenant application configuration](#): If your JVM web server hosts multiple applications during a deployment, you can distinguish applications from each other and then apply individual configuration options.



### IMPORTANT

In some cases, you may wish to configure the agent to use a single application name but do not wish to treat application server code as belonging to the application. In this case, use `application.name` instead. Certain features like route coverage and build-based views do not work with `application.name` as they do with `agent.java.standalone_app_name`.

- [TLS certificates \(page 57\)](#)
- [Java 9 Modules \(page 57\)](#)
- [Java 2 Security \(page 57\)](#)
- [Integrations: \(page 258\)](#) The Contrast Java agent, can also be configured and run in conjunction with several third-party tools, plugins and integrations. Consult the remote product documentation for information about how other products work.

## Java system properties

Substitute `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#), and use these commands to learn more about system properties:

- To generate a list of general properties using the Contrast agent JAR, use:

```
java -jar <YourContrastJarPath> properties
```

- Use command line with tools to search for commands. For example, these commands display a list of proxy-related properties:

**Using the built-in filter:**

```
java -jar <YourContrastJarPath> properties --filter=proxy
```

## Java YAML configuration template

Use this template to configure the Java agent [using a YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#).

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==
# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
```

```
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the timeout for communicating with TeamServer. This property will be
# respected over the deprecated legacy configuration *contrast.timeout*.
# timeout_ms: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate with
# the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set value to
# `false` if you don't want to use the proxy. If no value is
# indicated, the presence of a valid **contrast.proxy.host**
# and **contrast.proxy.port** will enable the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy host. It must be set with port and scheme.
# host: localhost
```

```
# Set the proxy port. It must be set with host and scheme.
# port: 1234

# Set the proxy scheme (e.g., `http` or
# `https`). It must be set with host and port.
# scheme: http

# Set this property as an alternate for `scheme://host:port`. It takes
# precedence over the other settings, if specified; however, an error
# will be thrown if both the URL and individual properties are set.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy user.
# user: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy password.
# pass: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy authentication type. Value
# options are `NTLM`, `Digest`, and `Basic`.
# auth_type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
# agent:

# Set the amount of time to run the agent before shutting down itself
# (in milliseconds). A negative value disables scheduled shutdown.
# shutdown_time_ms: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Enable diagnostic logging by setting a path to a log file.
# While diagnostic logging hurts performance, it generates
# useful information for debugging Contrast. The value set here
# is the location to which the agent saves log output. If no
# log file exists at this location, the agent creates a file.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast.log* creates a log in the
# */opt/Contrast* directory, and rotates it automatically as needed.
```

```
# path: ./contrast_agent.log

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to
# `stdout` instead of the file system.
# stdout: false

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to `stderr` instead of
# the file system. May be combined with the corresponding
# `stdout` configuration to write to both streams.
# stderr: false

# Change the Contrast logger from a file-sized based rolling scheme
# to a date-based rolling scheme. At midnight server time, the
# previous day log is renamed to *file_name.yyyy-MM-dd*. Note -
# this scheme does not have a size limit; manual log pruning is
# required. You must set this flag to use the backups and size flags.
# roll_daily: false

# Set the roll size for log files in megabytes. The agent will
# attempt to prevent the log file from being larger than this size.
# roll_size: 100

# Set the number of backup files to keep. Set to `0` to disable.
# backups: 10

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the file to which the agent logs security events.
# path: ./contrast/security.log

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Change the Contrast security logger from a file-sized based rolling
# scheme to a date-based rolling scheme. At midnight server time,
# the log from the previous day is renamed to *file_name.yyyy-MM-dd*.
# Note - this scheme does not have a size limit; manual log
# pruning will be required. This flag must be set to use the
# backups and size flags. Value options are `true` or `false`.
# roll_daily: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the file size cap (in MB) of each log file.
```

```
# roll_size: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the number of backup logs that the agent will create before
# Contrast cleans up the oldest file. A value of `0` means that no \
backups
# are created, and the log is truncated when it reaches its size cap.
#
# Note - this property must be used with
# `agent.security_logger.roll_daily=false`; otherwise,
# Contrast continues to log daily and disregard this limit.
# backups: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
```

```
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog.heartbeat
# Define the following properties to
# set the Syslog heartbeat properties.
# \
=====
# heartbeat:

# Set to `true` to enable the Syslog heartbeat.
# The heartbeat will issue a Syslog message at
# the INFO level after every interval passes.
# enable: false

# Set the interval of the Syslog server for which to send
# heartbeat messages to the Syslog server (in milliseconds).
# interval_ms: 60000

# \
=====
# agent.java
# The following properties apply to any Java agent-wide configurations.
# \
=====
# java:

# Configure the Java agent to skip its application discovery
# algorithm, and instead associate all libraries, vulnerabilities,
# and web traffic to a single application with the name specified
# by this property. This configuration is preferred when deploying
# Java SE applications with embedded web servers (e.g., applications
# built with Spring Boot, Dropwizard, and embedded Jetty). When used
# with an application server, this configuration associates all
# web traffic with the single, standalone application, including
# web traffic handled by application server-hosted endpoints that
# would not be associated with a discovered application otherwise.
#
# Note - This settings takes preferences
# over the `application.name` setting.
# standalone_app_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# By default, the Java agent visits all classes at startup to look
# for vulnerabilities, which the agent may detect by scanning a
# class (e.g., hardcoded passwords). Set this property to `false`
# to disable the default behavior. If disabled, the agent will
# only visit classes which are likely to require sensors; this
# can improve application startup time, but may produce fewer
# findings (most likely findings that require static analysis).
#
# scan_all_classes: true

# By default, the Java agent deeply inspects all JAR and WAR files \
```

```
loaded
    # by the JVM to build a comprehensive understanding of the type \
hierarchy.
    # This understanding allows Contrast to instrument sensors into types
    # that it might have overlooked. In most cases, this produces a slight
    # increase in accuracy at the cost of increased application startup
    # time. Set this property to `false` to disable this level of \
inspection.
    #
    # scan_all_code_sources: true

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

    # Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
    # enable: true

    # Define a list of directories where libraries are stored. Directories \
must
    # be formatted as a semicolon-delimited list. \n Example - \
path1;path2;path3
    # library_dirs: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

    # Set the maximum archive unpacking depth when analyzing libraries.
    # library_depth: 10

    # Set the boolean to more aggressively limit the
    # manifest information reported for libraries. If true,
    # the limit is 1,000 characters, otherwise it's 3,000.
    # prune_package_details: true

    # Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
    # as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
    # tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
=====
==
# assess:

    # Include this property to determine if the Assess
    # feature should be enabled. If this property is not
    # present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
```



```
# enable: false

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# assess.sampling
# Use the following properties to control sampling in the agent.
# \
=====
# sampling:

# Set to `false` to disable sampling.
# enable: true

# This property indicates the number of requests
# to analyze in each window before sampling begins.
# baseline: 5

# This property indicates that every *nth*
# request after the baseline is analyzed.
# request_frequency: 10

# This property indicates the duration for which a sample set is valid.
# window_ms: 180_000

# \
=====
# assess.rules
# Use the following properties to control simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Assess rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
#
# Example - Set "reflected-xss,sql-injection" to disable
# the reflected-xss rule and the sql-injection rule.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# profile
# Set configuration values under a profile name to enable
# multi-tenant application configuration on web servers. See
# https://support.contrastsecurity.com/hc/en-us/articles/360052187171-Multi-Application-configuration-with-Contrast-Profiles
# for more details.
# \
=====
```

```

==
# profile: {}

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules
# Use the following properties to set simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Protect rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# protect.rules.bot-blocker
# Use the following properties to configure
# if and how the agent blocks bots.
# \
=====
# bot-blocker:

# Set to `true` for the agent to block known bots.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection
# Use the following properties to override a specific
# Protect rule. The key is the rule ID in the
# Contrast UI with dashes replaced by underscores.
# \
=====
# sql-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or off.
#

```

```
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals tautologies used in exfiltration attacks (e.g., "\"or
# 1=1\" or "\"or 2<>3\"). The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_tautologies: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals the invocation of dangerous functions typically used in
# weaponized exploits. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_dangerous_functions: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals chained queries, which is uncommon in normal usage but
# common in exploit. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_chained_queries: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals database queries are being made for system tables and
# sensitive information. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_suspicious_unions: true

# Tell the agent to be more aggressive in detecting user
# inputs as SQL comments. This enables the agent to better
# detect SQL Injection input vectors that use comments to
# terminate queries. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# aggressive_comment: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-chaining
# Use the following properties to configure how the
# sql injection semantic analysis chaining rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-chaining:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis dangerous functions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off
```

```
# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis suspicious unions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-tautologies
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis tautologies rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-tautologies:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.cmd-injection
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the command injection rule works.
# \
=====
# cmd-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Detect when the agent sees user parameters being executed as
# system commands. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_parameter_command_backdoors: true

# Detect when a system command is issued which contains
# chained commands. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_chained_commands: true

# Detect when a system command is issued with an argument matching a
# known dangerous file path. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_dangerous_path_args: true
```

```
# Tell the agent to detect when commands come directly
# from input. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_phased_commands: true

# \
=====
# protect.rules.path-traversal
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the path traversal rule works.
# \
=====
# path-traversal:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Detect when custom code attempts to access sensitive
# system files. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_custom_code_accessing_system_files: true

# Detect when users attempt to bypass filters by
# using `::$DATA\` channels or null bytes in file
# names. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_common_file_exploits: true

# \
=====
# protect.rules.method-tampering
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the method tampering rule works.
# \
=====
# method-tampering:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.reflected-xss
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the reflected cross-site scripting rule works.
# \
=====
# reflected-xss:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
```

```
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.xxe
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the XML external entity works.
# \
=====
# xxe:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.csrf
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the cross-site request forgery rule works.
# \
=====
# csrf:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.padding-oracle
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the padding-oracle rule works.
# \
=====
# padding-oracle: {}

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
=====
```

```

==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# server

```

```
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server type.
# type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Configure the Java agent for standalone applications

The process to run the Java agent on a standalone application is very similar to the standard process for [installing \(page 32\)](#) and configuring a Java web application.

To configure the Java agent for a standalone application, pass the name of your application in the `contrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name` system property.

For example, replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` and `<YourAppJarPath>` with the file paths to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) and your application JAR. Replace `<YourAppName>` with your application name, and use these commands:

```
java -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> \
-Dcontrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name=<YourAppName> \
-jar <YourAppJarPath> \
<application arguments>
```



### TIP

There are multiple ways to [configure an agent \(page 27\)](#), aside from using system properties.

If your application's JAR includes shaded dependencies the Java agent can't directly determine library usage. Instead, the Java agent will report a list of JARs based on the information gathered from the `pom.properties` files provided with the included libraries.





### IMPORTANT

In some cases, like [multi-tenant configuration](#), you may wish to configure the agent to use a single application name but do not wish to treat application server code as belonging to the application. In this case, use `application.name` instead. Certain features like route coverage and build-based views do not work with `application.name` as they do with `agent.java.standalone_app_name`.

## Transport Layer Security (TLS)

The Contrast Java agent uses a secure TLS connection to communicate with Contrast.

For hosted customers, Contrast uses strong TLSv1.2 connections and certificates signed by industry standard certificate authorities (CAs). However, on-premises customers may need to configure the Java agent to use enterprise CAs, and may want the Java agent to send client certificates in the TLS handshake.

The Contrast Java agent uses the standard [Java Cryptography Architecture](#) for configuring TLS. Specifically, the Java agent uses the system's "TLS" [javax.net.ssl.SSLContext](#). For most users, this means that you can adjust the certificates trusted by the agent using the standard `javax.net.ssl.trustStore` system properties. You can also adjust the certificate the agent sends when the TLS server requests a client certificate using the standard `javax.net.ssl.keyStore` system properties.

This example configures the Java agent to use a custom key store and trust store:

```
java \
  -javaagent:contrast.jar \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.trustStore=/etc/pki/tls/my-enterprise-truststore.p12 \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword=changeit \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.trustStoreType=PKCS12 \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.keyStore=/etc/pki/tls/server-client-certificate.p12 \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword=password \
  -Djavax.net.ssl.keyStoreType=PKCS12 \
  -jar my-server.jar
```

## Use the Java Agent with the Java Platform Module System (JPMS)

JPMS is a way to encapsulate code that was introduced with Java 9. Contrast supports inspection of modules and launching of applications written with the JPMS.

The Java Agent requires that the `java.sql` package be required by the application's `module-info.java` files:

```
module mymodule {
    requires java.sql;
}
```

or supplied by the `--add-modules` command-line argument at runtime:

```
java -javaagent:/opt/contrast/contrast-agent.jar --add-modules java.sql --
module-path libs --module mymodule/mycompany.App
```

## Java 2 security

The Java 2 security manager allows system administrators to enforce policies that dictate the permissions available to Java code within a JVM.

If you are using the Java 2 security manager with the Java agent, you will need to configure Java security policy files to apply permissions to Java code principals.

Java code principals are typically identified by a `CodeSource` (like, a JAR), and in rare cases, by the entity that signed the JAR.

For example, in Tomcat's [default catalina.policy file](#), the policy grants permissions to the JDBC driver JAR:

```
// The permission granted to your JDBC driver
grant codeBase "jar:file:${catalina.base}/webapps/examples/WEB-INF/lib/
driver.jar!/-" {
    permission \
java.net.SocketPermission "dbhost.mycompany.com:5432", "connect";
};
```

The Java 2 security manager can be useful in situations where the system administrator can't fully trust the code deployed by users. For example, if you are hosting users' applications on multi-tenant Tomcat instances, you could use the Java 2 security manager to constrain users' applications from taking down their whole service (for example, by disallowing calls to `System.exit()`).

If you are using the Java 2 security manager with the Contrast Java agent, you should grant the Java agent the full set of permissions in your security policy file (*java.security.AllPermission*). To do this, replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#), and use:

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

If you are using Java 2 security manager and one of these environments, you may also need to complete further configuration:

- [GlassFish \(page 280\)](#)
- [Jetty \(page 285\)](#)
- [Tomcat \(page 301\)](#)
- [WebLogic \(page 305\)](#)
- [WebSphere \(page 306\)](#)
- [WildFly \(page 284\)](#)

## .NET Framework agent

The Contrast .NET Framework agent analyzes the behavior of .NET web applications as users interact with these applications.

Once installed, the .NET Framework agent automatically instruments ASP.NET applications deployed to IIS. Agent analysis is performed as applications are exercised by users (or by automated scripts or tests).

You can view the results of the agent's analysis in the Contrast application. The Contrast .NET Framework agent consists of several components:

- **Background Windows service:** (*DotnetAgentService.exe*) This service prepares the environment for instrumentation and manages communication between agent components. This is the main service that controls agent behavior. You can disable Contrast's instrumentation and analysis by stopping the agent's background Windows service.
- **The .NET Profiler:** This instruments applications to weave in method calls out to agent sensors.
- **Sensors:** These gather security, architecture and library information.

- **The .NET Framework Contrast tray (page 89):** This is a Windows system tray application that displays high-level information about the health of the agent.

As a next step, you can:

- [Install the .NET Framework agent \(page 60\)](#)
- [View supported technologies \(page 59\)](#)
- [View system requirements \(page 60\)](#)
- [Use the agent with IIS Express \(page 86\)](#)
- [Use application pools in IIS \(page 91\)](#)

## Supported technologies for the .NET Framework agent

The Contrast .NET agent supports analysis of web applications built on the following technologies.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
<b>.NET Framework for Windows</b>		
Runtime version	4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.8	<p>Previous versions are supported with the <a href="#">Legacy .NET Framework agent (page 84)</a></p> <p>If you are using Azure App Service or Docker you must use CLR4.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classic ASP language Classic ASP applications don't run on the .NET runtime.</li> <li>• Mono runtime The agent uses the CLR Profiling API to instrument applications. The CLR Profiling API is a Component Object Model (COM)-based interface exposed by the CLR. Linux does not support COM. Therefore Mono does not support the CLR Profiling API and Contrast cannot support Mono.</li> </ul>
CLR	CLR4	
Web servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IIS</li> <li>• IIS Express</li> </ul>	
Application frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASP.NET MVC 3-5</li> <li>• ASP.NET Web Forms</li> <li>• ASP.NET Web Pages</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted ASMX-based Web Services</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted Web API</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted WCF Services</li> <li>• OWIN Hosted Web API (via a Windows service or a command line application)</li> </ul>	<p>These frameworks are explicitly tested, however, you may still be able to analyze other applications if the framework simply wraps the typical ASP.NET classes (for example, System.Web.HttpRequest).</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of .NET Framework ASP.NET Core applications (use our <a href="#">.NET Core agent (page 93)</a> to analyze .NET Core applications).</li> <li>• Applications running under partial trust.</li> </ul>



### NOTE

For Azure App Service, .NET Framework applications must use the .NET Framework [site extension](#) or [NuGet package](#).

.NET Core applications must use the .NET Core-specific [site extension](#) or [NuGet package](#).

## System requirements for .NET Framework agent

Before installing the .NET Framework agent, you must meet the following requirements:

- You have administrative access to a web server, and the server is supported by Contrast.
- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.
- IIS can be restarted.
- The web server has network connectivity with Contrast.
- The server meets the minimum requirements.

Requirements	Recommended	Notes
Runtime	4.7.1 or later	
Operating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows 10</li> <li>• Windows Server 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019</li> <li>• Azure Virtual Machines, Cloud Services, Mobile Services</li> <li>• Azure App Service</li> </ul>	
Processor architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32-bit</li> <li>• 64-bit</li> </ul>	On 64-bit systems, you can use the agent to analyze both 32-bit and 64-bit web applications.
CPU	At least 4	Minimum: 2
Memory	At least 8 GB	Minimum: 4 GB
	The .NET agent roughly doubles the memory requirements of analyzed applications. Applications should use less than half of the available memory when the .NET agent is not installed.	
Server	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .NET Framework 4.7.1</li> <li>• CLR 4 (.NET 4.0 and later).</li> </ul>	For servers on earlier versions use the <a href="#">Legacy .NET Framework agent (page 84)</a>



### NOTE

The .NET Framework agent uses the CLR Profiling API to perform data and code flow analysis (for example, detect SQL-injection, XSS, weak cryptography) as well as to detect libraries and technologies used by analyzed applications.

The Contrast agent can [exist alongside other .NET Profiler agents \(page 88\)](#), such as performance or APM tools with the `agent.dotnet.enable_chaining` configuration setting enabled.

## Install the .NET Framework agent

In most deployments, much of the installation is done automatically by the installer or site extension. A basic installation of the .NET Framework agent looks like this:

1. Download the installer and place it on the server.
2. Run the installer.
3. Use the application as you normally would and verify that Contrast sees your application.



### NOTE

If you are using Windows 2008, a version of .NET Framework prior to 4.7.1 or if your application targets CLR2, you should use the [Legacy .NET Framework agent installer \(page 84\)](#).

Specifically, installation varies depending on how you want to install the .NET Framework agent:

- [.NET Framework Windows installer \(page 61\)](#)
- [Azure App Service \(page 64\)](#)
- [Into a container, like Docker \(page 65\)](#)
- [Web API-OWIN \(page 67\)](#)

## **.NET Framework agent installer for Windows**

The Contrast .NET Framework agent installer is a normal Windows application installer built using standard MSI technology. It validates that the target server satisfies several requirements (for example, that the server's operating system is a supported operating system). If all requirements are met, the installer:

- Registers the .NET Framework agent as a standard Windows program.
- Places the agent's files on a disk in the specified install location (for example, *C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet*). This includes several dynamic link libraries (DLLs) and executables, such as the background Windows service that drives agent behavior.
- Creates the specified data directory for the agent that's primarily used to store agent log files and configuration (for example, *C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet*).
- Registers the agent's background Windows service with the operating system.
- Starts the agent's background Windows service and [Contrast tray \(page 89\)](#) application. This service is responsible for:
  - Preparing the environment for instrumentation by registering the agent's profiler component with IIS through environment variables, and restarting IIS. This causes the CLR to load the agent's profiler, which is responsible for instrumenting analyzed applications.
  - Communication with profiler and sensor components through local named pipes.



### **NOTE**

- If you are using the agent with [self-hosted Web API and OWIN \(page 67\)](#) (outside of IIS), further configuration is needed.
- If you are using Windows 2008, a version of .NET Framework prior to 4.7.1 or if your application targets CLR2, you should use the [Legacy .NET Framework agent installer \(page 84\)](#).

To install the .NET Framework agent using Contrast:

1. In the Contrast web application, select **Add new** in the top right.
2. Choose **.NET Framework** in the application language drop-down menu, then select **IIS hosted** and select the link to **Download the agent and YAML configuration file**.
3. Extract the downloaded ZIP archive on the web server, and run *ContrastSetup.exe*. This installs the .NET Framework agent.

The *contrast\_security.yaml* file is copied to the agent's data directory by the installer and placed in *C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet\contrast\_security.yaml* by default. The installer does not copy the YAML file if it already exists at the destination.



### TIP

You can [use the command line \(page 62\)](#) to access additional options supported by the .NET Framework agent installer for Windows.

If you are using another profiler in this environment, such as an APM like New Relic or AppDynamics, then you need to enable [Contrast profiler chaining \(page 88\)](#).

4. You can further [configure the .NET Framework agent \(page 69\)](#) using the [.NET Framework YAML template \(page 71\)](#).
5. Use the application as you normally would and verify that Contrast sees your application.



### NOTE

If there are some applications you don't need to analyze, or if you are trying to be lean on performance, consider using [application pools \(page 91\)](#) to limit the number of applications instrumented.

You can [stop and start the agent \(page 63\)](#) to disable or enable analysis of your application.

## Install the .NET Framework agent using command line

You can use the command line to access additional options supported by the .NET Framework agent installer for Windows.

The .NET agent can be installed using the Windows UI, and uninstalled or repaired using standard Windows features (including the Programs and Features Control Panel and Powershell). However, you may want to use the .NET Framework agent installer for Windows to perform these actions instead for certain scenarios such as automated scripting.

Use these commands for attended mode:

- **Install:** `ContrastSetup.exe`
- **Uninstall:** `ContrastSetup.exe -uninstall`
- **Repair:** `ContrastSetup.exe -repair`

Use these commands for unattended or silent mode:

- **Install:** `ContrastSetup.exe -s -norestart`
- **Uninstall:** `ContrastSetup.exe -uninstall -s -norestart`
- **Repair:** `ContrastSetup.exe -repair -s -norestart`

The .NET Framework agent installer for Windows supports several additional options that are accessible when you use the command line for installation.

Option	Description	Example
<code>StartTray</code>	When set to 0, this suppresses the start of the tray application when agent installation is completed. This is recommended when installing the agent on Windows Server Core instances. The default is 1.	<code>StartTray=0</code>
<code>PathToYaml</code>	This specifies a custom YAML configuration file. The default is the <code>contrast_security.yaml</code> file located relative to the installer's location.	<code>PathToYaml=c:\contrast_security.yaml</code>

Option	Description	Example
SERVICE_STARTUP_TYPE_MANUAL	This must be provided when installing, upgrading and repairing the agent. If set to 1, this option sets the Contrast service startup type to Manual. The default is 0 (Automatic Delayed Start).	SERVICE_STARTUP_TYPE_MANUAL=1
SUPPRESS_SERVICE_START	This must be provided when installing, upgrading and repairing the agent. If set to 1, this option suppresses automatically starting the service. The default is 0.	SUPPRESS_SERVICE_START=1



### TIP

To install the .NET agent using scripts, you can use this command:

```
ContrastSetup.exe -s -norestart StartTray=0 PathToYaml=C:\Temp\custom.yaml
```

This command installs the .NET agent in silent and unattended mode, suppresses the start of the tray application, and uses a custom path to the YAML configuration file.

## Start and stop the .NET Framework agent

To **start** the agent, and enable analysis, use one of these options:

1. Select **Windows Start > Services**, then right-click on **Contrast.NET Main Service** and select **Start**.
2. From an administrator command prompt, use:

```
net start DotnetAgentSvc
```



### NOTE

By default, the Contrast .NET Main Service is set to `Startup Type: Automatic (Delayed Start)`. This means it automatically starts, either during installation or when Windows starts.

To stop the agent, and consequently disable Contrast instrumentation and analysis, use one of these options:

1. Select **Windows Start > Services**, then right-click on **Contrast.NET Main Service** and select **Stop**.
2. From an administrator command prompt, use:

```
net stop DotnetAgentSvc
```



### IMPORTANT

Contrast automatically restarts IIS when you install the agent as well as any time that the .NET agent is stopped or started.

The .NET Profiling API requires that profiled processes be started with a profiler. Therefore, the .NET agent must restart IIS (and any IIS worker processes) to attach the Contrast profiler. This process is similar to how other profiling products (for example, memory or performance profilers) behave.

You may want to change the configuration of any web server monitoring tools that raise alarms when IIS restarts.

The .NET agent restarts IIS by stopping the Windows Process Activation Service (WAS), and then starts any previously running services that are dependent on WAS, such as World Wide Web Publishing Service (W3SVC). In some cases, users needed to manually configure service dependencies so that WAS-dependent services restart with IIS (for example, MSMQ Listener Adapter).

## Install the .NET Framework agent for Azure App Service



### NOTE

If you don't have access to the site extension, you can [manually install the .NET Framework agent with NuGet \(page 66\)](#).

To install the .NET Framework agent using Azure Portal Extensions:

1. Create an application hosted on Azure App Service.  
To do this you must have an [Azure account](#) and [create an ASP.NET Framework web app](#). Publish your application to Azure, and confirm that it works as expected without Contrast.
2. [Find your keys \(page 28\)](#) and [configure the agent \(page 69\)](#) with [YAML \(page 29\)](#).
3. [Add the site extension to the hosted application](#).  
Select **Extensions > Add > Contrast.NET Site Extension**.  
Select **OK** and agree to the terms and conditions. Confirm that the site extension installed correctly.  
Go back to the application overview and select **Restart**.
4. Confirm that your application is reporting to Contrast.



### TIP

You can also install the agent from the Site Extensions area of your application management SCM (Kudu) site.





## IMPORTANT

If a new version of the agent is available, it's indicated in the Azure Portal or Kudu dashboard. You must stop the site before starting the update; otherwise, the update may fail.



## NOTE

The site extension sets a number of environment variables, including:

```
COR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1
COR_PROFILER={EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}
COR_PROFILER_PATH_32=D:\home\siteextensions
\Contrast.Net.Azure.SiteExtension\ContrastAppService
\ContrastProfiler-32.dll
COR_PROFILER_PATH_64=D:\home\siteextensions
\Contrast.Net.Azure.SiteExtension\ContrastAppService
\ContrastProfiler-64.dll
CONTRAST_INSTALL_DIRECTORY=D:\home\siteextensions
\Contrast.Net.Azure.SiteExtension\ContrastAppService\
MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine_ConfigPath32_ContrastX86Config=D:
\home\siteextensions\Contrast.Net.Azure.SiteExtension
\ContrastCieProfiler-32.config
MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine_ConfigPath64_ContrastX64Config=D:
\home\siteextensions\Contrast.Net.Azure.SiteExtension
\ContrastCieProfiler-64.config
```

If the CLR instrumentation engine (CIE) is configured for the application (for example, because Application Insights is enabled), Azure should automatically overwrite the COR\_PROFILER\* variables to point to the profiler of the CIE.

The CIE will then use the MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine\_\* variables to load the Contrast agent.

If the CIE is not configured for the application, the standard COR\_PROFILER\* variables will be used to load the Contrast agent.

## Install the .NET Framework agent using a container

### Before you begin

This topic provides general guidance for installing the Contrast .NET Framework agent in a containerized application, with Docker as an example.

You should have a basic understanding of how containers and related software work. You may need to adjust the instructions to meet your specific circumstances.

### Install the agent

If you are using containerized applications, you can install the Contrast .NET Framework agent using the NuGet package.

1. Use a Docker image based on [Microsoft ASP.NET](#).

- Download Contrast agent assemblies from the [Contrast.NET.Azure.AppService NuGet package](#).
- Extract the NuGet package.
- Set the following [environment variables \(page 30\)](#) on the application process. Replace `<YourPath>` with the path to the extracted files.

Environment variable	Value
COR_ENABLE_PROFILING	1
COR_PROFILER	{EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}
COR_PROFILER_PATH_32	<YourPath>\content\contrast\ContrastProfiler-32.dll
COR_PROFILER_PATH_64	<YourPath>\content\contrast\ContrastProfiler-64.dll

- Use the [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) or [environment variables \(page 30\)](#) to configure authentication with Contrast and [other settings for the .NET Framework agent \(page 69\)](#).



### TIP

You can see examples of finished code in this [GitHub repository](#). In particular, these ASP.NET application use cases might be helpful.

Default AppPool:

- [Dockerfile](#)
- [Entrypoint script](#)

Custom AppPool:

- [Dockerfile](#)
- [Entrypoint script](#)

### See also

Contrast Support Portal [Kubernetes and Contrast](#)

Contrast Support Portal [AWS Fargate and Contrast agents](#)

## Install the .NET Framework agent manually with NuGet

In some instances, you may prefer to manually install the .NET Framework agent using NuGet. For example, this can be useful if you are unable to access the [Azure App Service site extension \(page 64\)](#) or if you prefer to include the .NET Framework agent as a dependency.

- Add the Contrast NuGet package to your application.  
In Visual Studio, under the application project in the Solution Explorer, right-click on **References** and select **Manage NuGet Packages**.  
Search for the **Contrast.Net.Azure.AppService** package, select it and add it to your project.  
Build your application. Confirm that Contrast assemblies (for example, *ContrastProfiler-64.dll*) are in a new *contrastsecurity* folder that's created in the application's root directory.
- Add application authentication settings for Contrast.  
You can either add the authentication settings through the App Service Settings window in Visual Studio's "Publish to Azure App Service", or directly through the Azure App Service Portal.  
Set the Contrast authentication keys that the agent needs to connect to Contrast, and select **Save**.  
You can [find your keys \(page 28\)](#) in your profile.
- Follow the build process from the dotnet source code repository.
- Go to the **Application settings** area of your application in the Azure Portal. Set the Contrast authentication keys that the agent needs to connect to Contrast, and select **Save**.

5. Using Visual Studio, publish the application to Azure.  
Once the application has loaded, use the application and then open Contrast to verify that the server and application are active, and that any expected vulnerabilities appear.

## Install the .NET Framework agent with Web API and Owin

The .NET agent supports analysis of Web API applications that are self-hosted with the Open Web Interface for .NET (OWIN). The Web Api can be deployed as a command line application and Windows service.



### NOTE

Web API applications hosted in the IIS integrated pipeline using the SystemWeb HttpModule and those deployed with an OWIN Host are **not supported**.

1. Install the .NET agent with [.NET Framework agent installer for Windows \(page 61\)](#).
2. Set the environment variables, depending on how you deploy your Web API hosted by OWIN.
  - **Deployed as a command line application:** Set these environment variables before running the command line application that is being used to self-host OWIN:

Environment variable	Value
COR_ENABLE_PROFILING	1
COR_PROFILER	{EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}
COR_PROFILER_PATH_32	C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet\ContrastProfiler-32.dll
COR_PROFILER_PATH_64	C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet\ContrastProfiler-64.dll



### NOTE

COR\_PROFILER\_PATH\_32 / COR\_PROFILER\_PATH\_64 must match the installation directory chosen during the install of the .NET Framework agent.

- **Deployed as a Windows service:**  
Install the service that contains the Web API application. Note the name of the service.  
Under the service's registry key, create a REG\_MULTI\_SZ value called `Environment`. If there is already an `Environment` value, add the new values below the existing values.  
Set the required environment variables. Each environment variable key/value pair must be separated by a new line. Environment variables that are unique for each service can be set under that service's registry key. The service's registry key can be found at: `HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\YourServiceName`

Environment variable	Value
COR_ENABLE_PROFILING	1
COR_PROFILER	{EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}
COR_PROFILER_PATH_32	C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet\ContrastProfiler-32.dll
COR_PROFILER_PATH_64	C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet\ContrastProfiler-64.dll
CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH	C:\ProgramData\contrast\dotnet\contrast_security.yaml



### NOTE

COR\_PROFILER\_PATH\_32 / COR\_PROFILER\_PATH\_64 must match the installation directory chosen during the install of the .NET Framework agent.

- Restart the service so that new values are loaded. This Powershell script can be used to set the required environment variables:

```
param (
    # Name of the service that it was given at installation.
    [Parameter(Mandatory=$true)]
    [string]
    $ServiceName,

    # Path to the 64-bit Contrast profiler DLL.
    # Defaults to: "C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet
    \ContrastProfiler-64.dll"
    [string]
    $ProfilerPath64 = "C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet
    \ContrastProfiler-64.dll",

    # Path to the 32-bit Contrast profiler DLL.
    # Defaults to: "C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet
    \ContrastProfiler-32.dll"
    [string]
    $ProfilerPath32 = "C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet
    \ContrastProfiler-32.dll",

    # Path to the Contrast agent configuration YAML file.
    # Defaults to: "C:\ProgramData\contrast\dotnet
    \contrast_security.yaml"
    [string]
    $ConfigYamlPath = "C:\ProgramData\contrast\dotnet
    \contrast_security.yaml"
)

if (-Not (Test-Path -Path $ProfilerPath64 -PathType Leaf)) {
    Write-Host "Cannot find 64-bit profiler DLL at path \
    \"$ProfilerPath64\"."
    exit 1
}

if (-Not (Test-Path -Path $ConfigYamlPath -PathType Leaf)) {
    Write-Host "Cannot find configuration YAML file at path \
    \"$ConfigYamlPath\"."
    exit 1
}

if (-Not (Test-Path -Path $ProfilerPath32 -PathType Leaf)) {
    Write-Host "Cannot find 32-bit profiler DLL at path \
    \"$ProfilerPath32\"."
    exit 1
}

# Check if there is a service with the specified name installed.
$service = Get-Service -Name $ServiceName -ErrorAction Ignore

if ($null -Eq $service) {
    Write-Host "The service \"$ServiceName\" was not found."
    exit 2
}
```

```
# Create value for multiline registry string.
$values = @(
    "COR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1",
    "COR_PROFILER={EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}",
    "COR_PROFILER_PATH_64=$ProfilerPath64",
    "COR_PROFILER_PATH_32=$ProfilerPath32",
    "CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH=$ConfigYamlPath"
)

$registryKey = "HKLM:\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\$ServiceName"

# Check if the Environment value already exists.
$environmentValue = Get-ItemProperty -Path $registryKey -
Name "Environment" -ErrorAction Ignore

if ($null -ne $environmentValue) {
    # Add the Contrast environment variables to the existing variables.
    $existingValues = \
[System.Collections.ArrayList]@($environmentValue.Environment)
    foreach ($item in $values) {
        $idx = $existingValues.Add($item)
    }
    $values = $existingValues
}

# Set the environment variables for the service.
Set-ItemProperty -Path $registryKey -Type MultiString -
Name "Environment" -Value $values

# Restart the service so it picks up the new environment variables.
Restart-Service -Name $ServiceName
```

## Configure the .NET Framework agent

The [standard configuration \(page 27\)](#) uses this [order of precedence](#).

Configure the .NET Framework agent:

- [For Azure App Service \(page 69\)](#)
- [In the `web.config` file \(page 70\)](#)
- [With a YAML template \(page 71\)](#)

## .NET Framework agent-specific settings for Azure App Service

You can configure the .NET Framework agent for Azure App Service in the Azure Portal in three ways:

- Use the environment variable convention of agent configuration. Add all settings to the **Application Settings** section of the **Configuration** blade in the Azure Portal using [environment variable syntax \(page 30\)](#).
- Specify application configuration options in an application's `web.config` file. For the agent to pick up customized application settings, you must place these settings in the application `web.config` file's root configuration `appSettings` section. See [application-specific settings for Windows \(page 70\)](#) for more details.
- Instead of setting individual options in the Azure Portal, you may use a YAML configuration file containing Contrast settings. First, upload the file to your Azure web application by including it in your application deployment or using the Kudu console. Then add an application setting, `CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH`, that points to this file.

For example, To use the `contrast_security.yaml` file in the root of your application, add an application setting with key `CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH` and value `D:\Home\site\wwwroot\contrast_security.yaml`. Application files in Azure App Service are deployed to `D:\home\site\wwwroot`.

## Specify settings in `web.config` file

You can specify the configuration options in an application's `web.config` file or using YAML configuration. For the agent to pick up customized application settings with `web.config`, you must place these settings in the application `web.config` file's root configuration `appSettings` section.

For example, two applications hosted in the same application pool will report as different servers if you configure the `contrast.server.name` property in the `appSettings` in each application's `web.config` file. Or, you could use `web.config` to configure the `contrast.application.name`, like this:

```
<configuration>
  <appSettings>
    <add key="contrast.application.name" value="MyWebAppName" />
    <add key="contrast.application.version" value="1.2.3" />
  </appSettings>
  <system.web>
    ...
```

See the [.NET Framework YAML template \(page 69\)](#) for a description of other available properties.

If your agent version is earlier than 21.1.4, only some properties can be configured with `web.config` as listed here.

Properties	Introduced with this .NET Framework agent version
<code>contrast.application.code</code>	19.6.3
<code>contrast.application.group</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.application.metadata</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.application.name</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.application.session_id</code>	20.6.6
<code>contrast.application.session_metadata</code>	20.6.6
<code>contrast.application.tags</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.application.version</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.assess.tags</code>	19.1.3
<code>contrast.inventory.tags</code>	19.1.3



### NOTE

If `contrast.application.name` is not specified, the .NET Framework agent will use the application's virtual path as an application name. If the application is hosted in the root of a site (meaning, the virtual path is `/`), the .NET Framework agent will use the site's name as the application name.



## IMPORTANT

Starting with agent version 21.1.4, users can set most agent configuration settings either with the application's `web.config` file or with a `contrast_security.yaml` file in the same directory as the application. For example, two applications hosted in the same application pool can now report as different servers by setting `contrast.server.name` in the `appSettings` in each application's `web.config` file.

The following configuration settings are applied at the *process* level and cannot be customized separately for each application. You cannot set these properties using *web.config* and must set these configurations another way (like with YAML).

- `agent.dotnet.app_pool_denylist`
- `agent.dotnet.app_pool_allowlist`
- `agent.dotnet.enable_instrumentation_optimizations`
- `agent.dotnet.enable_jit_inlining`
- `agent.dotnet.enable_transparency_checks`
- `agent.dotnet.enable_struct_dataflow`
- `assess.enable_control_detection`

Additionally, the agent's profiler component uses the process-level settings for the following keys, while the agent's sensor component will use the application-specific settings (if specified):

- `agent.logger.level`
- `agent.logger.stdout`

## .NET Framework YAML template

Configure the .NET Framework agent using a [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) file.

The `contrast_security.yaml` file is copied to the agent's data directory by the installer (`C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet\contrast_security.yaml` by default). The installer does not copy the YAML file if it already exists at the destination.

The template below contains all valid YAML options for this agent. For example, you can use the file to disable automatic updates of the .NET Framework agent. To do this, update the `contrast_security.yaml` file, add a new line and the code below, and then continue the installation as normal.

```
agent:
  auto_update:
    enable: false
```

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==
```

```
# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the version of the TLS protocol the agent uses to communicate with \
the
# Contrast UI. The .NET agent default behavior is \
(SecurityProtocolType.Tls
# | SecurityProtocolType.Tls11 | SecurityProtocolType.Tls12).
# tls_versions: tls|tls11|tls12

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Determine the location from which the agent loads a client
# certificate. Value options include `File` or `Store`.
```



```
# certificate_location: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute path to the client certificate's
# .CER file for communication with Contrast UI. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `File`.
# cer_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the name of certificate store to open. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
# Value options include `AuthRoot`, `CertificateAuthority`,
# `My`, `Root`, `TrustedPeople`, or `TrustedPublisher`.
# store_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the location of the certificate store. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
# Value options include `CurrentUser` or `LocalMachine`.
# store_location: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the type of value the agent uses to find the certificate
# in the collection of certificates from the certificate store.
# The `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
# Value options include `FindByIssuerDistinguishedName`,
# `FindByIssuerName`, `FindBySerialNumber`,
# `FindBySubjectDistinguishedName`, `FindBySubjectKeyIdentifier`,
# `FindBySubjectName`, or `FindByThumbprint`.
# find_type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the value the agent uses in combination with
# `find_type` to find a certification in the certificate store.
#
# Note - The agent will use the first certificate from
# the certificate store that matches this search criteria.
# find_value: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate
# with the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set
# value to `false` if you don't want to use the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy user.
# user: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Set the proxy password.
# pass: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy authentication type. Value
# options are `NTLM`, `Digest`, and `Basic`.
# auth_type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
# agent:

# \
=====
# agent.auto_update
# TODO
# \
=====
# auto_update:

# Set to `true` for the agent to automatically upgrade to newer \
versions.
# enable: true

# Set the location to which to save the
# agent artifact before installation.
# path: /tmp/contrast/

# Set the length of time to wait before aborting the auto-update \
attempt.
# timeout_ms: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the frequency with which the agent checks for updates.
# Valid values are `daily` for every 24 hours and on
# startup, or `startup` for *only* when service starts up.
# checks: daily

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
```

```
# level: ERROR

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to
# `stdout` instead of the file system.
# stdout: false

# Set the roll size for log files in megabytes. The agent will
# attempt to prevent the log file from being larger than this size.
# roll_size: 100

# Set the number of backup files to keep. Set to `0` to disable.
# backups: 10

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT
```

```
# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# Set the connection type used for Syslog messages.
# Value options are `UNENCRYPTED` and `ENCRYPTED`.
# connection_type: UNENCRYPTED

# \
=====
# agent.dotnet
# The following properties apply to any .NET agent-wide configurations.
# \
=====
# dotnet:

# Set a list of application pool names that the agent does not \
instrument
# or analyze. Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# app_pool_denylist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set a list of application pool names that the agent
# instruments or analyzes. If set, other application pools
# are ignored. Allowlist takes precedence over denylist.
# Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# app_pool_allowlist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set a list of application names that the agent does not
# analyze. (The applications are still instrumented).
# Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# application_denylist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set a list of application names that the agent analyzes.
# If set, other applications are not analyzed, but are still
# instrumented. Allowlist takes precedence over denylist.
# Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# application_allowlist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Enable an experimental profiler chaining feature to allow Contrast
# to work alongside other tools that use the CLR Profiling API.
# enable_chaining: false
```

```
# Indicate that the agent should produce a report
# that summarizes application hosting on the server
# (e.g., CLR versions, bitness or pipeline modes).
# enable_dvnr: true

# Indicate that the agent should allow CLR
# optimizations of JIT-compiled methods.
# enable_instrumentation_optimizations: true

# Indicate that the agent should allow the CLR to
# inline methods that are not instrumented by Contrast.
# enable_jit_inlining: true

# Indicate that the agent should allow the CLR to
# perform transparency checks under full trust.
# enable_transparency_checks: false

# Indicate that the agent should automatically restart IIS to
# apply certain configuration changes (e.g., app_pool_denylist).
# restart_iis_on_config_change: true

# Indicate that the agent should not check
# for other profilers before starting.
# skip_profiler_check: false

# Responses for request paths (e.g., HttpRequest.Path)
# that match this regex are not analyzed. See
# https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/troubleshooting-netissues.html#zero
# for more information.
# web_module_allowlist: WebResource.axd

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
# enable: true

# Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
# as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
```

```
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# Control the values captured by Assess vulnerability events. `Full`
# captures most values by calling ToString on objects, which can
# provide more info but causes increased memory usage. `Minimal`
# has better performance as it only captures String type objects
# as strings and uses type name for other object type values.
# event_detail: minimal

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Value options are `ALL`, `SOME`, or `NONE`.
# stacktraces: ALL

# \
=====
# assess.sampling
# Use the following properties to control sampling in the agent.
# \
=====
# sampling:

# Set to `false` to disable sampling.
# enable: true

# This property indicates the number of requests
# to analyze in each window before sampling begins.
# baseline: 5

# This property indicates that every *nth*
# request after the baseline is analyzed.
# request_frequency: 10

# This property indicates the duration for which a sample set is valid.
# window_ms: 180_000

# \
=====
# assess.rules
# Use the following properties to control simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Assess rules to disable in the agent.
```

```
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
#
# Example - Set "reflected-xss,sql-injection" to disable
# the reflected-xss rule and the sql-injection rule.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules
# Use the following properties to set simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Protect rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# protect.rules.bot-blocker
# Use the following properties to configure
# if and how the agent blocks bots.
# \
=====
# bot-blocker:

# Set to `true` for the agent to block known bots.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection
# Use the following properties to override a specific
# Protect rule. The key is the rule ID in the
# Contrast UI with dashes replaced by underscores.
# \
=====
# sql-injection:
```

```
# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or off.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-chaining
# Use the following properties to configure how the
# sql injection semantic analysis chaining rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-chaining:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis dangerous functions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis suspicious unions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-tautologies
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis tautologies rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-tautologies:
```



```
# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.cmd-injection
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the command injection rule works.
# \
=====
# cmd-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Tell the agent to detect when commands come directly
# from input. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_phased_commands: true

# \
=====
# protect.rules.path-traversal
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the path traversal rule works.
# \
=====
# path-traversal:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.method-tampering
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the method tampering rule works.
# \
=====
# method-tampering:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off
```

```
# \
=====
# protect.rules.reflected-xss
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the reflected cross-site scripting rule works.
# \
=====
# reflected-xss:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.unsafe-file-upload
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the unsafe file upload rule works.
# \
=====
# unsafe-file-upload:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.xxe
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the XML external entity works.
# \
=====
# xxe:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
```

```
# \
=====
==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
```

```
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Install the .NET Framework Agent (legacy)



### IMPORTANT

If your applications are running on modern technology you should use the [.NET Framework agent \(page 58\)](#) instead of the legacy agent.

The legacy .NET Framework agent offers the full capabilities of Contrast Assess, Protect, and OSS as of April 2020 but is no longer receiving new features or lower severity bug fixes. Contrast will continue to fix critical bugs in the legacy agent until January 10th, 2023.

You must have Editor role permission to install an agent.

The legacy Contrast .NET Framework agent can be used to analyze ASP.NET web applications running on legacy technologies including:

- Windows Server 2008
- Windows machines that cannot upgrade to .NET Framework version 4.7.1 or newer
- Applications that target the CLR2 runtime and cannot be upgraded to CLR4

See the legacy .NET Framework agent [supported technologies \(page 85\)](#) and [system requirements \(page 85\)](#) for more details.

To install the legacy .NET Framework agent:

1. [Download](#) the legacy .NET Framework agent (for example *ContrastSetup\_20.4.X.zip*) where 20.4.X is the newest legacy version available.
2. [Find the agent keys \(page 28\)](#) and create a YAML configuration file called *contrast\_security.yaml*. Copy and paste this sample and replace the <Values> below with your values:

```
api:
  url: <YourContrastURL>
  api_key: <YourAPIkey>
  service_key: <YourServiceKey>
```

```
user_name: <YourUserName>
agent:
  dotnet:
    enable_chaining: <True/False>
```

3. Copy the *contrast\_security.yaml* configuration file and the agent zip file to the web server.
4. Extract the downloaded zip archive (for example, *ContrastSetup\_20.4.X.zip*) on the web server.
5. Move the *contrast\_security.yaml* file in the same directory as *ContrastSetup.exe*.
6. Run *ContrastSetup.exe*. This installs the .NET agent.  
Once installed, the .NET agent automatically instruments ASP.NET applications deployed to IIS. Agent analysis is performed as applications are exercised by users (or by automated scripts or tests).

## Supported technologies for the .NET Framework (legacy)



### IMPORTANT

The legacy .NET Framework agent offers the full capabilities of Contrast Assess, Protect, and OSS as of April 2020 but is no longer receiving new features or lower severity bug fixes. Contrast will continue to fix critical bugs in the legacy agent until January 10th, 2023.

The legacy Contrast .NET Framework agent can be used to analyze ASP.NET web applications using the following technologies:

Technology	Supported versions
Contrast version	Contrast version 3.7.3 or later
Agent versions	20.4.4 and future versions of 20.4.X
Runtime	3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 4.5.1, 4.5.2, 4.6, 4.6.1, 4.6.2, 4.7, 4.7.1, 4.7.2, 4.8
Application framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASP.NET MVC 3-5</li> <li>• ASP.NET Web Forms</li> <li>• ASP.NET Web Pages</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted ASMX-based Web Services</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted Web API</li> <li>• IIS-Hosted WCF Services</li> </ul>
Web servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IIS</li> <li>• IIS Express</li> </ul>

## .NET Framework (legacy) system requirements

Before installing the .NET Framework legacy agent, you must meet the following requirements:

- You have administrative access to a web server, and the server is supported by Contrast.
- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.
- IIS can be restarted.
- The web server has network connectivity with Contrast.
- The server meets the minimum requirements.

Requirement	Recommended
Runtime	.NET Framework 4.5.1 present
Operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windows 7, 8, 10</li> <li>• Windows Server 2008 R2, 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019</li> </ul>

Requirement	Recommended
Processor architecture	The agent can be installed on both 32-bit and 64-bit systems. On 64-bit systems, you can use the agent to analyze both 32-bit and 64-bit web applications.
CPU	2
Memory	4 GB

## Use the .NET Framework agent with IIS Express

The .NET agent can analyze ASP.NET applications hosted on IIS Express but it takes a little bit of work to enable instrumentation on IIS Express. The Contrast tray displays a tab for IIS Express if IIS Express is installed on the server.

The [Contrast tray \(page 89\)](#) initially displays a **Set environment variables** button to enable instrumentation of IIS Express-hosted applications. Selecting this button sets environment variables for the current user so that any new IIS Express process will load the .NET agent's profiler, and be instrumented and analyzed.

Once you set environment variables, the tray displays a **Remove environment variables** button that you can use to disable Contrast analysis of IIS Express-hosted applications.

Any instrumented applications currently running on IIS Express are displayed in the IIS Express tab along with a count of the number of URLs (without the `querystring`) observed.



### NOTE

IIS Express process instances are commonly launched by other programs such as Visual Studio or a command window. You should restart these programs after setting these user environment variables. Any programs (such as Visual Studio) that were running before you set user environment variables will consequently launch IIS Express without the environment variables, and the IIS Express-hosted application won't be instrumented and analyzed.

Setting user environment variables also causes any .NET applications launched by the user to load the Contrast Profiler. The Contrast Profiler will safely detach from any non-IIS/non-IIS Express process. Windows treats detachment of a profiler DLL as an error message in the Windows Event Log; however, you can safely ignore these errors.

## Use the .NET Framework agent with applications on Azure

Use the Contrast .NET Framework agent to analyze ASP.NET applications running on Azure Virtual Machines (VMs), Azure Cloud Services, Mobile Services or Azure App Service (formerly Azure Web Sites).

To install the .NET Framework agent on Azure Virtual Machines:

1. Set up the Azure VM or the Azure Cloud Services as you would normally, and deploy the ASP.NET applications to be analyzed.
2. Log in to Contrast, and download the ZIP file for the .NET Framework agent.
3. Access the Remote Desktop [Azure VM](#) or [Azure Cloud Service](#) instance.
4. Copy the .NET Framework agent ZIP file to the Azure VM or to the Azure Cloud Services instance, and extract the archive.
5. Run the .NET Framework agent installer (*ContrastSetup.exe*).
6. Exercise the application so that Contrast can analyze it.



### TIP

To install with Azure App Service (formerly Azure Web Apps), install with [NuGet \(page 66\)](#) or [Azure Portal Extension \(page 64\)](#).

## Use Azure Service Fabric with the .NET Framework or .NET Core agent

If you are using a container image, follow the instructions to [install in containers \(page 65\)](#). Otherwise, to add the Contrast .NET Framework or .NET Core agent to an Azure Service Fabric service:



### TIP

For Standalone Executable services, the *ServiceManifest.xml* file is located in the top-level Azure Service Fabric project (for example, the *.sfproj* file).

1. Install the appropriate NuGet package to the main project for the service.
  - **.NET Framework:** Install `Contrast.NET.Azure.AppService`. All files in the *contrastsecurity* folder must have Copy to Output Directory **set to Copy if newer**.
  - **.NET Core:** Install `Contrast.SensorsNetCore`. All files in the *contrast* folder have Copy to Output Directory **set to Copy if newer**.
2. Set *ServiceManifest/CodePackage/EntryPoint/ExeHost/WorkingDirectory* in *ServiceManifest.xml* to *CodePackage*.

```
<CodePackage Name="Code" Version="1.0.0">
  <EntryPoint>
    <ExeHost>
      <Program>DemoNetFxStatelessService.exe</Program>
      <WorkingFolder>CodePackage</WorkingFolder>
    </ExeHost>
  </EntryPoint>
</CodePackage>
```

3. Set environment variables in *ServiceManifest.xml* to configure the profiler.
  - **.NET Framework:**

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_ENABLE_PROFILING" \
Value="1"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER" \
Value="{EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER_PATH_32" \
Value=".\contrastsecurity\ContrastProfiler-32.dll" />
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER_PATH_64" \
Value=".\contrastsecurity\ContrastProfiler-64.dll" />
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
  </EnvironmentVariables>
</CodePackage>
```

- **.NET Core:**

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING" \
Value="1"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER" \
```

```
Value="{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32" \
Value="contrast\runtimes\win-x86\native\ContrastProfiler.dll"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64" \
Value="contrast\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
```

4. Configure the agent with either:

- **A YAML file:** Add it to the main project for the service. Make sure `Copy to Output Directory` for the file is set to `Copy if newer`. Add an environment variable to *ServiceManifest.xml* specifying the location of the file, like this:

```
<CodePackage>
    <EnvironmentVariables>
        <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
```

- **Environment variables:** Add them to *ServiceManifest.xml*, like this:

```
<CodePackage>
    <EnvironmentVariables>
        <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__URL" \
Value="https://teamserver-staging.contsec.com"/>
        <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__API_KEY" \
Value="aBcD0123"/>
        <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY" \
Value="ABCD0123"/>
        <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME" \
Value="agent_123@Team"/>
```

5. Deploy the Azure Service Fabric application as usual.

## Profiler chaining for the .NET Framework agent

You can use profiler chaining to run the .NET Framework agent alongside other .NET profiler agents, such as performance or APM tools.

The Contrast .NET Framework agent is tested and proven to be compatible with these profiling tools:

Profiling tool	Versions tested
AppDynamics	4.5.18.1
Dynatrace	1.193.159.20200602-190835
New Relic	8.23.107



### NOTE

The agent may also be compatible with other profiling tools if those tools follow the conventions of the CLR Profiling API and do not make assumptions about the profiling environment.

To enable profiler chaining, [configure the .NET Core agent \(page 103\)](#) so that the `agent.dotnet.enable_chaining` setting is set to `true`. For example, you could use this YAML configuration:



```
agent:
  dotnet:
    enable_chaining: true
```

Once configured, you must restart the agent. On restart, the Contrast .NET Core agent automatically detects the presence of other profiling tools registered with IIS and configures the environment to load both the Contrast .NET Coreagent profiler and the third-party profiler.



## IMPORTANT

If you are using profiler chaining with:

- **IIS:**  
Install the third-party agent, then the Contrast .NET Core agent.  
(If you install the Contrast .NET Core agent before the third-party agent, you need to restart the Contrast.NET Main Service under **Windows Services**.)
- **Outside of IIS:**  
The `agent.dotnet.enable_chaining` configuration flag will not work if you are using profiler chaining for applications:
  - hosted outside of IIS, or
  - that use the third-party agent's Nuget package (rather than the installed agent).
 If this applies to you, replace the CLR environment variables for the profiling tool with `CONTRAST_CCC_COR` versions. Any of these names should be transformed:

Change this	To this
<code>COR_PROFILER</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH_32</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH_32</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH_64</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH_64</code>

Then follow the usual setup instructions for your environment and application.

- **AppInsights in Azure App Service:**  
As of version 20.9.3, the Contrast .NET Framework Site Extension now supports compatibility with Application Insights (using the CLR Instrumentation Engine (CIE)). There is no further action required to use AppInsights with the Contrast .NET Framework Site Extension. The .NET Framework agent's profiler will be loaded by the CIE if it is registered as the profiling tool in the Azure AppService instance (for example because AppInsights is enabled).

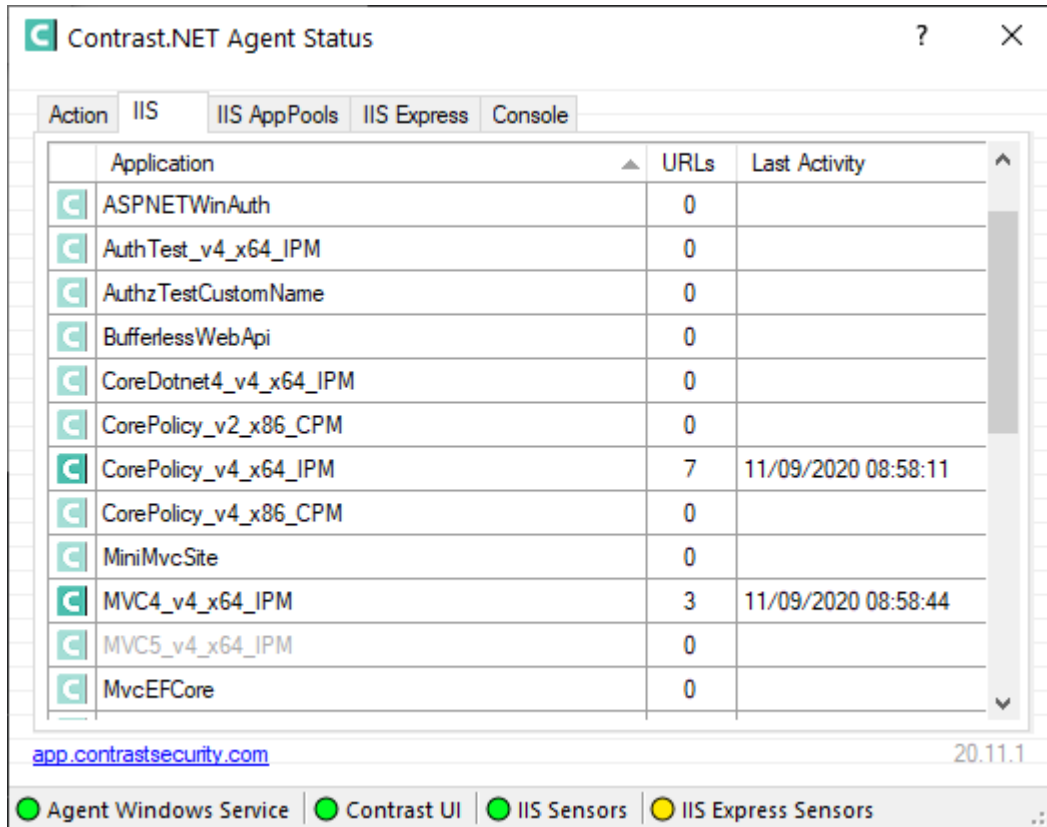
## .NET Framework Contrast tray

The .NET Framework Contrast tray is a Windows system tray application (*ContrastTray.exe*) that displays high-level information about the health of the agent.



## NOTE

You do not have to run the .NET Framework Contrast tray to analyze applications with Contrast. It exists only to provide status information about the agent. This helps verify that the agent works as expected, especially when you initially install the agent.



The Contrast tray provides these status indicators:

- **Agent Windows Service** displays a green light when you correctly install and run the Contrast service.
- **Contrast** displays a green light when the Agent Windows Service can communicate with the Contrast application. The most common communication failure is incorrect proxy settings.
- **IIS Sensors** displays a green light when you successfully instrument an application hosted on IIS. A yellow light indicates you did instrument an application with the agent, but IIS hasn't loaded the application yet.
- **IIS Express Sensors** displays a green light for applications hosted on IIS Express when the application loads and you correctly install and run the Contrast agent. A yellow light indicates you correctly installed the Contrast agent, but IIS Express did not load the application yet. A red light indicates you have not set environment variables for IIS Express.

Select tabs in Contrast tray for more information and help:

- **Action:** Select this to see high-level user instructions for the .NET Framework agent. The instructions change based on the state of the agent. For example, if the agent can't connect to Contrast, the Action tab provides details on the error and suggestions on how to resolve the problem.
- **IIS:** Select this to see a list of all web applications running on the IIS server. The name displayed matches the alias that IIS uses to identify the application unless you [specify a custom application name for Windows \(page 70\)](#). The URLs column displays the number of unique URLs (not including the query string) that the agent observed for the application. The Last Activity column displays the time of the last request analyzed by the agent for that application.
- **IIS AppPools:** Select this to display a list of all application pools on the IIS server. You can see configuration details for each application pool: architecture, pipeline mode, CLR version, and identity. You can also see whether Contrast will analyze applications in this application pool. You can [configure application pool filtering \(page 91\)](#) with IIS for the .NET Framework agent.
- **IIS Express:** Select this to display a list of all web applications running on IIS Express.

- **Console:** Select this tab to see status and error messages that will help you troubleshoot problems with the Contrast .NET agent.

## Use application pools in IIS

The .NET agent automatically instruments all ASP.NET applications deployed to IIS . If you install the .NET agent and ensure the background Windows service runs for the agent, Contrast will instrument all IIS-hosted applications.

You might want to exclude some applications from instrumentation because:

- You don't need to gather security, architecture and library information for these applications.
- The applications are on resource-constrained servers or need to avoid additional performance demands for Contrast instrumentation.

Web applications hosted in IIS run in application pools. If you need to disable the .NET agent for an application, you can [denylist the application pool \(page 91\)](#) where it runs.

There are three ways to find the application pool that runs a specific application:

- **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**

Start IIS Manager with the command: `%windir%\system32\inetsrv\InetMgr.exe`. Select the web application you want, and select **Basic Settings**. You will see a field that displays the application pool name.

- **AppCmd.exe**

If you Administrator privileges, run `cmd.exe`. Navigate to `C:\Windows\System32\inetsrv`. Enter `appcmd list apps` to see a list of applications and the application pools for each.

- **Contrast .NET logs**

Start the Contrast .NET agent. Browse to an application. In Windows, navigate to `C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet\LOGS`. Open the most recent Profiler log (`Profiler_[AppPool]_XXXXXXXXXX_XX_XX_XX_XXX_XXXXX.log`). The application pool name is on the line that starts with **ApplicationPool Name**.

## Denylist or allowlist an application pool

Denylists and allowlists are based on the application pool name. Application pool denylists and allowlists also accept \* as a variable-length wildcard. (`AppPool*` will match `AppPool1`, `AppPool_arb`, etc.)

Denylists take precedence over allowlists. Application pools that satisfy both lists won't be analyzed.

To disable the agent for a specific application, populate `agent.dotnet.app_pool_denylist` with the appropriate application pool in `C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet\contrast_security.yaml`:

```
# Comma-separated list of application pools ignored by Contrast
agent:
  dotnet:
    app_pool_denylist: ExampleAppPoolName
```

To only enable the agent for specific applications hosted by IIS, configure `agent.dotnet.app_pool_allowlist` to only analyze certain application pools. If an application pool is allowlisted, the agent analyzes the matching pools. There should be no performance impact for any other applications.

To enable the agent for only specific application pools, populate `agent.dotnet.app_pool_allowlist` with the appropriate application pool in `C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet\contrast_security.yaml`:

```
# Comma-separated list of application pools exclusively profiled by Contrast
agent:
```

```
dotnet:
  app_pool_allowlist: ExampleAppPoolName
```



### TIP

Read more about [yaml configuration \(page 29\)](#).

## .NET Framework and .NET Core Telemetry

.NET Framework and .NET Core agents use telemetry to collect usage data. Telemetry is collected when an instrumented application first loads the agent's sensors and then periodically (every few hours) afterwards.

[Your privacy is important to us \(page 395\)](#). The telemetry feature doesn't collect application data. The data is anonymized before being sent securely to Contrast. Then the aggregated data is stored encrypted and under restricted access control. Any collected data will be deleted after one year.

The telemetry feature collects the following data:

Agent versions	Data
.NET Framework later than 2020.8.3	Agent version
.NET Core later than 1.5.15	Operating system and version
	Whether the agent is running in a container
	Whether the agent is running in Azure App Service
	Hashed Media Access Control (MAC) address: a cryptographically (SHA256) anonymous and unique ID for a machine
	Kernel version
	Process memory page size
	Process memory working set size
	Process running time
	Whether Assess is enabled
	Whether Protect is enabled
.NET Framework later than 2020.8.3	.NET Framework runtime version
.NET Core later than 1.5.15	.NET Core runtime version
.NET Framework later than 20.9.1	Hosted or on-premises Contrast instance
.NET Core later than 1.5.17	
.NET Framework later than 20.9.3	CLR Instrumentation Engine (CIE) usage
.NET Core later than 1.5.19	Application framework
	Chained profiler vendor
.NET Framework later than 20.10.1	Process hosting mode
.NET Core later than 1.5.20	CIE Raw Profiler Hook usage
.NET Framework later than 20.10.2	Names of configuration settings with non-default values
.NET Core later than 1.5.21	Names of disabled Assess rules
	HTTP status code and response time summary of communication with Contrast
.NET Framework later than 20.12.2	Time elapsed for agent's profiler component to initialize
.NET Core later than 1.7.2	Time elapsed for agent's first request to the Contrast web interface
	Time elapsed for agent's sensor component to initialize
	Time elapsed between agent initialization and end of the first request

Agent versions	Data
.NET Framework later than 21.1.1	<p>Metrics on IIS-hosted applications, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total application count</li> <li>• Application count that will be analyzed (pass application allow list/deny list configuration)</li> <li>• Count of apps hosted on CLR4 application pools</li> <li>• Count of apps hosted on CLR2 application pools</li> </ul> <p>Metrics on IIS applications pools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total count</li> <li>• Count with agent attached</li> <li>• Count of CLR4</li> <li>• Count of CLR2</li> </ul> <p>Minimum number of applications in a single app pool</p> <p>Maximum number of applications in a single app pool</p> <p>Median number of applications across all app pools</p>
.NET Framework later than 21.1.2	Rule mode (i.e. Monitor vs. Block) for each Protect rule
.NET Core later than 1.7.5	
.NET Framework later than 21.4.2	Exceptions thrown and caught within agent sensor code, including log message, exception type, exception message, and stack trace frames for <code>System</code> and <code>Contrast</code> methods.
.NET Core later than 1.8.4	

To opt-out of the telemetry feature, set the `CONTRAST_DOTNET_TELEMETRY_OPTOUT` environment variable to `1` or `true`.

Telemetry data is securely sent to [telemetry.dotnet.contrastsecurity.com](https://telemetry.dotnet.contrastsecurity.com). You can also opt out of telemetry by blocking communication at the network level.

## .NET Core agent

The Contrast .NET Core agent analyzes the behavior of .NET Core web applications as users interact with them.

The agent automatically instruments the ASP.NET Core application when the host process is set up with profiling environment variables or an application launch profile.

The Contrast .NET Core agent consists of two components that run within the same process as your application:

- The **.NET Profiler** instruments applications by adding calls to Contrast sensor code in security relevant APIs used by the application and its dependencies (also known as IL weaving).
- **Sensors** gather security, architecture and library information.

Once you [install the .NET Core agent \(page 95\)](#), its sensors will gather information about the application's security, architecture and libraries as users exercise the applications. You can view the results of the agent's analysis in Contrast. The agent uses these [supported technologies \(page 93\)](#) and these [system requirements \(page 94\)](#).

## .NET Core supported technologies

We support the following technologies for this agent.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Application frameworks	ASP.NET Core (3.0.X, 3.1.X, 5.0.X)	<p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .NET Core or ASP.NET Core version 2.1 or below</li> <li>• ASP.NET Core applications running under the .NET Framework (Windows) or Mono (Linux/Windows)</li> </ul>

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Runtime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.NET Core Runtimes: 3.0.X, 3.1.X, 5.0.X</li> <li>.NET Core target framework monikers: netcoreapp3.0, netcoreapp3.1, net5.0</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Running with an ASP.NET Core application that's a higher version than the runtime (for example, an application with the .NET Core 3.1 runtime that references ASP.NET Core 5.0)</li> <li>Running with a .NET Core application for which the referenced ASP.NET Core version and the target runtime selected during compilation time don't match</li> </ul>
<b>.NET Core for Windows</b>		
Windows operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows Server (LTSC) (x86, x64): 2008 R2, 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, 2019</li> <li>Windows Server (SAC) (x64): 1809, 1903</li> <li>Windows workstation (x86, x64): 7, 8/8.1, 10</li> </ul>	<p>On 64-bit systems, you can use the agent to analyze both 32-bit and 64-bit web applications.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Windows on ARM</li> </ul>
Server container	Kestrel, IISHttpServer	<p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <p>Http.sys (formerly called WebListener)</p>
Hosting container	Self-hosted, IIS, IIS Express	
<b>.NET Core for Linux</b>		
Linux operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ubuntu: 16.04 and later</li> <li>Debian: 9 and later</li> <li>openSUSE: 15 and later</li> <li>Alpine: 3.7 and later</li> <li>CentOS: 7 and later</li> <li>Red Hat Enterprise Linux: 7, 8</li> </ul>	<p>All systems require x64 architectures.</p> <p>Not supported: Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6</p>
Server container	Kestrel	
Hosting container	Self-hosted	



## IMPORTANT

As of .NET core agent version 1.5.20, we no longer support .NET Core 2.2. If you are using .NET Core 2.2, you'll need to use .NET Core agent version 1.5.20 or lower until you can upgrade your application's .NET Core runtime.

As of .NET core agent version 1.9.9, we no longer support .NET Core 2.1. If you are using .NET Core 2.1, you'll need to use .NET Core agent version 1.9.9 or lower until you can upgrade your application's .NET Core runtime.

## .NET Core system requirements

Before installing the .NET Core agent confirm you can meet the following requirements:

- You have administrative access to a web server, and the server is supported by Contrast.
- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.
- The web server has network connectivity with Contrast.
- The server meets the minimum requirements (stated below).

Requirement	Recommended	Minimum	Notes
.NET Core versions	2.1, 3.0, 3.1	2.1, 3.0, 3.1	
CPU	at least 4	2	

Requirement	Recommended	Minimum	Notes
Memory	at least 8 GB	4 GB	Agents running in Assess roughly double the memory requirements of analyzed applications. Applications should use less than half of the available memory when an agent isn't installed.

## Install the .NET Core agent

To install the .NET Core agent:

1. Place the agent's components on the server's file system.
2. Set environment variables so that the .NET runtime loads the agent's profiler component.
3. Use the application as you normally would and verify that Contrast sees your application.

Depending on your situation, use one of these installation methods:

- [Manual installation \(page 95\)](#) (if you are using self-hosted web application running on Windows, Linux or Docker)
- [.NET Core agent for IIS installer \(page 101\)](#) (if you are using IIS)
- [Azure App Service \(page 99\)](#)
- [NuGet \(page 98\)](#)

## Install the .NET Core agent manually

Use this method to install the .NET Core agent if you are using a self-hosted web application running on IIS, Windows, Linux or Docker.

Before you begin, check the [system requirements \(page 94\)](#) and [supported technologies \(page 93\)](#) to be sure installation will work and ensure best performance.



### NOTE

Installing within containers can be complex, and these steps might not work for your situation. Read more about [installing with Docker](#).

1. Select **Add new** at the top right of the Contrast web interface. Choose **.NET Core** and select the link to download the .NET Core agent.
2. On the web server, extract the downloaded ZIP archive (for example, *Contrast.NET.Core\_1.0.1.zip*) to a directory that your applications have sufficient permissions to access.
3. Set the following environment variables on your application's process. Use the appropriate CORECLR\_PROFILER\_PATH settings for your operating system. Replace <UnzippedDirectoryRoot> with your archive directory.
  - **Windows**

Environment variable	Value
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64	<UnzippedDirectoryRoot>\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32	<UnzippedDirectoryRoot>\runtimes\win-x86\native\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER	{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING	1
CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH	\contrast_security.yaml



## IMPORTANT

If you are running the .NET Core agent and the .NET Framework agent on the same server, the `CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH` option applies to the [load path](#) for both agents. To apply distinct paths for each agent, use these options to set the data directory:

- `CONTRAST_CORECLR_DATA_DIRECTORY`
- `CONTRAST_DATA_DIRECTORY`

### • Linux

Environment variable	Value
<code>CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64</code>	<code>&lt;UnzippedDirectoryRoot&gt;/runtimes/linux-x64/native/ContrastProfiler.so</code>
<code>CORECLR_PROFILER</code>	<code>{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}</code>
<code>CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH</code>	<code>\contrast_security.yaml</code>

4. Ensure the following paths are accessible by the runtime user of the application.

Path	Usage	Customizable	Permissions
The path to <a href="#">.NET Core YAML (page 104)</a>	Configures the agent	Yes; set the environment variable <code>CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH</code>	Read
<code>&lt;UnzippedDirectoryRoot&gt;</code>	The root "installation" directory; stores the agent binaries	No	Read
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Windows:</b> <code>%ProgramData%\Contrast\dotnet-core\logs</code></li> <li>• <b>Linux:</b> <code>/var/tmp/contrast/dotnet-core/logs</code></li> </ul>	Directory for Contrast agent logs. If missing, the directory will be created	Yes; set the environment variable <code>CONTRAST_CORECLR_LOGS_DIRECTORY</code>	Read/Write(or inherited from a parent directory)



## NOTE

When running in IIS, make sure that the application pool can access these paths.

For example, given an application pool called `Default Web Site` using the default identity `ApplicationPoolIdentity`, ensure that the user `IIS AppPool\Default Web Site` has effective permissions to read the unzipped directory root.

5. [Configure the agent \(page 103\)](#) with authentication credentials and proxy settings to connect to Contrast.
6. Once the application has loaded, use the application and then verify that the server and application are active in Contrast, and that any expected vulnerabilities appear.



## TIP

To [update the agent](#), replace the agent files in the agent directory and restart your application. As the agent is running alongside your application, it can't update itself.





### TIP

The agent automatically starts with your application as long as the environment is properly set up.

To stop the agent, stop the application and remove agent from its environment. Alternatively, you may change the `CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING` setting to "0".

Follow any of these examples to set environment variables using:

- [IIS \(page 97\)](#)
- [Bash \(Linux\) \(page 97\)](#)
- [Powershell or Powershell Core \(Windows\) \(page 98\)](#)
- [Launch profile \(dotnet.exe\) \(page 98\)](#)

## IIS and IIS Express

Set the environment variables with either:

- [The `environmentVariables` section in the application `web.config`](#)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<configuration>
  <system.webServer>
    <!-- ... -->
    <aspNetCore processPath="dotnet" \
arguments=".\\ExampleNetCoreApp.dll" stdoutLogEnabled="false" \
stdoutLogFile=".\\logs\\stdout">
      <environmentVariables>
        <environmentVariable name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64" \
value="C:\\contrast\\dotnetcore\\runtimes\\win-x64\\native\\ContrastProfiler.dll" />
        <environmentVariable name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32" \
value="C:\\contrast\\dotnetcore\\runtimes\\win-x86\\native\\ContrastProfiler.dll" />
        <environmentVariable name="CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING" \
value="1" />
        <environmentVariable name="CORECLR_PROFILER" \
value="{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}" />
        <environmentVariable name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
value="C:\\contrast\\dotnet-core\\contrast_security.yaml" />
      </environmentVariables>
    </aspNetCore>
  </system.webServer>
</configuration>
```

- [The `application pool` setting on the server](#)

## Bash (Linux)

```
export CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64=/usr/local/contrast/runtimes/linux-x64/
native/ContrastProfiler.so
export CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1
export CORECLR_PROFILER={8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
export CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH=/etc/contrast/contrast_security.yaml
```

Then run the application:

```
dotnet ./MyAppWithContrastAgent.dll
```

## Powershell or Powershell Core (Windows)

```
$env:CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64 = 'C:\contrast\dotnetcore\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll'
$env:CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32 = 'C:\contrast\dotnetcore\runtimes\win-x86\native\ContrastProfiler.dll'
$env:CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING = '1'
$env:CORECLR_PROFILER = '{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}'
$env:CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH = 'C:\contrast\dotnet-core\contrast_security.yaml'
```

Then run the application:

```
dotnet .\MyAppWithContrastAgent.dll
```

## Launch profile (dotnet.exe)

```
{
  "MyAppWithContrastAgent": {
    "environmentVariables": {
      "CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64": "C:\\contrast\\dotnetcore\\runtimes\\win-x64\\native\\ContrastProfiler.dll",
      "CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32": "C:\\contrast\\dotnetcore\\runtimes\\win-x86\\native\\ContrastProfiler.dll",
      "CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING": "1",
      "CORECLR_PROFILER": "{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}",
      "CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH": "c:\\contrast\\config\\MyApp\\contrast_security.yaml"
    }
  }
}
```

Then run the application:

```
dotnet run --launch-profile MyAppWithContrastAgent
```

## Install the .NET Core agent manually with NuGet

In some instances, you may prefer to manually install the .NET Core agent using NuGet. For example, this can be useful if you are unable to access the [Azure App Service site extension \(page 99\)](#) or if you prefer to include the .NET Core agent as a dependency.

To manually install the .NET Core agent using NuGet:

1. Add the Contrast NuGet package to your application.  
Using dotnet command line:

```
dotnet add package Contrast.SensorsNetCore
```

Using Visual Studio:

- Under the application project in the Solution Explorer, right-click on **References** and select **Manage NuGet Packages**.
- Search for the **Contrast.SensorsNetCore** package, select it and add it to your project.
- Build your application. Confirm that a *contrast* folder appears in your project. When the application is published, this folder also appears in the build output directory.

- Set environment variables so that the .NET runtime loads the agent's profiler component.:

**Windows:**

```
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING: 1
CORECLR_PROFILER: {8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32: <application directory>\contrast\runtimes\win-x86\native\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64: <application directory>\contrast\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll
```

**Linux:**

```
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING: 1
CORECLR_PROFILER: {8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH: <application directory>/contrast/runtimes/linux-x64/native/ContrastProfiler.so
```

- Set the basic configuration either with the [YAML configuration file \(page 104\)](#) or with [environment variables \(page 103\)](#). For example:

```
CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH: [Path to yaml config file]
```

At minimum, the following environment variables are required:

```
CONTRAST__API__URL: [IF USING ANOTHER SERVER THAN THE DEFAULT: https://app.contrastsecurity.com]
CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME: [REPLACE WITH YOUR AGENT USERNAME]
CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY: [REPLACE WITH YOUR AGENT SERVICE KEY]
CONTRAST__API__API_KEY: [REPLACE WITH YOUR AGENT API KEY]
```

- Deploy your application with the environment variables from the previous step.
- Once the application has loaded, use the application and then verify that the server and application are active in Contrast, and that any expected vulnerabilities appear.



**IMPORTANT**

When redeploying a web application that has Contrast agent running, you may run into an error that says "Files in use" on *ContrastProfiler.dll*. This happens because the agent DLL files are locked by .NET, and can't be overwritten while the application is still running.

## Install the .NET Core agent with Azure App Service

Before you begin, check the [system requirements \(page 94\)](#) and [supported technologies \(page 93\)](#) to be sure installation will work and ensure best performance.

To complete an express installation of the .NET Core agent using Azure Portal Extensions:

- Create an [Azure account](#), if you don't have one already.
- Create a [.NET Core web application](#) and deploy it to Azure App Service.
- Publish your application to Azure, and confirm that it works as expected without Contrast.
- Ensure that your application is deployed using a Windows plan. (Linux plans do not support Site Extensions.)



## NOTE

If you do not have access to the site extension, you can [install the .NET Core agent manually with NuGet \(page 98\)](#).

- Configure settings that allow the agent to connect to Contrast by adding the following values in the **Application Settings** section of the **Configuration** blade for your application.

Key	Value
CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME	Replace with your <a href="#">agent username (page 28)</a> .
CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY	Replace with your <a href="#">agent service key (page 28)</a> .
CONTRAST__API__API_KEY	Replace with your agent <a href="#">API key (page 28)</a> .
CONTRAST__API__URL	Defaults to <a href="https://app.contrastsecurity.com">https://app.contrastsecurity.com</a> . Replace with another URL, if you're using a Contrast application that's hosted elsewhere.

- In the Azure Portal, select your hosted application.
- Select **Extensions**.

- Select **Add**.
- Select the **Contrast .NET Core Site Extension**. This is the extension for .NET Core applications.
- Select **OK**, and agree to the terms and conditions.
- Wait a few seconds and confirm the site extension installed correctly.
- Go back to the application overview and **Restart** the application.
- Navigate to the application, and confirm the application is reporting to Contrast.



### TIP

You can also install the agent from the Site Extensions area of your application management SCM (Kudu) site.



### IMPORTANT

If a new version of the .NET Core agent is available, it's indicated in the Azure Portal or Kudu dashboard. You must stop the site before starting the update; otherwise, the update may fail.



### NOTE

The site extension sets a number of environment variables, including:

```
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1
CORECLR_PROFILER={8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32=D:\home\siteextensions\D:\Home
\siteextensions\Contrast.NetCore.Azure.SiteExtension
\ContrastNetCoreAppService\runtimes\win-x86\native
\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64=D:\Home\siteextensions
\Contrast.NetCore.Azure.SiteExtension\ContrastNetCoreAppService
\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll
CONTRAST_INSTALL_DIRECTORY=D:\Home\siteextensions
\Contrast.NetCore.Azure.SiteExtension\ContrastNetCoreAppService\
MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine_ConfigPath32_ContrastCoreX86Confi
g=D:\Home\siteextensions\Contrast.NetCore.Azure.SiteExtension
\ContrastCieCoreClrProfiler-32.config
MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine_ConfigPath64_ContrastCoreX64Confi
g=D:\Home\siteextensions\Contrast.NetCore.Azure.SiteExtension
\ContrastCieCoreClrProfiler-64.config
```

If the CLR instrumentation engine (CIE) is configured for the application (for example, because Application Insights is enabled), Azure should automatically overwrite the CORECLR\_PROFILER\* variables to point to the profiler of the CIE.

The CIE will then use the MicrosoftInstrumentationEngine\_\* variables to load the Contrast agent.

If the CIE is not configured for the application, the standard CORECLR\_PROFILER\* variables will be used to load the Contrast agent.

## Install the .NET Core agent with the .NET Core agent for IIS installer

The .NET Core agent for IIS installer is a normal Windows application installer built using standard MSI technology. It validates that the target server satisfies several requirements (for example, that the server's operating system is a supported operating system). If all requirements are met, the installer:

- Registers the .NET Core agent for IIS as a standard Windows program.
- Places the agent's files on a disk in the specified install location (for example, C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet-core). This includes several dynamic link libraries (DLLs) and executables.
- Creates the specified data directory for the agent that's primarily used to store agent log files and configuration (for example, C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet-core).
- Adds the .NET Core agent's IIS Native Module to IIS.

## Before you begin

Before you begin, check the [system requirements \(page 94\)](#) and [supported technologies \(page 93\)](#) to be sure installation will work and ensure best performance.

## Install the agent using Contrast

1. In the Contrast web application, select **Add new**.
2. Choose .NET Core in the application language dropdown menu, then select IIS hosted and select the link to **Download the .NET Core agent installer**.
3. [Configure the .NET Core agent \(page 103\)](#) with a YAML configuration file to set the [authentication keys \(page 28\)](#) and any application-specific configuration.
4. Extract the downloaded ZIP archive on the web server, and run contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe. This installs the .NET Core agent for IIS.



### TIP

You can use the command line to access additional options supported by the .NET Core agent for IIS installer.

5. Use the application as you normally would and verify that Contrast sees your application.

## Install the agent using command line

Use the command line to access additional options supported by the .NET Core agent for IIS installer.

The .NET Core for IIS agent can be installed using the Windows web interface, and uninstalled or repaired using standard Windows features (including the Programs and Features Control Panel and Powershell). However, you may want to use the Contrast Windows installer to perform these actions instead for certain scenarios such as automated scripting.

Use these commands for attended mode:

- **Install:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe
- **Uninstall:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe -uninstall
- **Repair:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe -repair

Use these commands for unattended or silent mode:

- **Install:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe -s  
SUPPRESS\_RESTARTING\_IIS=1
- **Uninstall:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe -uninstall -s  
SUPPRESS\_RESTARTING\_IIS=1
- **Repair:**contrast-dotnet-core-agent-for-iis-installer.exe -repair -s  
SUPPRESS\_RESTARTING\_IIS=1

The .NET Core agent for IIS installer supports several additional options that are accessible when you use the command line for installation.

Option	Description	Example
INSTALLFOLDER	Specify the location where the installer will place agent files.	INSTALLFOLDER=C:\Program Files\Contrast\dotnet-core
DATAFOLDER	Specify the default location for agent log and configuration files.	DATAFOLDER=C:\ProgramData\Contrast\dotnet-core
SUPPRESS_RESTARTING_IIS	When set the installer will not restart IIS. Note that the agent will not be loaded by applications until IIS is restarted.	SUPPRESS_RESTARTING_IIS=0



## IMPORTANT

The .NET Core agent for IIS installer automatically restarts IIS when you install the agent for the first time. You may want to change the configuration of any web server monitoring tools that raise alarms when IIS restarts.

The .NET Profiling API requires that profiled processes be started with a profiler. Therefore, the .NET Core agent must restart IIS (and any IIS worker processes) to attach the Contrast profiler. This process is similar to how other profiling products (for example, memory or performance profilers) behave.

## Configure the .NET Core agent

The [standard configuration \(page 27\)](#) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#).

Depending on your situation, you can configure the .NET Core agent with:

- [Azure App Service \(page 103\)](#)
- [Environment variables \(page 103\)](#)
- [A YAML configuration file \(page 104\)](#)
- [Integrations \(page 258\)](#)

## Configure the .NET Core agent for Azure App Service

When using Azure App Service, you can configure the .NET Core agent with:

- **The Azure Portal:** Configure the .NET Core agent using [environment variables \(page 103\)](#). Add all settings to the **Application Settings** section of the **Configuration** blade using environment variable syntax.
- **Environment variables in a web.config file:** Place your overrides using the environment variable convention in the `<environmentVariables>` section of `<aspNetCore>` element.
- **A YAML configuration file (page 104):** Upload the file to your Azure web application by including it in your application deployment or using the Kudu console.

In the **Configuration\Application Settings** blade, add a new application setting called `CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH` with a value that points to this file.

For example, to use the `contrast_security.yaml` file in the root of your application, add a new application setting with the key `CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH` and value of `D:\Home\site\wwwroot\contrast_security.yaml` in **Configuration\Application Settings**. Application files in Azure App Service are deployed to `D:\home\site\wwwroot`.

## Configure .NET Core with environment variables

If you are using IIS, you can configure application settings for the .NET Core agent by [adding environment variables using the web.config file](#) or in `launchSettings.json`.



### TIP

You can convert any of the properties in the [.NET Core YAML template \(page 104\)](#) to environment variables.

- To change the agent's logging level (`agent.logger.level`) to "TRACE", add a setting with key `CONTRAST__AGENT__LOGGER__LEVEL` and value "TRACE".
- To change the agent's server name (`server.name`) to "MyServer", add a setting with key `CONTRAST__SERVER__NAME` and value "MyServer".

Here are some of the most common settings:

Environment variable	Purpose
<code>CONTRAST__APPLICATION__NAME</code>	Specify the application name reported to Contrast.
<code>CONTRAST__APPLICATION__GROUP</code>	Specify the access group for this application. (You must have already created <a href="#">access groups (page 335)</a> .)
<code>CONTRAST__APPLICATION__SESSION__METADATA</code>	Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the Contrast web interface. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with this new session.
<code>CONTRAST__SERVER__NAME</code>	Specify the server name reported to Contrast.
<code>CONTRAST__SERVER__ENVIRONMENT</code>	Specify in which environment the application is running (Development, QA and Production).

See the [.NET Core YAML template \(page 104\)](#) for a description of other available properties.

## .NET Core YAML configuration template

Use this template to configure the .NET Core agent [using a YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#).

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==

# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:
```



```
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the version of the TLS protocol the agent uses to communicate with \
the
# Contrast UI. The .NET agent default behavior is \
(SecurityProtocolType.Tls
# | SecurityProtocolType.Tls11 | SecurityProtocolType.Tls12).
# tls_versions: tls|tls11|tls12

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Determine the location from which the agent loads a client
# certificate. Value options include `File` or `Store`.
# certificate_location: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute path to the client certificate's
# .CER file for communication with Contrast UI. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `File`.
# cer_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the name of certificate store to open. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
# Value options include `AuthRoot`, `CertificateAuthority`,
# `My`, `Root`, `TrustedPeople`, or `TrustedPublisher`.
# store_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the location of the certificate store. The
# `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
```

```
# Value options include `CurrentUser` or `LocalMachine`.
# store_location: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the type of value the agent uses to find the certificate
# in the collection of certificates from the certificate store.
# The `certificate_location` property must be set to `Store`.
# Value options include `FindByIssuerDistinguishedName`,
# `FindByIssuerName`, `FindBySerialNumber`,
# `FindBySubjectDistinguishedName`, `FindBySubjectKeyIdentifier`,
# `FindBySubjectName`, or `FindByThumbprint`.
# find_type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the value the agent uses in combination with
# `find_type` to find a certification in the certificate store.
#
# Note - The agent will use the first certificate from
# the certificate store that matches this search criteria.
# find_value: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate
# with the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set
# value to `false` if you don't want to use the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy user.
# user: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy password.
# pass: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the proxy authentication type. Value
# options are `NTLM`, `Digest`, and `Basic`.
# auth_type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
```

```

==
# agent:

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to
# `stdout` instead of the file system.
# stdout: false

# Set the roll size for log files in megabytes. The agent will
# attempt to prevent the log file from being larger than this size.
# roll_size: 100

# Set the number of backup files to keep. Set to `0` to disable.
# backups: 10

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

```

```
# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# Set the connection type used for Syslog messages.
# Value options are `UNENCRYPTED` and `ENCRYPTED`.
# connection_type: UNENCRYPTED
```

```
# \
```

```
=====
# agent.dotnet
# The following properties apply to any .NET agent-wide configurations.
# \
```

```
=====
# dotnet:
```

```
# Set a list of application names that the agent does not
# analyze. (The applications are still instrumented).
# Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# application_denylist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set a list of application names that the agent analyzes.
# If set, other applications are not analyzed, but are still
# instrumented. Allowlist takes precedence over denylist.
# Names must be formatted as a comma-separated list.
# application_allowlist: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Indicate that the agent should allow CLR
# optimizations of JIT-compiled methods.
# enable_instrumentation_optimizations: true

# Indicate that the agent should allow the CLR to
# inline methods that are not instrumented by Contrast.
# enable_jit_inlining: true

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
# enable: true

# Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
# as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# Control the values captured by Assess vulnerability events. `Full`
# captures most values by calling ToString on objects, which can
# provide more info but causes increased memory usage. `Minimal`
# has better performance as it only captures String type objects
# as strings and uses type name for other object type values.
# event_detail: minimal

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Value options are `ALL`, `SOME`, or `NONE`.
# stacktraces: ALL
```

```
# \
=====
# assess.sampling
# Use the following properties to control sampling in the agent.
# \
=====
# sampling:

# Set to `false` to disable sampling.
# enable: true

# This property indicates the number of requests
# to analyze in each window before sampling begins.
# baseline: 5

# This property indicates that every *nth*
# request after the baseline is analyzed.
# request_frequency: 10

# This property indicates the duration for which a sample set is valid.
# window_ms: 180_000

# \
=====
# assess.rules
# Use the following properties to control simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Assess rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
#
# Example - Set "reflected-xss,sql-injection" to disable
# the reflected-xss rule and the sql-injection rule.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
```

```
# protect.rules
# Use the following properties to set simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Protect rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# protect.rules.bot-blocker
# Use the following properties to configure
# if and how the agent blocks bots.
# \
=====
# bot-blocker:

# Set to `true` for the agent to block known bots.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection
# Use the following properties to override a specific
# Protect rule. The key is the rule ID in the
# Contrast UI with dashes replaced by underscores.
# \
=====
# sql-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or off.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-chaining
# Use the following properties to configure how the
# sql injection semantic analysis chaining rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-chaining:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions
```

```
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis dangerous functions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-dangerous-functions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis suspicious unions rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-suspicious-unions:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection-semantic-tautologies
# Use the following properties to configure how the sql
# injection semantic analysis tautologies rule works.
# \
=====
# sql-injection-semantic-tautologies:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options
# are `monitor`, `block` or `off`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.cmd-injection
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the command injection rule works.
# \
=====
# cmd-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Tell the agent to detect when commands come directly
# from input. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_phased_commands: true
```



```
# \
=====
# protect.rules.path-traversal
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the path traversal rule works.
# \
=====
# path-traversal:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.method-tampering
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the method tampering rule works.
# \
=====
# method-tampering:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.reflected-xss
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the reflected cross-site scripting rule works.
# \
=====
# reflected-xss:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.unsafe-file-upload
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the unsafe file upload rule works.
# \
```

```
=====
# unsafe-file-upload:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====

# protect.rules.xxe
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the XML external entity works.
# \
=====

# xxe:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Profiler chaining for the .NET Core agent

You can use profiler chaining to run the .NET Core agent alongside another .NET Core APM profiler.

The Contrast .NET Core agent is tested and proven to be compatible with the following profiling tools, given the combination of runtime, deployment type, and OS:

Profiling tool	Versions tested	.NET Core runtime	Third-party profiler deployment type	OS
Dynatrace One Agent	1.193.159.20200602-190835	3.1	Installed	Windows Server 2019
New Relic ( <a href="#">see example (page 117)</a> )	8.23.107	3.1	NuGet Package	Windows Server 2019



## NOTE

The agent is likely compatible with other profiling tools if those tools follow the conventions of the CoreCLR Profiling API and do not make assumptions about the profiling environment.

## IIS

1. Install the third-party agent, then the Contrast .NET Core agent.



## NOTE

You must use the installed agent, not the manual agent.

Dynatrace chaining is only supported for installed IIS agent.

2. Enable profiler chaining, [configure the .NET Core agent \(page 103\)](#) so that the `agent.dotnet.enable_chaining` setting is set to `true`. For example, you could use this YAML configuration:

```
agent:
  dotnet:
    enable_chaining: true
```

3. Once configured, you must restart the agent. On restart, the Contrast .NET Core agent automatically detects the presence of other profiling tools registered with IIS and configures the environment to load both the Contrast .NET Core agent profiler and the third-party profiler.

## Outside of IIS

The `agent.dotnet.enable_chaining` configuration flag will not work if you are using profiler chaining for applications:

- hosted outside of IIS, or
- that use the third-party agent's Nuget package (rather than the installed agent).

1. Replace the CLR environment variables for the profiling tool with `CONTRAST_CCC_COR` versions. Any of these names should be transformed:

Change this	To this
<code>COR_PROFILER</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH_32</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH_32</code>
<code>COR_PROFILER_PATH_64</code>	<code>CONTRAST_CCC_COR_PROFILER_PATH_64</code>

2. Make the necessary changes in your APM profiler. Here are examples for [New Relic \(page 117\)](#).

## Install .NET Core agent alongside New Relic

To install the .NET Core agent alongside the New Relic agent:

1. [Install the New Relic agent.](#)
2. Change the environment variable keys as follows:

Change this	To this
CORECLR_PROFILER	CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH	CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH

The New Relic environment should be similar to:

```
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1
CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER={36032161-FFC0-4B61-B559-F6C5D41BAE5A}
CORECLR_NEWRELIC_HOME=PATH\TO\INSTALL
CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH=C:\Program Files\New Relic\ .NET Agent
\netframework\NewRelic.Profiler.dll
NEW_RELIC_LICENSE_KEY=YOUR_LICENSE_KEY
NEW_RELIC_APP_NAME=YOUR_APP_NAME
```

3. [Install the .NET Core agent. \(page 95\)](#)

The application environment with both Contrast and New Relic should look like:

```
CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING=1
CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER={36032161-FFC0-4B61-B559-F6C5D41BAE5A}
CORECLR_NEWRELIC_HOME=PATH\TO\INSTALL
CONTRAST_CCC_CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH=C:\Program Files\New Relic\ .NET Agent
\netframework\NewRelic.Profiler.dll
NEW_RELIC_LICENSE_KEY=YOUR_LICENSE_KEY
NEW_RELIC_APP_NAME=YOUR_APP_NAME
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64=<CONTRAST_CORE_CLR_HOME>\runtimes\win-x64\native
\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32=<CONTRAST_CORE_CLR_HOME>\runtimes\win-x86\native
\ContrastProfiler.dll
CORECLR_PROFILER={8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}
CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH=<CONTRAST_CORE_CLR_CONFIG_PATH>
\contrast_security.yaml
```

## .NET Framework and .NET Core Telemetry

.NET Framework and .NET Core agents use telemetry to collect usage data. Telemetry is collected when an instrumented application first loads the agent's sensors and then periodically (every few hours) afterwards.

[Your privacy is important to us \(page 395\).](#) The telemetry feature doesn't collect application data. The data is anonymized before being sent securely to Contrast. Then the aggregated data is stored encrypted and under restricted access control. Any collected data will be deleted after one year.

The telemetry feature collects the following data:

Agent versions	Data
.NET Framework later than 2020.8.3	Agent version
.NET Core later than 1.5.15	Operating system and version
	Whether the agent is running in a container
	Whether the agent is running in Azure App Service
	Hashed Media Access Control (MAC) address: a cryptographically (SHA256) anonymous and unique ID for a machine

Agent versions	Data
	Kernel version
	Process memory page size
	Process memory working set size
	Process running time
	Whether Assess is enabled
	Whether Protect is enabled
.NET Framework later than 2020.8.3	.NET Framework runtime version
.NET Core later than 1.5.15	.NET Core runtime version
.NET Framework later than 20.9.1	Hosted or on-premises Contrast instance
.NET Core later than 1.5.17	
.NET Framework later than 20.9.3	CLR Instrumentation Engine (CIE) usage
.NET Core later than 1.5.19	Application framework
	Chained profiler vendor
.NET Framework later than 20.10.1	Process hosting mode
.NET Core later than 1.5.20	CIE Raw Profiler Hook usage
.NET Framework later than 20.10.2	Names of configuration settings with non-default values
.NET Core later than 1.5.21	Names of disabled Assess rules
	HTTP status code and response time summary of communication with Contrast
.NET Framework later than 20.12.2	Time elapsed for agent's profiler component to initialize
.NET Core later than 1.7.2	Time elapsed for agent's first request to the Contrast web interface
	Time elapsed for agent's sensor component to initialize
	Time elapsed between agent initialization and end of the first request
.NET Framework later than 21.1.1	Metrics on IIS-hosted applications, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total application count</li> <li>Application count that will be analyzed (pass application allow list/deny list configuration)</li> <li>Count of apps hosted on CLR4 application pools</li> <li>Count of apps hosted on CLR2 application pools</li> </ul> Metrics on IIS applications pools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total count</li> <li>Count with agent attached</li> <li>Count of CLR4</li> <li>Count of CLR2</li> </ul> Minimum number of applications in a single app pool Maximum number of applications in a single app pool Median number of applications across all app pools
.NET Framework later than 21.1.2	Rule mode (i.e. Monitor vs. Block) for each Protect rule
.NET Core later than 1.7.5	
.NET Framework later than 21.4.2	Exceptions thrown and caught within agent sensor code, including log message, exception type, exception message, and stack trace frames for <code>System</code> and <code>Contrast</code> methods.
.NET Core later than 1.8.4	

To opt-out of the telemetry feature, set the `CONTRAST_DOTNET_TELEMETRY_OPTOUT` environment variable to `1` or `true`.

Telemetry data is securely sent to [telemetry.dotnet.contrastsecurity.com](https://telemetry.dotnet.contrastsecurity.com). You can also opt out of telemetry by blocking communication at the network level.

## Node.js agent

The Contrast Node.js agent analyzes the behavior of Node.js web applications using established techniques, such as source-to-source compilation, to add Contrast sensors to an application prior to execution.

The Contrast Node.js agent follows semantic versioning (major.minor.patch). The agent works best with these [supported technologies \(page 119\)](#) and these [system requirements \(page 121\)](#).

The Node.js agent rewrites the application code prior to startup using the Babel compiler. After start up the agent patches the required functions for the [supported frameworks and modules \(page 119\)](#).

Once you [install the Node.js agent \(page 121\)](#), there are two primary source code transformations that it uses to monitor the behavior of your application:

- **AST transformation** is the process by which the agent creates an abstract syntax tree of a body of code, manipulates the tree and then creates new source code based on this syntax tree. The agent goes through this process to handle scenarios in which function hooks won't work. For example, rewrites allow Contrast to add operator overloading to JavaScript so that it can properly track the flow of untrusted data.
- **Function hooks** take over the execution of a given function like, `child_process.exec`, to collect data about its arguments and its return value, and send this data to the parts of the agent responsible for analysis. As a result, the agent enables certain functions to be self reporting.

## Contrast service

The [Contrast service \(page 186\)](#) is an executable which is packaged within the Node.js agent, and runs in a separate process. With versions 4.X.X of the agent the Contrast service starts up automatically with the agent.

The service enables communication between the Node.js agent and Contrast. Like the agent, it can be [configured \(page 187\)](#) with [environment variables \(page 30\)](#) or a [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#). The Contrast service uses port 30555 as the default for HTTP communication between the agent and the service.

You can configure the port and communication protocol between the agent and service. Available protocols include: HTTP, linux socket (file descriptor), and gRPC. The service can be deployed one-for-one with the agent, or shared across a group of agents on a single server hosting multiple containers.

## Supported technologies for Node.js


This page shows supported technologies for the Contrast Node.js agent. Contrast [Node.js agent versions](#) are supported for one year after release.



### NOTE

The Contrast Node.js agent does not support any versions of modules tagged as deprecated on npmjs.com. Deprecated modules present a high security risk and may negatively impact the function of the agent.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Language version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• JavaScript ECMAScript 5</li><li>• JavaScript ECMAScript 6</li><li>• TypeScript</li></ul>	<p>Contrast supports even numbered Node.js versions in "active LTS" or "maintenance" status.</p> <p>The Node.js LTS versions support <a href="#">these features for JavaScript ECMAScript5 and 6</a>.</p> <p>TypeScript is only supported if the agent is configured to point to the compiled entry point for your application.</p>

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Node.js Long-Term Support (LTS)	All versions in Active and Maintenance LTS status, currently 10*, 12 and 14	<p>The Node.js agent doesn't guarantee support for Node.js features classified as Experimental (Stability: 1). It also doesn't instrument the native <code>net</code> or <code>https2</code> modules, and only provides functionality for HTTP(S) application servers built using the supported application frameworks in this table.</p> <p>Version status is shown in <a href="#">Node.js Long-Term Support Release Schedule</a>.</p> <p>*Only supported for Node.js agent versions 3.X.X.</p>
Operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Linux</li> <li>Windows</li> <li>macOS</li> <li>Other Unix-like systems</li> </ul>	The agent runs in the Node.js application layer so it works on the same operating systems as Node.js.
Application frameworks	<p><a href="#">Express</a> 4</p> <p><a href="#">hapi</a> 19, 20</p> <p><a href="#">Fastify</a> 2*, 3 (see note)</p> <p><a href="#">Koa</a> 2.3 and later</p> <p><a href="#">Kraken</a> 2.2.0 and 2.3.0</p> <p><a href="#">LoopBack</a> 3*, 4</p> <p><a href="#">Restify</a> 8</p>	<div>  <p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>If you are using Fastify 3 with Node.js agent version 3.X.X, you must enable the optional babel rewriter.</p> <pre># env var CONTRAST__AGENT__NODE__ENABLE_BABEL=true  # yaml agent:   node:     enable_babel: true  # cli --agent.node.enable_babel true</pre> </div> <p>*Only supported for Node.js agent versions 3.X.X.</p>
Databases and object-relational mapping (ORM)	<p><a href="#">DynamoDB</a> (Assess only) 2019 and later</p> <p><a href="#">MongoDB driver</a> 3.5.0 and later, 4.X; (compatible with database versions 3.6, 4.X)</p> <p><a href="#">MySQL driver</a> 2.0.0 and later (compatible with database versions 5.6.51, 5.7.X)</p> <p><a href="#">Mongoose</a> 4.X and 5.X</p> <p><a href="#">Postgres driver</a> 7.5.0 and later, 8.X (compatible with database versions 9.6 and later)</p> <p><a href="#">Sequelize</a> 5.X and 6.X</p> <p><a href="#">SQLite driver</a> 4.X (compatible with database versions 3.26.0 and later)</p> <p><a href="#">SQLite3 driver</a> 4.X (compatible with database versions 3.26.0 and later)</p>	
Validation modules	<p><a href="#">Joi</a> 17 and later</p> <p><a href="#">Validator</a> 13 and later</p>	
Templating engines	<p><a href="#">Handlebars</a> 4</p> <p><a href="#">Pug</a> 3</p> <p><a href="#">EJS</a> 3*</p>	*Only supported for Node.js agent versions 4.X.X.
Other technologies	<a href="#">Express-session</a> 1.16 and later	



Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Test suite	<a href="#">Node Test Benches</a>	When changes are made to the Node.js agent, Contrast runs this battery of automated tests to ensure that it detects findings in supported technologies across all supported versions of Node. The Node Test Benches include tests that exercise the agent with all of our supported frameworks. Each framework within the monorepo is updated as Contrast adds more third-party library support to the agent.

## System requirements for the Node.js agent

Before installing the Node.js agent confirm you can meet the following requirements:

- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.
- The agent has network connectivity with the Contrast server.

Using the Node.js agent requires increasing the application's available CPU and memory due to the increased processing and analysis of inbound information. Using the Node.js agent will use more resources than your application on its own. CPU load will also increase but this heavily influenced by the specific application architecture and existing CPU usage profile.

## Install the Node.js agent

There are several ways to install the agent depending on your situation, but generally, this is the process:

1. Get the Node.js agent from npm.
2. Set [authentication keys \(page 28\)](#).
3. Add a command to the `package.json` file to enable your application to run with the agent.
4. Run your application with the agent.
5. Use your application as you normally would and verify that Contrast sees the application.

To avoid errors, follow these specific instructions depending on how your application is deployed:

- [Install manually \(page 121\)](#)
- [Install in a container \(page 122\)](#)
- [Install with IBM Cloud \(page 125\)](#)

## Install Node.js agent manually

To install or update the agent manually:

1. Install the latest version of the agent from [npm](#) by running this command from the application's root directory:

```
npm install @contrast/agent
```

Alternatively, if you use yarn, run this command to install the agent:

```
yarn add @contrast/agent
```



### NOTE

If you don't want to install optional dependencies included with the Node.js agent, append the `--no-optional` CLI flag to your install command or add `optional=false` to your NPMRC file.

2. Set [authentication keys \(page 28\)](#) with [environment variables \(page 30\)](#). Make sure your Node.js application has access to the environment variables at runtime.

Alternatively, set the configuration with [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) using this [template \(page 127\)](#). Make sure the `contrast_security.yaml` is in the applications root directory.

3. Add this command to the scripts section of your application's `package.json` file:

```
"scripts": {  
  "contrast": "node -r @contrast/agent <app-main>.js",  
  "start": "...",  
  "test": ...  
}
```

4. Run your application with the agent:

```
npm run contrast
```

**TIP**

You can change this npm script to include, [other runtime configurations \(page 126\)](#) such as an alternate configuration file location.

5. Exercise your application by performing either manual or automated testing to ensure your application is functioning correctly with the agent installed.
6. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and reports an instance of your application.

## Install the Node.js agent using a container

### Before you begin

This topic provides general guidance for installing the Contrast Node.js agent in a containerized application, with Docker as an example.

You should have a basic understanding of how containers and related software work. You may need to adjust the instructions to meet your specific circumstances.

### Install the agent

Install the Node.js agent using one of these options:

- **Add the agent to the application during development.** (recommended)

This way, the agent will be included with your application's `package.json`.

Use this command to populate the agent into your pipelines and container images.

```
npm install @contrast/agent --no-optional
```

- **Add the agent to the Dockerfile.**

Add the agent at container build time if you prefer to maintain separate images for the application (with and without the Contrast agent).

Use this command to add the agent into your existing Dockerfile or into a new Dockerfile that uses your application's image as a base image.

```
npm install @contrast/agent --no-optional
```

### Configure the agent

Follow these instructions when configuring the Node.js agent for an application deployed into a container like Docker (otherwise, see more general information on [configuring the Node.js agent \(page 126\)](#)). Configuration for the Node.js agent follows this [order of precedence](#).

1. Create a YAML configuration file.  
Your `contrast_security.yaml` file should reside in your application's directory so it is copied to the container file system. The path to write to `stdout` is `/proc/1/fd/1`.  
In the YAML file:

- Replace <YourURL>, <YourUserName>, <YourAPIKey> and <YourServiceKey> with your values. [Find your agent keys here \(page 28\)](#).
- Enable rewrite caching and specify the path of the cache location.
- Specify the logging level.
- You must also explicitly enable Protect or Assess if you choose to pre-compile with the [Node.js agent rewriter CLI \(page 136\)](#).

A typical YAML file for a container installation might look like this:

```
api:
  url: <YourURL>
  user_name: <YourUserName>
  api_key: <YourAPIKey>
  service_key: <YourServiceKey>
agent:
  service:
    enable: true
    logger:
      path: /proc/1/fd/1
      level: info
    host: 127.0.0.1
    port: 30555
  logger:
    path: /proc/1/fd/1
    level: info
  node:
    rewrite_cache:
      enable: true
      path: ./rewrite_cache
assess:
  enable: true
protect:
  enable: false
```

2. Copy the YAML file into the base image using this command (in this example, /app/contrast\_security.yaml is the base directory for your application in the image).

```
COPY WORKSPACE/contrast_security.yaml /app/contrast_security.yaml
```

3. Use environment variables to set application-specific configuration. These can be ENV statements in the Dockerfile or they can be passed to the Docker run command with the -e option. See a [list of environment variables \(page 126\)](#) commonly used to set application-specific values.

## Run and verify

1. If you want to use the Node.js agent rewriter CLI (available in version 4.X and later), add a RUN instruction and provide the command to invoke the contrast-transpile executable. Then provide your application's entry point.

```
RUN npx contrast-transpile index.js
```

2. You must preload the Contrast agent when you launch your application. Normally, you do this in the Dockerfile's CMD statement, but you can also use an npm script defined in the package.json. For example, if you normally start your application with:

```
CMD [ "node", "app" ]
```

Then you can use this command to run the application with Contrast:

```
CMD [ "node", "-r", "@contrast/agent", "app" ]
```

- When the agent starts, it will try to connect to Contrast with [authentication keys \(page 28\)](#) in the YAML configuration file.



#### TIP

To protect the agent credentials, use the Docker secret and pass them as environment variables during deployment time. For example:

```
docker run -e CONTRAST__API_ -e \
CONTRAST__API__API_KEY=<value> -e \
CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY=<value> -e \
CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME=<value> -e \
CONTRAST__SERVER__ENVIRONMENT=<value> image_with_contrast
```

- Verify that Contrast is running by checking the activity in the container log.  
For example, log activity might look like this:

```
@contrast/agent 2.16.8-----
2020-07-20T19:05:14.407Z INFO contrast-service: BUILD \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "version": "2.8.1", "buildTime": ""}
2020-07-20T19:05:14.407Z INFO Building timer for orphan request cleanup \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "cleanupMs": 5000}
2020-07-20T19:05:14.408Z INFO Building timer for orphan app cleanup \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "time": 5000}
2020-07-20T19:05:14.450Z INFO Creating New Application Server \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "serverName": "bc1bd6e5cd3a", "clientId": "1", "pid":
1}
2020-07-20T19:05:14.450Z WARN Failed to initialize secure client, \
falling back to insecure client {"programe": "Contrast Service"}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.473Z INFO setting new server features for \
context{"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "serverName": "bc1bd6e5cd3a"}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.474Z ERROR Error setting up CEF syslog \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "err": "open /juice-shop/security.log: \
permission denied"}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.475Z INFO starting event scanner \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "report": {}}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.486Z INFO Creating new application \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "serverName": "bc1bd6e5cd3a", "appName": "juiceshop-
guide", "language": "Node", "clientId": "1", "pid": 1}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.486Z INFO AppCreate: creating and initializing new \
application {"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "server_name": "bc1bd6e5cd3a", "app_name": "juiceshop-
guide", "app_lang": "Node", "client_id": "1", "pid": 1}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.921Z INFO setting new application settings \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "serverName": "bc1bd6e5cd3a", "appName": "juiceshop-
guide", "language": "Node"}
2020-07-20T19:05:15.922Z INFO Setting session id on app context: \
{"programe": "Contrast Service", "uuid": "96299b72-f867-4354-
b9c9-1eb23511cb8a", "clientId": "1", "appname": "juiceshop-
guide", "applang": "Node", "apppath": "/juice-shop/
package.json", "sessionId": "cd0b271e66974162bf5fcca8b32e37b1"}
```

```
Entering main at /juice-shop/appinfo: All dependencies in ./
package.json are satisfied (OK)...
```

## See also

Contrast Support Portal [Node.js agent with Kubernetes](#)

Contrast Support Portal [AWS Fargate and Contrast agents](#)

## Install Node.js with IBM Cloud

1. [Install the latest LTS \(Long Term Support\) version of Node.js.](#)
2. To install from [npm](#), run this command from the app root directory:

```
npm install @contrast/agent
```

Alternatively, if you use yarn, run this command to install the agent:

```
yarn add @contrast/agent
```

3. [Configure the Node.js \(page 126\)](#) using a YAML configuration file to set the [authentication keys \(page 28\)](#) and any application-specific configuration.

You can use this sample *contrast\_security.yaml* file, but replace `<URL>`, `<UserName>`, `<APIKey>` and `<ServiceKey>` with your values, and set `<ServerName>` to the name of the IBM cloud server to which this application will report. (This way you will be able to identify the server when you view it in Contrast.)

```
contrast:
  url: <URL>
  user_name: <UserName>
  api_key: <APIKey>
  service_key: <ServiceKey>
  server:
    name: <ServerName>
```

4. Create a folder named *contrast* in your application's root directory. and move the *node-contrast-.tgz* and the *contrast\_security.yaml* files into the *contrast* folder.
5. Add this command to the "scripts": section of your application's *package.json* file:

```
"ibmcloud-with-contrast": "npm install @contrast/agent && node -r \
@contrast/agent index.js -c /home/vcap/app/contrast/
contrast_security.yaml",
```

6. Since IBM Cloud runs the start script by default, you must change the start command to point to the *ibmcloud-with-contrast* line given in the previous step. Run the agent using:

```
"start": "npm run ibmcloud-with-contrast"
```

Now the scripts section of the *package.json* should look like the following:

```
"scripts": {
  "bluemix-with-contrast": "npm install @contrast/agent && node -r \
@contrast/agent index.js -c /home/vcap/app/contrast/
contrast_security.yaml",
  "start": "npm run bluemix-with-contrast"
},
```

7. Push the application to IBM Cloud using:

```
cf push <application-name> -t 180
```

8. Run the agent with:

```
npm start contrast
```

9. Exercise your application by performing either manual or automated testing to ensure your application is functioning correctly with the agent installed.
10. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and reports an instance of your application.

## Configure the Node.js agent

The [standard configuration \(page 27\)](#) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#).

There are several ways to configure the Node.js agent, but generally, you should:

- Use a YAML configuration file to set configuration values that are common for all applications in an organization or container (for example, to redirect logging or proxy configuration). This [template \(page 127\)](#) shows all valid configuration options for the Node.js agent. Learn more about [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) in general.
- Use [environment variables \(page 126\)](#) for agent authentication keys and application-specific configuration values. Learn more about [environment variables \(page 30\)](#) in general.



### TIP

It is also possible to use [command line arguments](#) for some configurations. To list available options enter `npx node-contrast --help`.

## Environment variables

Use environment variables for application-specific configuration values (like configuring server environment, application names or agent logging). You can also use environment variables to set any other valid properties for the Node.js agent.

You can see a full list of valid properties in the [Node.js YAML template \(page 127\)](#), but here are some common examples as environment variables:

Environment variable	Description
CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY	Set the service key needed to communicate with Contrast.
CONTRAST__API__API_KEY	Set the API key needed to communicate with Contrast.
CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME	Set the user name needed to communicate with Contrast.
CONTRAST__API__URL	Set the URL for the Contrast web interface.
CONTRAST__APPLICATION__NAME	Override the reported application name.
CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH	When set, supersedes the default location of the YAML configuration file. (Unlike other environment variables, this one cannot be set as a YAML property, and contains only single underscores.)
CONTRAST__SERVER__PATH	Override the reported server path.
CONTRAST__AGENT__LOGGER__APPEND	When set to <code>false</code> , creates a new log file on startup instead of appending and rolling daily. Default is <code>true</code> .
CONTRAST__AGENT__LOGGER__LEVEL	Logging level: <code>FATAL</code> , <code>ERROR</code> , <code>WARN</code> , <code>INFO</code> , <code>DEBUG</code> or <code>TRACE</code> . Default is <code>ERROR</code> .
CONTRAST__AGENT__LOGGER__PATH	Where Contrast will put its debug log. Default is <code>node-contrast.log</code> .
CONTRAST__AGENT__LOGGER__STDOUT	When set to <code>false</code> , suppresses output to <code>stdout</code> . Default is <code>true</code> .

**NOTE**

For the Node.js agent you must manually configure DEBUG. INFO-level statements aren't logged to the console unless the environment variable DEBUG is set to include the Contrast namespace: DEBUG=contrast:\*. This could be useful in environments where you don't have access to the file system (like Docker or ECS).

If you want to redirect logging for the Node.js, see more examples on the [npm site](#) or [contact Support](#) for assistance.

**Node.js YAML template**

Use this template to configure the Node.js agent [using a YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#).

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==

# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
# UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
```

```
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the default request timeout.
# timeout_ms: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Set the absolute or relative path to a CA for communication
# with the Contrast UI using a self-signed certificate.
# ca_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Certificate
# PEM file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# cert_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Key PEM
# file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# key_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# If the Key file requires a password, it can be set here or in
# the matching ENV value (`CONTRAST__CERTIFICATE__KEY_PASSWORD`).
# key_password: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate with
# the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set value to
# `false` if you don't want to use the proxy. If no value is
# indicated, the presence of a valid **contrast.proxy.host**
# and **contrast.proxy.port** will enable the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```



```
# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
# agent:

# Set to limit the length of Error stack traces to a specified number.
# stack_trace_limit: 10

# \
=====
# agent.auto_update
# TODO
# \
=====
# auto_update:

# Set to `true` for the agent to automatically upgrade to newer \
versions.
# enable: true

# Set the location to which to save the
# agent artifact before installation.
# path: /tmp/contrast/

# Set the length of time to wait before aborting the auto-update \
attempt.
# timeout_ms: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Enable diagnostic logging by setting a path to a log file.
# While diagnostic logging hurts performance, it generates
# useful information for debugging Contrast. The value set here
# is the location to which the agent saves log output. If no
# log file exists at this location, the agent creates a file.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast.log* creates a log in the
# */opt/Contrast* directory, and rotates it automatically as needed.
# path: ./contrast_agent.log
```

```
# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Set to `false` for the agent to always create a
# new log file instead of appending and rolling.
# append: true

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to
# `stdout` instead of the file system.
# stdout: false

# Set the roll size for log files in megabytes. The agent will
# attempt to prevent the log file from being larger than this size.
# This feature is only available in agent version >=4.0.0
# roll_size: 100

# Set the number of backup files to keep. Set to `0` to disable.
# This feature is only available in agent version >=4.0.0
# backups: 10

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the file to which the agent logs security events.
# path: /.contrast/security.log

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# \
=====
# agent.service
# The following properties are used by the Contrast Service.
# \
=====
# service:

# Set to `false` to disallow the service to be started, and
# effectively disable the agent, if read by the service. If the
# agent reads this property, it disallows service auto-start.
# enable: true

# If this property is defined, the service is
# listening on a Unix socket at the defined path.
# socket: /tmp/service.sock

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the hostname or IP address of the Contrast
# service to which the Contrast agent should report.
host: localhost

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the port of the Contrast service
# to which the Contrast agent should report.
port: 30555
```

```
# \
=====
# agent.service.teamserver_retry
# The following properties are used by the Teamserver HTTP client
# to configure failed request retrying in the Contrast service.
# \
=====
# teamserver_retry:

# Enable retrying HTTP requests to the Teamserver endpoint.
# enable: true

# How long to wait between retries in milliseconds.
# interval_ms: 5000

# How many times to retry HTTP requests to Teamserver before giving \
up.
# max_attempts: 3

# \
=====
# agent.service.logger
# The following properties are used by the logger in the
# Contrast service. If the properties are not defined, the
# service uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Set the location to which the Contrast service saves log output.
# If no log file exists at this location, the service creates one.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast_service.log* will
# create a log in the */opt/Contrast* directory.
# path: ./contrast_service.log

# Set the the log output level. Options are `OFF`, `FATAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, `TRACE`, and `ALL`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process used in logs.
# progname: Contrast Service

# \
=====
# agent.heap_dump
# The following properties are used to trigger heap dumps from within
# the agent to snapshot the behavior of instrumented applications.
# \
=====
# heap_dump:

# Set to `true` for the agent to automatically
# take heap dumps of the instrumented application.
```

```
# enable: false

# Set the location to which to save the heap dump files. If relative,
# the path is determined based on the process' working directory.
# path: contrast_heap_dumps

# Set the amount of time to wait, in milliseconds,
# after agent startup to begin taking heap dumps.
# delay_ms: 10_000

# Set the amount of time to wait, in milliseconds, between each heap \
dump.
# window_ms: 10_000

# Set the number of heap dumps to take before disabling this feature.
# count: 5

# \
=====
# agent.node
# The following properties apply to any Node configurations.
# \
=====
# node:

# Set the location of the application's *package.json* file.
# app_root: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.node.rewrite_cache
# Use the following properties to set up rewrite caching in the agent.
# \
=====
# rewrite_cache:

# Set to `true` to enable rewrite caching.
# enable: false

# Set the location of the rewrite cache source.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
# as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# assess.sampling
# Use the following properties to control sampling in the agent.
# \
=====
# sampling:

# Set to `false` to disable sampling.
# enable: true

# This property indicates the number of requests
# to analyze in each window before sampling begins.
# baseline: 5

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
# protect: {}

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
```

```
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Pass arguments to the underlying application.
# args: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
```

```
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server type.
# type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Node.js agent rewriter CLI

When you start your instrumented application, Contrast applies source transformations to both your application and the dependency code your application loads. This code rewriting increases startup time when running applications with the agent.

Starting with version 4.X, the Node.js agent includes a command line utility you can use to pre-compile applications before starting them. When started with Contrast, the pre-compiled application loads the rewritten files from disk and significantly improves startup time.

## Use the rewriter

1. In the Node.js agent's configuration file (`contrast_security.yaml`):
  - Enable rewrite caching and specify the path of the cache location.
  - Specify the logging level.



### NOTE

You can override the YAML configuration settings by invoking the rewriter with the [CLI arguments or environment variables \(page 126\)](#). For example, to prevent any logging to stdout or to disk you could use these overrides:

```
npx contrast-transpile index.js --agent.logger.stdout \
false --agent.logger.path /dev/null;
```

- You must also explicitly enable Protect or Assess.

For example:

```
agent:
  logger:
```



```

    level: info
    path: ./node-contrast
  node:
    rewrite_cache:
      enable: true
      path: ./rewrite_cache
  assess:
    enable: true
  protect:
    enable: false

```

2. Invoke the executable and provide it with your application's entry point (for example, `index.js`). For example:

```

npx contrast-transpile index.js --agent.logger.level trace;
...
trace: 2021-07-12T18:31:15.128Z 2934603 contrast:rewrite - successfully \
rewrote code for /path/to/app/index.js
trace: 2021-07-12T18:31:15.186Z 2934603 contrast:rewrite - successfully \
rewrote code for /path/to/app/node_modules/koa/lib/application.js
trace: 2021-07-12T18:31:15.251Z 2934603 contrast:rewrite - successfully \
rewrote code for /path/to/app/node_modules/koa-router/lib/router.js
trace: 2021-07-12T18:31:15.314Z 2934603 contrast:rewrite - successfully \
rewrote code for /path/to/app/node_modules/@koa/router/lib/router.js
...
info: 2021-07-12T18:31:41.608Z 2946030 contrast:cli-rewriter - \
rewriting complete [26.625s]

```



#### NOTE

The Node.js agent rewriter CLI currently only supports pre-compiling applications to run with Assess enabled. The agent transpiles code differently depending on whether Protect or Assess are enabled. Protect requires fewer source transformations than Assess and doesn't cause the same startup delays.

3. Once rewriting completes, start your application with Contrast as you usually would. (for example, `node -r @contrast/agent index.js`).

## Transpilers, compilers, source maps and the Node.js agent

The Node.js agent supports applications written in languages that compile to JavaScript, such as TypeScript. Although the Node.js agent only instruments JavaScript, you can also use TypeScript if you configure the transpiler to compile your application into JavaScript.



#### NOTE

The source may not correspond directly with the resulting JavaScript. As a result, reported metadata (like `vulnerability line-of-code` and `filename`) references the compiled result, not the original source.

Some languages, like TypeScript, require you to precompile your code before runtime. In these cases, the Node.js agent must point to the compiled entrypoint for your application.

To do this, set up the Node.js agent using the `-r` option:

```
scripts: {
  "test": "...",
  "start": "...",
  "contrast": "node -r @contrast/agent /path/to/transpiled/entrypoint.js"
}
```

## Source maps

With a source map, you can see the corresponding line numbers between the TypeScript source and the transpiled JavaScript.

To use source maps, you must enable the Babel rewriter and rewrite caching in your YAML configuration:

```
agent:
  node:
    rewrite_cache:
      enable: true
      path: ./cache
    enable_babel: true
```

When enabled, the agent looks for source maps (MAP files) in the same directory as the source that's being loaded (for example, if the file `/home/app/index.js` is loaded, then Contrast looks for `/home/app/index.js.map`).

If you do not already have source maps then it needs to be recompiled using the necessary flags to produce source maps. This is different for every transpiler, so check the options for your transpiler. For example, for TypeScript, append the `--source-map` flag to the TypeScript compiler (tsc) or add the `"sourceMap": true` entry to the `"compilerOptions"` section in `tsconfig.json`.

## Python agent

The Python agent is a WSGI- and framework-specific middleware that's compatible with the most-popular web application frameworks. The agent's goal is to be fully WSGI compatible, along with other web frameworks, and to provide applications built on WSGI or those frameworks with interactive application security testing (IAST) and runtime application self-protection (RASP) capabilities.

In Assess, the agent identifies vulnerable dataflow paths and other issues during normal execution of your application. It reports these findings to your organization in Contrast; you can then remediate the vulnerabilities before deploying the application in a live environment.

In Protect, the Python agent inspects HTTP requests to identify potentially harmful input vectors. During the request, the agent inspects database queries, file writes and other potentially damaging actions resulting from the request. At the end of the request, the agent inspects the rendered output for successful attacks, and can block a successful attack from being forwarded to the application user. The service sends the details of the attack to the Contrast application, which then sends you an alert and displays attack details in the interface.

You can:

- [View supported technologies for the Python agent \(page 139\)](#)
- [Install the agent \(page 139\)](#)

## System requirements for the Python agent

Before installing the Python agent, your system must meet the following requirements:

- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.

- The application can be restarted.
- The web server has network connectivity with Contrast.
- The web server has network connectivity with PyPI or the agent manually installed.
- The server meets the minimum requirements shown in this table.

Requirement	Versions	Notes
Operating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 64-bit OSX</li> <li>• 64-bit Linux</li> </ul>	<p>Starting with version 2.3.0 of the agent, the package installation step requires the compilation of C extensions. This process is automatic, but it requires that certain software is installed in the target environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required: <code>gcc</code>, <code>make</code>, <code>automake</code> and <code>autoconf</code>. The package names may be different on different platforms. Installing your platform's version of <code>build-essential</code> or installing system headers may be necessary. If running an agent on Alpine OS, <code>libtool</code> is required.</li> </ul>
Python packages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>protobuf</code>: 3.12 and later</li> <li>• <code>psutil</code>: 5.7 and later</li> <li>• <code>pip</code>: 6 and later</li> </ul>	

## Supported technologies for the Python agent

We support the following technologies for this agent.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Language version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.9.X: First supported agent was 4.2.0</li> <li>• 3.8.X: First supported agent was 2.8.0</li> <li>• 3.7.X: First supported agent was 1.5.0</li> <li>• 3.6.X: First supported agent was 1.0.0</li> <li>• 3.5.X: First supported agent was 1.0.0</li> <li>• 2.7.X: First supported agent was 1.0.0</li> </ul>	<p>Contrast supports Python Long-Term Support (LTS) versions in <b>bugfix</b> and <b>security</b> status as well as the 2.7 version. Support for Python versions is shifted as the working group <a href="#">shifts its LTS window</a>.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <p>3.4.X: Last supported agent was 1.10.0</p>
Application frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>Bottle</code>: 0.11, 0.12</li> <li>• <code>Django</code>: 1.X, 2.X and 3.X</li> <li>• <code>Django Rest Framework</code>: 3.7 and later</li> <li>• <code>Falcon</code>: 2.X and 3.X (Python 3 only)</li> <li>• <code>Flask</code>: 0.10 - 0.12, 1.X, 2.X</li> <li>• <code>Pyramid</code>: 1.4.5, 1.9 and 1.10.X</li> </ul>	<p>The Python agent is meant to be WSGI compatible. It may be compatible to other WSGI applications as long as the guidelines are followed.</p>
Processor architecture	The agent is tested on x86_64	It may work on other architectures but it isn't officially supported.
Web servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>gunicorn</code> 20.0.X</li> <li>• <code>uWSGI</code> 2.0.14 - 2.0.X</li> </ul>	
Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>Mongo</code> (<code>pymongo</code>)</li> <li>• <code>MySQL</code> (<code>PyMySQL</code> and <code>mysql-connector</code>)</li> <li>• <code>PostgreSQL</code> (<code>psycopg2</code>)</li> <li>• <code>SQLite3</code> (<code>sqlite3</code> and <code>pysqlite2</code>)</li> </ul>	
Object-relational mapping databases (ORM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>Flask-SQLAlchemy</code></li> <li>• <code>SQLAlchemy</code></li> </ul>	

## Install the Python agent

The Python agent is installed as a standard Python package, and uses the Contrast service to communicate results.

By default, the service is started automatically when your application starts. It's also possible to configure the agent to communicate with a standalone [Contrast service \(page 186\)](#) that runs independently.

You can install the Python agent:

- [Using PyPI \(page 140\)](#)
- [Using the Contrast web interface \(page 140\)](#)

## Install the Python agent with PyPI

To install the Python agent with [PyPI](#):

1. Install the agent using pip.

```
pip install contrast-agent
```



### IMPORTANT

If your application is using a version of the Python agent older than 3.0.0, it is likely it is installed with the name `contrast-python-agent`. Make sure to run `pip uninstall contrast-python-agent` before running `pip install contrast-agent`.



### TIP

If you have a `requirements.txt` file, you can add `contrast-agent` to that file, and install with `pip install -r requirements.txt`.

2. [Configure middleware. \(page 152\)](#)
3. [Configure the agent. \(page 140\)](#)
4. Verify that `autoconf` is installed on the system where you will run the agent.
5. Start and exercise your application as normal.
6. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and that it reports an instance of your application.

## Install the Python agent using Contrast

To install the Python agent using Contrast:

1. In the Contrast web application, select **Add new** in the top right corner.
2. Select the Python agent in the drop-down menu then select **Download agent**.
3. Add the `contrast-python-agent-[version].tar.gz` to the application's `requirements.txt`.

```
./path/to/contrast-python-agent-[version].tar.gz
```

Then install normally:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

OR

Manually install the agent by running:

```
pip install ./path/to/contrast-python-agent-[version].tar.gz
```

4. [Configure middleware. \(page 152\)](#)
5. [Configure the agent. \(page 140\)](#)
6. Verify that `autoconf` is installed on the system where you will run the agent.
7. Start and exercise your application as normal.
8. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and that it reports an instance of your application.

## Configure the Python agent

The [standard installation \(page 27\)](#) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#).

Additionally, you must [configure middleware \(page 152\)](#) and configure the Python agent with a YAML configuration file.

The Python agent launches an executable on startup that also needs access to the configuration files. Since the service is generally launched by the Python agent process, it has access to the same configuration file as the agent. However, if the service is started independently, it will attempt to use the same [order of precedence](#) for its configuration file.

In other words, the service can share the application's configuration file, if (as is usually the case) the service's working directory is also the base directory of the application. Both the agent and the service use the `./config/contrast_security.yaml` path.

## Python YAML template

Use this template to configure the Python agent using a [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) file. Be sure to place the YAML configuration file in your working directory or your application configuration directory.

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==

# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Set the path to which the agent should store the
# currently used configuration from the Contrast UI.
# last_config_path: ./tmp/config

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Set the absolute or relative path to a CA for communication
# with the Contrast UI using a self-signed certificate.
# ca_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Certificate
# PEM file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# cert_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Key PEM
# file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# key_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate with
# the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set value to
# `false` if you don't want to use the proxy. If no value is
# indicated, the presence of a valid contrast.proxy.host
# and contrast.proxy.port will enable the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
```

```
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
agent:

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Enable diagnostic logging by setting a path to a log file.
# While diagnostic logging hurts performance, it generates
# useful information for debugging Contrast. The value set here
# is the location to which the agent saves log output. If no
# log file exists at this location, the agent creates a file.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast.log* creates a log in the
# */opt/Contrast* directory, and rotates it automatically as needed.
# path: ./contrast_agent.log

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process the agents uses in logs.
# progname: Contrast Agent

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the file to which the agent logs security events.
# path: /.contrast/security.log

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Change the Contrast security logger from a file-sized based rolling
# scheme to a date-based rolling scheme. At midnight server time,
# the log from the previous day is renamed to *file_name.yyyy-MM-dd*.
# Note - this scheme does not have a size limit; manual log
# pruning will be required. This flag must be set to use the
```

```
# backups and size flags. Value options are `true` or `false`.
# roll_daily: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the file size cap (in MB) of each log file.
# roll_size: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the number of backup logs that the agent will create before
# Contrast cleans up the oldest file. A value of `0` means that no \
backups
# are created, and the log is truncated when it reaches its size cap.
#
# Note - this property must be used with
# `agent.security_logger.roll_daily=false`; otherwise,
# Contrast continues to log daily and disregard this limit.
# backups: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
```



```
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# \
=====
# agent.service
# The following properties are used by the Contrast Service.
# \
=====
service:

# Set to `false` to disallow the service to be started, and
# effectively disable the agent, if read by the service. If the
# agent reads this property, it disallows service auto-start.
# enable: true

# If this property is defined, the service is
# listening on a Unix socket at the defined path.
# socket: /tmp/service.sock

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the hostname or IP address of the Contrast
# service to which the Contrast agent should report.
host: localhost

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the port of the Contrast service
# to which the Contrast agent should report.
port: 30555

# \
=====
# agent.service.teamserver_retry
# The following properties are used by the Teamserver HTTP client
# to configure failed request retrying in the Contrast service.
# \
=====
# teamserver_retry:

# Enable retrying HTTP requests to the Teamserver endpoint.
# enable: true

# How long to wait between retries in milliseconds.
# interval_ms: 5000

# How many times to retry HTTP requests to Teamserver before giving \
up.
# max_attempts: 3

# \
=====
```

```
# agent.service.logger
# The following properties are used by the logger in the
# Contrast service. If the properties are not defined, the
# service uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Set the location to which the Contrast service saves log output.
# If no log file exists at this location, the service creates one.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast_service.log* will
# create a log in the */opt/Contrast* directory.
# path: ./contrast_service.log

# Set the the log output level. Options are `OFF`, `FATAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, `TRACE`, and `ALL`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process used in logs.
# progname: Contrast Service

# \
=====
# agent.python
# The following properties apply to any Python agent-wide configurations.
# \
=====
# python: {}

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
# enable: true

# Set to `false` to disable library analysis.
# analyze_libraries: true

# Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
# as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
```

```
# \
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Value options are `ALL`, `SOME`, or `NONE`.
# stacktraces: ALL

# \
=====
# assess.rules
# Use the following properties to control simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Assess rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
#
# Example - Set "reflected-xss,sql-injection" to disable
# the reflected-xss rule and the sql-injection rule.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules
# Use the following properties to set simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:
```

```
# Define a list of Protect rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# protect.rules.bot-blocker
# Use the following properties to configure
# if and how the agent blocks bots.
# \
=====
# bot-blocker:

# Set to `true` for the agent to block known bots.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection
# Use the following properties to override a specific
# Protect rule. The key is the rule ID in the
# Contrast UI with dashes replaced by underscores.
# \
=====
# sql-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or off.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals tautologies used in exfiltration attacks (e.g., "\"or
# 1=1\" or "\"or 2<>3\"). The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_tautologies: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals the invocation of dangerous functions typically used in
# weaponized exploits. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_dangerous_functions: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals chained queries, which is uncommon in normal usage but
# common in exploit. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_chained_queries: true

# Tell the agent to detect when semantic analysis of the query
# reveals database queries are being made for system tables and
# sensitive information. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_suspicious_unions: true

# \
```

```
=====
# protect.rules.cmd-injection
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the command injection rule works.
# \
=====

# cmd-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====

# protect.rules.path-traversal
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the path traversal rule works.
# \
=====

# path-traversal:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# Detect when custom code attempts to access sensitive
# system files. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_custom_code_accessing_system_files: true

# Detect when users attempt to bypass filters by
# using `::$DATA\` channels or null bytes in file
# names. The agent blocks if blocking is enabled.
# detect_common_file_exploits: true

# \
=====

# protect.rules.method-tampering
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the method tampering rule works.
# \
=====

# method-tampering:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off
```

```
# \
=====
# protect.rules.reflected-xss
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the reflected cross-site scripting rule works.
# \
=====
# reflected-xss:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.xxe
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the XML external entity works.
# \
=====
# xxe:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server type.
```

```
# type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Configure middleware

Middleware is a software component that's part of a web application, and is capable of reading and modifying inbound requests and outbound responses.

The Python agent is implemented as a middleware for all of the frameworks that Contrast supports. To use the Python agent, you must configure the middleware for the framework that your application uses:

### Bottle

Contrast's Bottle middleware is a WSGI middleware which operates by wrapping the Bottle application instance.

To configure the Python agent for Bottle:

1. Find the Bottle application object in your application codebase. This will be an instance of `bottle.Bottle`.  
A sample Bottle application might look like this, where `app` is your Bottle application object:

```
from bottle import Bottle, run

app = Bottle(__name__)

@app.route("/")
def index():
    return "hello world"

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run(app)
```

2. Wrap the Bottle application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace `<InstallContrastHere>` with:

```
from contrast.bottle import ContrastMiddleware
app = ContrastMiddleware(app)
```





## IMPORTANT

In rare cases, you may be required to pass the original `bottle.Bottle` application instance directly to the `ContrastMiddleware` in addition to your WSGI application object. If the application does not start, find your original Bottle application and pass it to Contrast's middleware. For example:

```
app = ContrastMiddleware(
    app,
    original_bottle_app,  # instance of bottle.Bottle
)
```

## Django

**Old configuration steps: will not work with Contrast Python agent versions 5.0.0 and later**

Django middleware is configured in the `settings.py` file.

1. **Find the `settings.py` file.** This file isn't found in the same location for all applications, but it's generally near the top of the application source tree. Common locations include:
  - `/settings.py`
  - `config/settings.py`
  - `app/settings.py`



## NOTE

When searching the source tree to find the `settings.py`, make sure to exclude any directories that correspond to Python virtual environments.

Some applications have multiple `settings.py` files, which may correspond to different configurations of the application (for example, prod or test). In these cases, add the Contrast agent middleware to any and all of the configurations where it will be used.

2. **Add the Contrast agent module to the list.**

Include the Contrast middleware as early in the list as is possible; although modifying the order may be necessary to get the application working in some circumstances.

- **Django 1.10 and later:** Look for the `MIDDLEWARE` configuration variable, which is an array. Add the Contrast agent module to the list:

```
MIDDLEWARE = [
    'contrast.agent.middlewares.django_middleware.DjangoMiddleware',
    # OTHER MIDDLEWARE,
]
```

- **Django 1.6 to 1.9:** Look for the `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` configuration variable in `settings.py` and add the Contrast agent module to the list:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = [
    \
    'contrast.agent.middlewares.legacy_django_middleware.DjangoMiddleware'
    ,
    # OTHER MIDDLEWARE
]
```

See the [Django documentation](#) for more details on middleware inclusion.

**New configuration steps: works with Contrast Python agent versions 4.6.0 and later**

Contrast's Django middleware is a WSGI middleware, not a Django-style middleware.

1. Find your WSGI application object. The `WSGI_APPLICATION` Django configuration option points to your project's WSGI app - this is often located in `wsgi.py`.

A sample `wsgi.py` might look like this, where `application` is your WSGI application object:

```
from django.core.wsgi import get_wsgi_application
application = get_wsgi_application()

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```

2. Wrap the WSGI application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace `<InstallContrastHere>` with:

```
from contrast.django import ContrastMiddleware
application = ContrastMiddleware(application)
```

## Falcon

Contrast's Falcon middleware is a WSGI middleware, not a Falcon-style middleware.

1. Find your Falcon application object. This will be an instance of `falcon.API` or `falcon.App` depending on your version of Falcon.

A sample Falcon application might look like this, where `app` is your Falcon application object:

```
import falcon
from views import Home

app = falcon.API()

home = Home()
app.add_route('/home', home)

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```

2. Wrap the Falcon application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace `<InstallContrastHere>` with:

```
from contrast.falcon import ContrastMiddleware
app = ContrastMiddleware(app)
```



### IMPORTANT

In rare cases, you may be required to pass the original `falcon.App` or `falcon.API` application instance directly to the `ContrastMiddleware` in addition to your WSGI application object. If the application does not start, find your original Falcon application and pass it to Contrast's middleware. For example:

```
app = ContrastMiddleware(
    app,
    original_falcon_app, # instance of falcon.App or \
    falcon.API
)
```



### IMPORTANT

You must wrap the Falcon instance *after* route registration is complete.

## Flask

Contrast's Flask middleware is a WSGI middleware which operates by wrapping the Flask application instance.

1. Find your Flask application object. This will be an instance of `flask.Flask`.  
A sample Flask application might look like this, where `app` is your Flask application object:

```
import Flask

app = Flask(__name__)

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@app.route('/')
def index():
    return render_template('index.html')

app.run(...)
```

2. Wrap the Flask application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace `<InstallContrastHere>` with:

```
from contrast.flask import ContrastMiddleware
app.wsgi_app = ContrastMiddleware(app)
```



### NOTE

Contrast's Flask middleware requires an instance of `flask.Flask` as an argument, rather than `flask.Flask.wsgi_app`.

## Pyramid

**Old configuration steps: will not work with Contrast Python agent versions 5.0.0 and later**

In Pyramid, middlewares are called "tweens".

1. Find the configurator object in your application codebase. It might look like this:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()

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```

2. Add Contrast's middleware to your config. In the example above, replace `<InstallContrastHere>` with:

```
config.add_tween('contrast.agent.middlewares.pyramid_middleware.PyramidMiddleware')
```

See the [Pyramid documentation](#) for additional details on tween configuration.

**New configuration steps: works with Contrast Python agent versions 4.6.0 and later**

Contrast's Pyramid middleware is a WSGI middleware, not a Pyramid-style "tween".

1. Find your WSGI application object. This is often created by a call to `Configurator.make_wsgi_app()`.  
For example, it might look like this:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
app = config.make_wsgi_app()
```

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2. Wrap the WSGI application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace <InstallContrastHere> with:

```
from contrast.pyramid import ContrastMiddleware
app = ContrastMiddleware(app)
```



### IMPORTANT

In rare cases, Contrast may require that you pass your application's Registry object to the middleware as well. The registry is commonly available as an attribute of both the Configurator instance and the Pyramid application object.

If the application does not start, find your application Registry and pass it to Contrast's middleware, for example:

```
app = ContrastMiddleware(app, config.registry)
```

## WSGI

Contrast provides a generic WSGI middleware that includes all core agent functionality. Framework-specific features such as route discovery are not implemented in the generic WSGI middleware.

To instrument any WSGI-compliant application with Contrast:

1. Find the WSGI application object in your application codebase. For example, given a WSGI app created as follows:

```
from example.module import make_app
wsgi_app = make_app()
```

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2. Wrap the WSGI application object with Contrast's middleware. In the example above, replace <InstallContrastHere> with:

```
from contrast.wsgi import ContrastMiddleware
wsgi_app = ContrastMiddleware(wsgi_app)
```

See the [WSGI specification](#) for additional details on WSGI middleware.

## Python web servers

The Python agent is tested against several common production web servers. Some servers require certain configuration options in order to work properly with Contrast.

### uWSGI configuration

Contrast requires the following configuration options when running on uWSGI. You can set these on the command line or in your uWSGI configuration (.ini) file:

- `--enable-threads`: Contrast's machinery utilizes threads. This option must be enabled so the agent can start background threads.

- `--single-interpreter`: The Python agent applies its instrumentation to the Python process in which it is initialized. This option ensures that Contrast is initialized in the same process that handles requests for your application.
- If using `--master` you must also use `--lazy-apps`: When running in master mode, uWSGI initializes the application in a master process but forks this process into workers which handle requests. To operate correctly, Contrast must be initialized independently in each worker process; `--lazy-apps` achieves this.

## Ruby agent

The Ruby agent is a Rack middleware that's compatible with the most-popular web application frameworks. The agent's goal is to be fully Rack compatible and to provide applications built on Rack with interactive application security testing (IAST) and runtime application self-protection (RASP) capabilities.

There are two primary components of the Ruby agent: the agent and a service used to communicate to the Contrast server.

In Assess, the agent identifies vulnerable dataflow paths and other issues during normal execution of your application. It reports these findings to your organization in Contrast; you can then remediate the vulnerabilities before deploying the application in a live environment.

In Protect, the Ruby agent inspects HTTP requests to identify potentially harmful input vectors. During the request, the agent inspects database queries, file writes and other potentially damaging actions resulting from the request. At the end of the request, the agent inspects the rendered output for successful attacks, and can block a successful attack from being forwarded to the application user. The service sends the details of the attack to the Contrast application, which then sends you an alert and displays attack details in the interface.

## See also

- [Install the Ruby agent \(page 159\)](#)
- [Supported technologies for the Ruby agent \(page 158\)](#)

## System requirements for the Ruby agent

Before installing the Ruby agent, your system must meet the following requirements:

- There is a deployed application to be analyzed, and the web application technology is supported by Contrast.
- The application can be restarted.
- The web server has network connectivity with Contrast.
- The web server has network connectivity with RubyGems or the agent manually installed.
- The server meets the minimum requirements shown in this table.

Requirement	Versions	Notes
Operating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 64-bit Linux (recommended)</li><li>• 64-bit OSX</li><li>• 64-bit Alpine</li></ul>	<p>Starting with agent version 3.0.0, the gem installation step requires the compilation of C extensions. This process is automatic, but you may need to install the following in the target environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <code>gcc</code>, <code>make</code>, <code>automake</code> and <code>autoconf</code> (Package names may vary. You may install your platform's version of <code>build-essential</code>.)</li><li>• system headers</li></ul> <p>The agent runs in the Ruby application layer with some C dependencies so it may need to be installed with the <code>--platform ruby</code> flag to allow for compilation in either <i>glibc</i> or <i>musl libc</i> based systems.</p>

Requirement	Versions	Notes
Ruby gems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ougai: ~&gt;1.8 (1.8 and later, earlier than 2)</li> <li>• parser: ~&gt;2.6 (2.6 and later, earlier than 3)</li> <li>• protobuf: ~&gt;3.10 (3.10 and later, earlier than 4)</li> <li>• rack: ~&gt;2.0 (2.0 and later, earlier than 3)</li> </ul>	

## Supported technologies for the Ruby agent

We support the following technologies for this agent.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Language version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.0.X: First supported agent was 4.6.0</li> <li>• 2.7.X: First supported agent was 3.8.0</li> <li>• 2.6.X: First supported agent was 2.3.0</li> <li>• 2.5.X: First supported agent was 2.0.0</li> </ul> <p>See the <a href="#">Ruby Maintenance Branches schedule</a> for specific release dates.</p>	<p>Contrast supports Ruby Long-Term Support (LTS) versions in normal maintenance and security maintenance status. Contrast shifts its support for Ruby versions as the working group shifts its LTS windows.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.4.X: Last supported agent was 3.9.1</li> </ul>
Application frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Rails</a> 5.X - 6.X: First supported agent was 1.0.0</li> <li>• <a href="#">Grape</a> 1.5.X: First supported agent was 4.10.0</li> <li>• <a href="#">Sinatra</a> 2.X and later: First supported agent was 1.0.0</li> </ul>	<p>While the agent can still run on <a href="#">Rack-based web frameworks</a> that aren't officially supported, Contrast may produce less-specific findings than it does for supported frameworks. Instead of reporting that a vulnerability occurs in your application code, Contrast may report it within the framework code where it interfaces directly with the Rack methods.</p> <p><b>Not supported:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rails 3.X: Last supported agent was 3.11.0</li> <li>• Rails 4.X: Last supported agent was 3.11.0</li> </ul>
Databases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">MongoDB</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Mysql2</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">PG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SQLite3</a></li> </ul>	<p>Contrast doesn't support old or deprecated versions of third-party modules.</p>

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Testing environments	We test on a matrix of our supported Operating Systems, Application Frameworks, and Web Servers and also run the Ruby Mspec Suite.	When changes are made, Contrast runs a battery of automated tests to ensure that it detects findings in supported technologies across all supported versions of Ruby. In addition to its own testing, Contrast also runs the Ruby Spec Suite against an environment with the agent enabled.
Web servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Passenger</a> 5.37 and 6.X</li> <li>• <a href="#">Puma</a> 3.7 - 5.X</li> <li>• <a href="#">Thin</a> 1.7.2 - 1.8.X</li> <li>• <a href="#">Unicorn</a> 5.0.X - 6.X</li> </ul>	

## Install the Ruby agent

The `contrast-agent.gem` is a standard Ruby library that you can add to the application gemfile.

You can install the Ruby agent:

- [Using RubyGems as a gem source \(page 159\)](#)
- [By installing the Gem manually \(page 160\)](#)



### NOTE

You can also install the Ruby agent [using Contrast web interface. \(page 160\)](#)

## Install the Ruby agent with RubyGems as a gem source

To download the Ruby agent from RubyGems:

1. Add this to your application's gemfile:

```
gem 'contrast-agent'
```

2. Run an install:

```
bundle install
```

or an update:

```
bundle update contrast-agent
```

3. [Configure middleware \(page 160\)](#) (Rails or Sinatra).
4. [Configure the agent. \(page 160\)](#)
5. Verify that `autoconf` is installed on the system where you will run the agent.
6. Verify that you can see your application in Contrast.



### NOTE

If installing in Alpine, you may need to run the command `bundle config force_ruby_platform true` prior to installation.



## NOTE

If you only want to run with Contrast in certain environments, you can do so using the [Bundler's Group function](#).

## Install the Ruby agent manually

To install the Ruby agent manually:

1. Download the `contrast-agent-*.gem` file to a local directory, and add the gem to the project gemfile:

```
gem 'contrast-agent'
```

2. Install the gem in the gemset for the current application:

```
bundle exec gem install ./path/to/contrast-agent-*.gem --platform ruby
```

3. Run an install:

```
bundle install
```

Or an update:

```
bundle update contrast-agent
```

4. [Configure middleware \(page 160\)](#) (Rails or Sinatra).
5. [Configure the agent \(page 160\)](#).
6. Verify that `autoconf` is installed on the system where you will run the agent.
7. Start and exercise your application as normal.
8. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and that it reports an instance of your application.



## NOTE

In systems using the `rvm` or `rbenv`, the environment of a user on the system might be different than the environment that the runtime server environment is using. If you can't find the gem after server startup, make sure that the gem is in a gemset available to the running web server environment.

In cases where the gem is not installed and the system can connect to RubyGems, Bundler will fall back to using RubyGems.

## Install the Ruby agent using Contrast

1. In the Contrast web application, select **Add new** in the top right corner .
2. Select the Ruby agent in the drop-down menu then select **Download agent**.
3. On the next step, you can either download the configuration file, or copy a template to build your own. Decide how you want to [configure the Ruby agent. \(page 160\)](#)
4. Verify that `autoconf` is installed on the system where you will run the agent.
5. Start and exercise your application as normal.
6. Verify that your server is registered in Contrast and that it reports an instance of your application.

## Configure the Ruby agent

The `#UUID-fc0c7df2-3d60-d4fb-d977-9c8c07b52e20_section-idm13235277930596` (page 27) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#). Configure the agent using a YAML configuration file.



The Ruby agent launches an executable on startup that also needs access to the configuration files. Since the service is generally launched by the Ruby agent process, it has access to the same configuration file as the agent. However, if the service is started independently, it will attempt to use the same [order of precedence](#) for its configuration file.

In other words, the service can share the application's configuration file, if (as is usually the case) the service's working directory is also the base directory of the application. Both the agent and the service use the `./config/contrast_security.yaml` path.

Follow these guidelines to configure your:

## Configure with Grape

If you're using the Grape framework, you must configure your application to use the Ruby agent. A simple application configured to work with the Ruby agent looks like the following example:

```
require 'grape'
require 'contrast-agent'

class App < Grape::API
  use Contrast::Agent::Middleware, true
end
```

## Configure with Rails

If you are using Rails, the Ruby agent functions as a [Railtie](#) so no additional configuration is required.

## Configure with Sinatra

If you're using the Sinatra framework, you must configure your application to use the Ruby agent. A simple application configured to work with the Ruby agent looks like the following example:

```
require 'sinatra'
require 'contrast-agent'

class App < Sinatra::Base
  use Contrast::Agent::Middleware, true
end
```

## Ruby YAML template

Use this template to configure the Ruby agent using a [YAML configuration \(page 29\)](#) file. Place the `contrast_security.yaml` file in the web application's configuration directory. (You may also place it in the root directory.)

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==

# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true
```

```
# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the path to which the agent should store the
# currently used configuration from the Contrast UI.
# last_config_path: ./tmp/config

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Set the absolute or relative path to a CA for communication
# with the Contrast UI using a self-signed certificate.
# ca_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Certificate
# PEM file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# cert_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Key PEM
```

```
# file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# key_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate with
# the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set value to
# `false` if you don't want to use the proxy. If no value is
# indicated, the presence of a valid **contrast.proxy.host**
# and **contrast.proxy.port** will enable the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
agent:

# \
=====
# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Enable diagnostic logging by setting a path to a log file.
# While diagnostic logging hurts performance, it generates
# useful information for debugging Contrast. The value set here
# is the location to which the agent saves log output. If no
# log file exists at this location, the agent creates a file.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast.log* creates a log in the
# */opt/Contrast* directory, and rotates it automatically as needed.
# path: ./contrast_agent.log

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
```

```
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process the agents uses in logs.
# progname: Contrast Agent

# Set to `true` for the agent to tag logs
# with `!AM!` for the metrics tool.
# metrics: true

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# security_logger:

# Set the file to which the agent logs security events.
# path: /.contrast/security.log

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Change the Contrast security logger from a file-sized based rolling
# scheme to a date-based rolling scheme. At midnight server time,
# the log from the previous day is renamed to *file_name.yyyy-MM-dd*.
# Note - this scheme does not have a size limit; manual log
# pruning will be required. This flag must be set to use the
# backups and size flags. Value options are `true` or `false`.
# roll_daily: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the file size cap (in MB) of each log file.
# roll_size: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Specify the number of backup logs that the agent will create before
# Contrast cleans up the oldest file. A value of `0` means that no \
backups
# are created, and the log is truncated when it reaches its size cap.
#
# Note - this property must be used with
# `agent.security_logger.roll_daily=false`; otherwise,
# Contrast continues to log daily and disregard this limit.
# backups: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
```

```
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# \
=====
# agent.service
# The following properties are used by the Contrast Service.
# \
=====
service:

# Set to `false` to disallow the service to be started, and
# effectively disable the agent, if read by the service. If the
# agent reads this property, it disallows service auto-start.
# enable: true

# If this property is defined, the service is
# listening on a Unix socket at the defined path.
# socket: /tmp/service.sock
```

```
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the hostname or IP address of the Contrast
# service to which the Contrast agent should report.
host: localhost

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the port of the Contrast service
# to which the Contrast agent should report.
port: 30555

# \
=====
# agent.service.teamserver_retry
# The following properties are used by the Teamserver HTTP client
# to configure failed request retrying in the Contrast service.
# \
=====
# teamserver_retry:

# Enable retrying HTTP requests to the Teamserver endpoint.
# enable: true

# How long to wait between retries in milliseconds.
# interval_ms: 5000

# How many times to retry HTTP requests to Teamserver before giving \
up.
# max_attempts: 3

# \
=====
# agent.service.logger
# The following properties are used by the logger in the
# Contrast service. If the properties are not defined, the
# service uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
# logger:

# Set the location to which the Contrast service saves log output.
# If no log file exists at this location, the service creates one.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast_service.log* will
# create a log in the */opt/Contrast* directory.
# path: ./contrast_service.log

# Set the the log output level. Options are `OFF`, `FATAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, `TRACE`, and `ALL`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process used in logs.
# progname: Contrast Service

# \
```

```
=====
# agent.heap_dump
# The following properties are used to trigger heap dumps from within
# the agent to snapshot the behavior of instrumented applications.
# \
=====
# heap_dump:

# Set to `true` for the agent to automatically
# take heap dumps of the instrumented application.
# enable: false

# Set the location to which to save the heap dump files. If relative,
# the path is determined based on the process' working directory.
# path: contrast_heap_dumps

# Set the amount of time to wait, in milliseconds,
# after agent startup to begin taking heap dumps.
# delay_ms: 10_000

# Set the amount of time to wait, in milliseconds, between each heap \
dump.
# window_ms: 10_000

# Set the number of heap dumps to take before disabling this feature.
# count: 5

# Set to `true` for the agent to trigger garbage collection before
# taking a heap dump to remove temporary objects from the dump.
# clean: false

# \
=====
# agent.ruby
# The following properties apply to any Ruby agent-wide configurations.
# \
=====
# ruby:

# Allow the agent to track frozen Objects returned by
# source methods. This configuration is on by default.
# track_frozen_sources: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Allow the agent to track propagation through interpolated
# Strings. This configuration is on by default.
# interpolate: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set a comma-separated string of rake tasks
# in which to disable agent operation.
# disabled_agent_rake_tasks: \
about,assets:clean,assets:clobber,assets:environment,assets:precompile,asset
s:precompile:all,db:create,db:drop,db:migrate:status,db:rollback,db:schema:c
ache:clear,db:schema:cache:dump,db:schema:dump,db:schema:load,db:seed,db:set
up,db:structure:dump,db:version,doc:app,log:clear,middleware,notes,notes:cus
tom,rails:template,rails:update,routes,secret,spec,spec:features,spec:reques
```

```
ts,spec:controllers,spec:helpers,spec:models,spec:views,spec:routing,spec:rc
ov,stats,test,test:all,test:all:db,test:recent,test:single,test:uncommitted,
time:zones:all,tmp:clear,tmp:create,webpacker:compile

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
# enable: true

# Apply a list of labels to libraries. Labels must be formatted
# as a comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# Apply a list of labels to vulnerabilities and
# preflight messages. Labels must be formatted as a
# comma-delimited list. \n Example - label1, label2, label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Value options are `ALL`, `SOME`, or `NONE`.
# stacktraces: ALL

# \
=====
# assess.sampling
# Use the following properties to control sampling in the agent.
# \
=====
# sampling:

# Set to `false` to disable sampling.
# enable: true
```



```
# This property indicates the number of requests
# to analyze in each window before sampling begins.
# baseline: 5

# This property indicates that every *nth*
# request after the baseline is analyzed.
# request_frequency: 10

# This property indicates the duration for which a sample set is valid.
# window_ms: 180_000

# \
=====
# assess.rules
# Use the following properties to control simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Assess rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
#
# Example - Set "reflected-xss,sql-injection" to disable
# the reflected-xss rule and the sql-injection rule.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
# protect
# Use the properties in this section to override Protect features.
# \
=====
==
# protect:

# Use the properties in this section to determine if the
# Protect feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules
# Use the following properties to set simple rule configurations.
# \
=====
# rules:

# Define a list of Protect rules to disable in the agent.
# The rules must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# disabled_rules: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
```

```
# protect.rules.bot-blocker
# Use the following properties to configure
# if and how the agent blocks bots.
# \
=====
# bot-blocker:

# Set to `true` for the agent to block known bots.
# enable: false

# \
=====
# protect.rules.sql-injection
# Use the following properties to override a specific
# Protect rule. The key is the rule ID in the
# Contrast UI with dashes replaced by underscores.
# \
=====
# sql-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or off.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.cmd-injection
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the command injection rule works.
# \
=====
# cmd-injection:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.path-traversal
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the path traversal rule works.
# \
=====
# path-traversal:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
```

```
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.method-tampering
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the method tampering rule works.
# \
=====
# method-tampering:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.reflected-xss
# Use the following properties to configure how
# the reflected cross-site scripting rule works.
# \
=====
# reflected-xss:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
# protect.rules.xxe
# Use the following properties to configure
# how the XML external entity works.
# \
=====
# xxe:

# Set the mode of the rule. Value options are
# `monitor`, `block`, `block_at_perimeter`, or `off`.
#
# Note - If a setting says, "if blocking is enabled",
# the setting can be `block` or `block_at_perimeter`.
# mode: off

# \
=====
==
```

```
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# \
=====
==
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server type.
# type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## See also

- [Run the service \(page 173\)](#)
- [Ruby supported technologies \(page 158\)](#)

## Run the service

On application startup, the Ruby agent starts a service in a separate process. This process is responsible for aggregating messages from the agent, sending attack information to Contrast and receiving updates to settings from Contrast.

The agent is packaged with 64-bit Mac and Linux services. Because the service is launched by the agent, it has access to the same configuration file that the agent used. If the service process is stopped, the agent will attempt to restart it.

In the unlikely event that the restart process fails, the agent will cease trying to restart the service after five attempts, and won't send findings to Contrast. However, the agent will continue to protect the application using the last settings it received.

You can access the service status using rake tasks:

- **rake contrast:service:status:** Returns `online` or `offline`.
- **rake contrast:service:start:** Attempts to start the service using the configuration for the local Ruby agent.
- **rake contrast:service:stop:** Attempts to stop the service. If the agent receives additional requests, it will attempt to restart the service on its own.

**TIP**

Ensure that the service host and port values are consistent.

If there are multiple applications protected by the Ruby agent, the first one to start will launch the service. This is not a problem since the service is designed to handle communication with multiple agents.

But, if the `agent.service.host` and `agent.service.port` configuration values don't match, the additional agent won't be able to communicate with the previously started service.

## Go agent

The Go agent is a source code rewriter that instruments Go web applications for library support and vulnerability reporting. It provides runtime insight into the source code and libraries that make up the application.

**NOTE**

As a source code rewriter, installing the Go agent in an application requires access to the application build environment.

As a next step, you can:

- [Install the Go agent \(page 175\)](#)
- [View Go agent system requirements \(page 175\)](#)
- [View Go agent supported technologies \(page 174\)](#)

## Go agent supported technologies

We support the following technologies for this agent.

Technology	Supported versions	Notes
Language version	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1.15.X</li><li>• 1.16.X</li></ul>	Contrast follows the <a href="#">Go release support policy</a> which consists of the two most recently released major versions. Support for Go language versions is shifted as new major versions are released. The application dependencies must be specified in a <code>go.mod</code> file.
Operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• macOS</li><li>• Linux</li></ul>	The AMD64 architectures of these operating systems are supported, not the ARM versions.
Application frameworks	Go standard library	Other frameworks may be compatible at runtime with reduced functionality for certain features.
Processor architecture	The agent is tested on x86_64	The Go agent rewriter and the generated runtime may work on other architectures but is not officially supported.
Database support	Go standard library	Some third-party database libraries may be compatible but are not supported.
Dependency management system	Go mod	The agent only supports modules as a dependency system: <a href="#">Using Go modules</a> . An application can be initialized with modules by running <code>go mod init</code> .
Module mode	Vendor	The Go agent rewriter requires that an application can build successfully with the <code>-mod=vendor</code> flag. The application source code does not need to be using vendoring, but must be capable of being vendored.

## Go agent system requirements

Before installing the Go agent, your system must meet the following requirements:

Requirement	Version	Notes
Build system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64-bit OSX</li><li>64-bit Linux</li></ul>	<b>Required:</b> Go build tools version 1.15 or higher. The AMD64 architectures of these operating systems are supported, not the ARM versions.
Runtime system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64-bit OSX</li><li>64-bit Linux</li></ul>	The AMD64 architectures of these operating systems are supported, not the ARM versions.

## Install the Go agent

Using the Go agent involves two artifacts. The executable must be built using `contrast-go` to instrument the application with the agent. The application requires `contrast-service` to communicate with the Contrast dashboard at runtime. A basic installation of the Go agent consists of two parts: producing an executable and running the executable. An installation overview looks like this:

1. Download the following and place in the proper path:
  - Go agent
  - Contrast service
  - `contrast_security.yaml`
2. Set up appropriate permissions.
3. Build the Go application, replacing `go` with `contrast-go` to get a final application artifact which contains the Go agent.
4. Run the executable.
5. Exercise and test your application.
6. Verify that Contrast sees your application.

For specific installation instructions, select one of the following options:

- [Install Go with RPM \(page 176\)](#)
- [Install Go with Debian \(page 175\)](#)
- [Install with direct download \(page 176\)](#)

## Install Go agent with Debian

To install the Go agent:

1. Download both of the executable files from `https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com`. This command registers our package repository in your system:

```
curl \
  https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/api/gpg/key/public | sudo apt-key \
  add -

echo "deb https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/debian-public/ $(sed -rne 's/^VERSION_CODENAME=(.*)$/\1/p' /etc/*ease) contrast" \
  | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/contrast.list

echo "deb https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/debian-public/ all contrast" \
  | sudo tee -a /etc/apt/sources.list.d/contrast.list
```

2. Once complete, use this command to install the agent and service:

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install contrast-service
```

3. Be sure the application has a `go.mod` file to indicate required dependencies. In the application source directory run the following command:

```
go mod init
```

4. Build your application:

```
contrast-go build -o output-name-of-application
```

5. [Configure the Go agent \(page 178\)](#) using the [Go YAML template \(page 179\)](#) or environment variables.
6. Run the Contrast Service using the command: `./contrast-service`.
7. Run your application using the executable from the output above.
8. Exercise and test your application.
9. Verify that Contrast sees your application.

## Install Go agent with Red Hat Package Manager (RPM)

To install the Go agent:

1. Download both of the executable files from <https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com>. Use this script in your shell to configure your RPM-based system for our package repository. You may need `sudo` permissions.

```
tee /etc/yum.repos.d/contrast.repo <<-"EOF"
[contrast]
name=Contrast centos-$releasever repo
baseurl=https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/rpm-public/centos-$releasever/
gpgcheck=0
enabled=1
EOF
```

2. Once complete, use this command to install the agent and service:

```
sudo yum install contrast-go contrast-service
```

3. Be sure the application has a `go.mod` file to indicate required dependencies. In the application source directory run the following command:

```
go mod init
```

4. Build your application:

```
contrast-go build -o output-name-of-application
```

5. [Configure the Go agent \(page 178\)](#) using the [Go YAML template \(page 179\)](#) or environment variables.
6. Run the Contrast service through the command: `./contrast-service`.
7. Run your application using the executable with the output from above.
8. Exercise and test your application.
9. Verify that Contrast sees your application.

## Install the Go agent with direct download

To install the Go agent:

1. Download both of the executable files from <https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com>. The `contrast-go` and `contrast-service` executables can be downloaded directly for Mac and Linux operating systems. You can see available versions in the [contrast-service-release](#) and [go-agent-release](#) user interface. Replace `<version>` with the version number you want, or latest.

- **For Mac:**

```
wget https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-service-release/
<version>/darwin-amd64/contrast-service
wget https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/go-agent-release/<version>/
darwin-amd64/contrast-go
```

or



```
curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-service-release/
<version>/darwin-amd64/contrast-service > contrast-service
curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/go-agent-release/<version>/
darwin-amd64/contrast-go > contrast-go
```

- **For Linux:**

```
wget https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-service-release/
<version>/linux-amd64/contrast-service
wget https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/go-agent-release/<version>/linux-
amd64/contrast-go
```

or

```
curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-service-release/
<version>/linux-amd64/contrast-service > contrast-service
curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/go-agent-release/<version>/
linux-amd64/contrast-go > contrast-go
```

2. After download, verify that the agent and service are executable. For example:

```
chmod u+x contrast-service
chmod u+x contrast-go
```

3. Be sure the application has a `go.mod` file to indicate required dependencies. In the application source directory run the following command:

```
go mod init
```

4. Build your application:

```
contrast-go build -o output-name-of-application
```

5. [Configure the Go agent \(page 178\)](#) using the [Go YAML template \(page 179\)](#) or environment variables.
6. Run the Contrast service through the command: `./contrast-service`.
7. Run your application using the executable from the output above.
8. Exercise and test your application.
9. Verify that Contrast sees your application.

## Install the Go agent using a container

The Go agent has two main components: `contrast-go` (a build tool) and the agent itself (a package injected into your app at build time by `contrast-go`).

You can download `contrast-go` with a `curl` command, or from a repository or package manager. You will also need to configure the agent to connect with Contrast. You can use a YAML configuration file or environment variables. You can download the YAML from Contrast, or create your own from a template.

When running the agent you will also need the Contrast service running in the background. When installing the Contrast Go agent in a container, you just need to follow these steps in your container image file.



### TIP

If you would like to explore a sample application using the Go agent and running the Contrast service in a *separate* container, see the [Go Test Bench open source project](#).

## Before you begin

This topic provides general guidance for installing the Contrast Go agent in a containerized application, with Docker as an example.

You should have a basic understanding of how containers and related software work. You may need to adjust the instructions to meet your specific circumstances.

## Build your application with `contrast-go`

Follow the instructions to install the Go agent.

1. Download the Go agent. Either use the cURL below, or install with [Debian \(page 175\)](#).

```
RUN curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/go-agent-release/latest/linux-amd64/contrast-go > contrast-go
```

2. Ensure the correct permissions are set

```
RUN chmod u+x contrast-go
```

3. Replace your normal `go build` command with `contrast-go build`. This will give you an executable with Contrast embedded in it.

```
RUN contrast-go build -o instrumented-app
```

## Run your instrumented application

1. Get the Contrast service using this curl command.

```
RUN curl -L https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-service-release/latest/linux-amd64/contrast-service > contrast-service
```

2. Ensure the correct permissions are set

```
RUN chmod u+x contrast-service
```

3. Copy the `contrast_security.yaml` config file from your file system into the container.

```
COPY ./contrast_security.yaml contrast_security.yaml
```



### TIP

Alternatively, you can pass the properties as environment variables to the container, using `docker run -e <PROPERTY>` for example. See the [Docker documentation](#) for more details.

4. Run your application with the Contrast service in the background.

```
CMD ./contrast-service & ./instrumented-app
```

## See also

Contrast Support Portal [Kubernetes and Contrast](#)

Contrast Support Portal [AWS Fargate and Contrast agents](#)

## Configure the Go agent

The [standard configuration \(page 27\)](#) for all agents uses this [order of precedence](#).

There are different ways to configure the Go agent:

- A [YAML configuration file \(page 29\)](#) is required to run your application. It is not needed to run the Go agent. You can create your own YAML configuration file or use this [YAML template \(page 179\)](#) that contains all valid properties for the Go agent.

You can configure the [Contrast service \(page 186\)](#) separately or they share the same `contrast_security.yaml` configuration file. Place the file at `/etc/contrast/contrast_security.yaml` and then [find the agent keys \(page 28\)](#) and set these values:

```
api:
  url:
  api_key:
  secret_key:
  user_name:
agent:
  service:
    host: 127.0.0.1
    port: 30555
    #socket: /tmp/contrast.sock # optional: only `socket` OR `host` and `
    `port` should be set
    grpc: true
```

- You can use [environment variables \(page 30\)](#) to configure your build.
- Command line configuration is also available.

## Go YAML template

You can use the YAML template below to modify your YAML properties.

```
# \
=====
==
# Use the properties in this YAML file to configure a
# Contrast agent. Go to https://docs.contrastsecurity.com/ to
# determine the order of precedence for configuration values.
# \
=====
==

# Only set this property if you want to turn off Contrast. Set to
# `true` to turn the agent on; set to `false` to turn the agent off.
# enable: true

# \
=====
==
# api
# Use the properties in this section to connect the agent to the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
==
api:

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the URL for the Contrast UI.
url: https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the API key needed to communicate with the Contrast UI.
api_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the service key needed to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
service_key: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the user name used to communicate with the Contrast
# UI. It is used to calculate the Authorization header.
user_name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.certificate
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI using certificates.
# \
=====
# certificate:

# If set to `false`, the agent will ignore the
# certificate configuration in this section.
# enable: true

# Set the absolute or relative path to a CA for communication
# with the Contrast UI using a self-signed certificate.
# ca_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Certificate
# PEM file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# cert_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the absolute or relative path to the Key PEM
# file for communication with the Contrast UI.
# key_file: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
# api.proxy
# Use the following properties for communication
# with the Contrast UI over a proxy.
# \
=====
# proxy:

# Set value to `true` for the agent to communicate with
# the Contrast web interface over a proxy. Set value to
# `false` if you don't want to use the proxy. If no value is
# indicated, the presence of a valid contrast.proxy.host
# and contrast.proxy.port will enable the proxy.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the URL for your Proxy Server. The URL form is `scheme://
host:port`.
# url: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# \
=====
==
# agent
# Use the properties in this section to control the way and frequency
# with which the agent communicates to logs and the Contrast UI.
# \
=====
==
agent:

# \
=====

# agent.logger
# Define the following properties to set logging values.
# If the following properties are not defined, the
# agent uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====

# logger:

# Enable diagnostic logging by setting a path to a log file.
# While diagnostic logging hurts performance, it generates
# useful information for debugging Contrast. The value set here
# is the location to which the agent saves log output. If no
# log file exists at this location, the agent creates a file.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast.log* creates a log in the
# */opt/Contrast* directory, and rotates it automatically as needed.
# path: ./contrast_agent.log

# Set the the log output level. Valid options are
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR

# Set to `true` to redirect all logs to
# `stdout` instead of the file system.
# stdout: false

# \
=====

# agent.security_logger
# Define the following properties to set security
# logging values. If not defined, the agent uses the
# security logging (CEF) values from the Contrast UI.
# \
=====

# security_logger:

# Set the file to which the agent logs security events.
# path: ./contrast/security.log

# Set the log level for security logging. Valid options
# are `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, and `TRACE`.
# level: ERROR
```

```
# \
=====
# agent.security_logger.syslog
# Define the following properties to set Syslog values. If the \
properties
# are not defined, the agent uses the Syslog values from the Contrast \
UI.
# \
=====
# syslog:

# Set to `true` to enable Syslog logging.
# enable: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the IP address of the Syslog server
# to which the agent should send messages.
# ip: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the port of the Syslog server to
# which the agent should send messages.
# port: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Set the facility code of the messages the agent sends to Syslog.
# facility: 19

# Set the log level of Exploited attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_exploited: ALERT

# Set the log level of Blocked attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Blocked At Perimeter
# attacks. Value options are `ALERT`, `CRITICAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_blocked_perimeter: NOTICE

# Set the log level of Probed attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_probed: WARNING

# Set the log level of Suspicious attacks. Value options are `ALERT`,
# `CRITICAL`, `ERROR`, `WARNING`, `NOTICE`, `INFO`, and `DEBUG`.
# severity_suspicious: WARNING

# \
=====
# agent.service
# The following properties are used by the Contrast Service.
# \
=====
service:
```

```
# Set to `false` to disallow the service to be started, and
# effectively disable the agent, if read by the service. If the
# agent reads this property, it disallows service auto-start.
# enable: true

# Set to `true` to enable listening for gRPC connections.
# The `socket`, `host` and `port` fields will be used for
# configuring the gRPC server in place of the legacy RPC server.
# grpc: false

# If this property is defined, the service is
# listening on a Unix socket at the defined path.
# socket: /tmp/service.sock

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the hostname or IP address of the Contrast
# service to which the Contrast agent should report.
host: localhost

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Set the the port of the Contrast service
# to which the Contrast agent should report.
port: 30555

# ***** REQUIRED *****
# Timeout (in milliseconds) that the agent-init
# should wait for the contrast-service
timeout_ms: 30000

# \
=====
# agent.service.teamserver_retry
# The following properties are used by the Teamserver HTTP client
# to configure failed request retrying in the Contrast service.
# \
=====
# teamserver_retry:

# Enable retrying HTTP requests to the Teamserver endpoint.
# enable: true

# How long to wait between retries in milliseconds.
# interval_ms: 5000

# How many times to retry HTTP requests to Teamserver before giving \
up.
# max_attempts: 3

# \
=====
# agent.service.logger
# The following properties are used by the logger in the
# Contrast service. If the properties are not defined, the
# service uses the logging values from the Contrast UI.
# \
```

```
=====
# logger:

# Set the location to which the Contrast service saves log output.
# If no log file exists at this location, the service creates one.
#
# Example - */opt/Contrast/contrast_service.log* will
# create a log in the */opt/Contrast* directory.
# path: ./contrast_service.log

# Set the the log output level. Options are `OFF`, `FATAL`,
# `ERROR`, `WARN`, `INFO`, `DEBUG`, `TRACE`, and `ALL`.
# level: ERROR

# Override the name of the process used in logs.
# progname: Contrast Service

# \
=====
==
# inventory
# Use the properties in this section to override the inventory features.
# \
=====
==
# inventory:

# Set to `false` to disable inventory features in the agent.
# enable: true

# Set to `false` to disable library analysis.
# analyze_libraries: true

# \
=====
==
# assess
# Use the properties in this section to control Assess.
# \
=====
==
# assess:

# Include this property to determine if the Assess
# feature should be enabled. If this property is not
# present, the decision is delegated to the Contrast UI.
# enable: false

# \
=====
==
# application
# Use the properties in this section for
# the application(s) hosting this agent.
# \
```



```
=====
==
# application:

# Override the reported application name.
#
# Note - On Java systems where multiple, distinct applications may be
# served by a single process, this configuration causes the agent to \
report
# all discovered applications as one application with the given name.
# name: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the name of the application group with which this
# application should be associated in the Contrast UI.
# group: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Add the application code this application should use in the Contrast UI.
# code: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported application version.
# version: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Apply labels to an application. Labels must
# be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for
# specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application. The
# set must be formatted as a comma-delimited list of `key=value` pairs.
# Example - "business-unit=accounting, office=Baltimore"
# metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide the ID of a session which already exists in the Contrast
# UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated with
# this session. If an invalid ID is supplied, the agent will be
# disabled. This option and `application.session_metadata` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set, the agent will be disabled.
# session_id: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Provide metadata which is used to create a new session ID in the
# Contrast UI. Vulnerabilities discovered by the agent are associated
# with this new session. This value should be formatted as key=value pairs
# (conforming to RFC 2253). Available key names for this configuration
# are branchName, buildNumber, commitHash, committer, gitTag, repository,
# testRun, and version. This option and `application.session_id` are
# mutually exclusive; if both are set the agent will be disabled.
# session_metadata: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# \
=====
==
```

```
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.
# \
=====
==
# server:

# Override the reported server name.
# name: localhost

# Override the reported server path.
# path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server type.
# type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET

# Override the reported server environment.
# environment: development

# Apply a list of labels to the server. Labels
# must be formatted as a comma-delimited list.
# Example - label1,label2,label3
# tags: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Contrast service

The Contrast service is a stand-alone executable that enables communication between Contrast and multi-process dynamic language agents (Go, Ruby, Node.js and Python agents). It passes settings from Contrast to the agent. It also aggregates and sends information from the agent back to Contrast.

It is compiled for various supported architectures:

- Linux 64-bit
- Macintosh 64-bit
- Windows 64-bit

The service is packaged with the Node.js, Python and Ruby agents, and starts automatically when the instrumented application is started. The service is not packaged or started by the Go agent. You must have a service installed, configured and running for the Go agent to function. You may do the same for more control when running the Node.js, Python, or Ruby agents.

## Install the Contrast service

Installation varies depending on your system:

- **Linux:** Install the Contrast service with a system package manager.
- **Debian:** Use the commands to install from the correct Debian repository.

1. Get the CODENAME for your Ubuntu release.

```
grep VERSION_CODENAME /etc/os-release
```

2. Update the command below with the CODENAME, and run the commands.

```
curl https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/api/gpg/key/public | sudo apt-
key add -
echo "deb https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/debian-public/ CODENAME \
contrast" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/contrastc.list
```

3. Install the Contrast service:

```
sudo apt-get update && sudo apt-get install contrast-service
```

4. [Configure the Contrast service. \(page 187\)](#)

- **Red Hat Package Manager (RPM):** Use these commands to install from Contrast's yum repository.

1. Configure your system to use the repository:

```
OSREL=$(rpmquery -E "%{rhel}")
sudo -E tee /etc/yum.repos.d/contrast.repo << EOF
[contrast]
name=contrast repo
baseurl=https://pkg.contrastsecurity.com/rpm-public/centos-$OSREL/
gpgcheck=0
enabled=1
EOF
```

2. Install the Contrast service:

```
yum install contrast-service
```

3. [Configure the Contrast service. \(page 187\)](#)



#### TIP

To remove the `contrast-service` package, run `apt-get remove contrast-service` or `yum remove contrast-service`.

## Configure the Contrast service

Unlike the service executable packaged with the Ruby and Python agents, the Contrast service isn't preconfigured with connection parameters. Instead, you must configure the service with a YAML configuration file.

When installed as a system service, the Contrast service is controlled by this YAML configuration file located in the `/etc` directory. Frequently, the service shares the same `contrast_security.yaml` file with any other applications on the same server, to ensure that all connection values (like the socket name or port number) are consistent.

Assuming an application-specific configuration file is not already installed in the application's working directory, the location of the YAML configuration file determines whether it can be shared with the agent on the same server:

- If you **don't** want it to be shared, place the configuration file at `/etc/contrast/webserver/contrast_security.yaml`.
- If you **do** want it to be shared, place the configuration file at `/etc/contrast/contrast_security.yaml`.

A default configuration YAML file is installed with the Contrast service Linux package at `/etc/contrast/webserver/contrast_security.yaml`. This template has placeholders for most necessary items, but you should update the following:

- **api:** Set the API properties. This determines how the Contrast service connects to Contrast.
- **agent:** This is the top-level configuration section for agent-related configuration.

- **service:** These options affect communication between an agent and the Contrast service. The connection configuration must be identical between the Contrast service and the agent communicating with that service.
- **socket:** The path to the local unix socket (for example, `/tmp/contrast.sock`)
- **host and port:** Optionally, instead of socket, the Contrast Service can be configured to connect at a host and port.
- **grpc:** Set to "true" to use gRPC for agent to service communication. This is optional and may provide a slight performance improvement for the Node.js agent.

If this configuration has an issue or incorrect values, or the Contrast service fails to connect to Contrast, you can troubleshoot the failed connection result at `/var/log/contrast/service.log`.

# Use Contrast

The way you interact with Contrast depends on your particular situation, the tools and integrations you use, your roles and permissions, and whether you are accessing Contrast through the web interface, command line tools or the [REST API](#).



## NOTE

All commands used in this guide should be run in a command shell with administrative privileges from the directory in which Contrast was installed.

The majority of Contrast users will likely be assigned an Editor role. (You can see what [permission level you have](#) (page 192) under [user settings](#). (page 190))

With Editor permissions you can [instrument an application](#) (page 27) and start viewing results in Contrast. You can also interact with the basic components of Contrast (all visible in the header of the web interface):

- [Applications](#) (page 193)  
View a searchable list of an organization's applications. License, merge, tag, archive and restore applications.
- [Servers](#) (page 214)  
View a searchable list of an organization's servers. Designate server environment, enable Assess and Protect, settings, tagging and deleting.
- [Libraries](#) (page 219)  
View a searchable list of libraries being used by all the applications in an organization. Use tags and view statistics for known vulnerabilities present in libraries and high-risk libraries.
- [Vulnerabilities](#) (page 235)  
View a searchable list of vulnerabilities discovered. You can view this list for each application in an organization. Mark status, merge, share, tag, and export vulnerabilities. View details of any vulnerability for more information and guidance for fixing it.
- [Attacks](#) (page 247)  
View a searchable list of attacks that are occurring or have occurred on all the applications in an organization. View attacks at the highest level or delve into the individual attack events.

You can also use other features and tools to enhance your Contrast experience:

- [Reports](#) (page 253)  
Collect data and export as a CSV or PDF to share it outside of Contrast.
- [Integrations](#) (page 258)  
Use Contrast in conjunction with other tools like bugtrackers, build tools, application servers, Security Incident Event Management (SIEM), notifications and chat.
- [Contrast CLI](#) (page 229)  
Perform software composition analysis (SCA) on your application to show you the dependencies between open-source libraries.

Although most of the configuration for these features requires [system](#) (page 343), [organization](#) (page 330) or [RulesAdmin](#) (page 308) permissions, an Editor can:

- [Instrument an application \(page 27\)](#)
- Send notifications
- [Customize scoring \(page 342\)](#)

## Manage user settings

To manage user settings in Contrast, open the **user menu** (your name in the top right corner of the Contrast web interface), and select **User settings**. There you can:

- [Change your password \(page 190\)](#)
- [Set up two-step authentication \(page 190\)](#)
- [Edit your profile \(page 191\)](#)
- [Find personal keys \(page 191\)](#)
- [Manage notifications \(page 192\)](#)
- [View your permissions \(page 192\)](#)

## Log in to Contrast

To log in to Contrast for the first time, you must accept an email invitation generated by your administrator. Select the link in the email to log in to Contrast.

If your organization is using [single sign-on \(SSO\) \(page 337\)](#), select the checkbox on the login page to disable the password input field. You are only required to enter your email address. Once your email is verified you can log in with your full SSO credentials.

If you are using [two-step authentication \(page 190\)](#), your login process occurs *after* successful SSO authentication.

## Change your password

To change your account password, complete the following steps.

1. Log in to Contrast.
2. In the user menu, select **User settings > Change password**.
3. In the form fields, enter your current password and new password. Retype your new password in the next field to confirm it.



### NOTE

Your new password must adhere to the password policy [set by your administrator \(page 336\)](#). Contrast notifies you of their requirements as you begin typing.

4. Check the box to agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#).
5. Select **Save**.



### NOTE

Customers using single sign-on (SSO) to [log in \(page 190\)](#) don't have the option to change their password.

## Set up two-step authentication

If your administrator has enabled two-step authentication at an [organization \(page 337\)](#) or [system \(page 366\)](#) level, you can add an extra layer of protection beyond your username and password. To set it up:

1. In the user menu, select **User settings > Two-step verification**.
2. Use the toggle to enable two-step authentication.
3. Use the radio buttons to select how you want to receive verification codes:
  - **Email:** You can receive authentication codes in the email you associated with Contrast. To set this up, you will receive an email with a verification code to enter in the configuration page
  - **Google Authenticator:** You will need to download the app to your mobile device, and you can receive authentication codes there. To set this up, scan the QR code provided in Contrast, and follow the instructions to validate your device.
4. Before completing two-step authentication setup, you can download a set of backup codes in the form of a .txt file, which allows you to login if you encounter an error or get locked out of your account. You must download and save these codes in a secure location.
5. If you want to change the way you receive verification codes, you can go back and reconfigure notification settings. Once you change your selection, Contrast automatically issues a new set of backup codes. It is not necessary to save your changes.



### TIP

If you run into issues using either method, you can use the backup codes provided, [select Can't sign in?](#) or use the [Reset Device](#) link in Google Authenticator.

## Manage your profile

Add or update your name, time, date and language preferences to customize your experience using Contrast.

1. In the user menu, select **User settings > Profile**.
2. Under **General information**, you can enter your basic information, such as your name or time zone.
3. Click on the thumbnail to upload a new profile image.
4. Here you can also [view your organization and personal keys \(page 191\)](#) under **Your keys**.
5. Select **Save**.

## View your organization and personal keys

Organization keys are values that represent the organization. They are sent by the agent (and API users) to identify which organization is being accessed. Your personal keys are values that represent you as a user.

To view your organization keys and your personal keys:

1. Go to **User menu > User settings > Profile**.
2. Under **Your keys** you can see both the **Organization keys**, including the API key and Organization ID and Contrast URL, and your **Personal keys**, including your service key and authorization header. To copy your authorization header, select **Copy**.

YOUR KEYS

**Organization Keys**

API Key  
B6Y14MfSBsmLC6k4GxhllGk297ZuvG9N  
Learn how to use the Contrast REST API. Read our [API documentation](#)

Organization ID  
0f767995-4882-4c7c-889f-994d945ff0d5

Contrast URL  
<https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast>

**Personal Keys**

Service Key  
OUBQP7ZZNY3M8HOV  
Connect to services with your credentials. [Rotate](#)

Authorization Header  
[Copy](#)

Generate Sample API Request

- To rotate your service key, click **Rotate**.



### IMPORTANT

Rotating your personal service key will affect any integrations using that key. To reconnect, update your credentials in your integrations.

- To generate a sample API request and copy it to clipboard, select **Generate sample API request**.

## Manage user notifications

To change your notification settings:

- In the **user menu**, select **User settings > Notifications**.
- Click in the **Subscriptions** field to choose the application(s) for which you want to receive notifications. The default selection is "All Applications".
- Use the toggles in the **In Contrast** and **Email** columns to enable or disable the following subscriptions.
  - Active attack:** There is an active attack on an application with Protect enabled.
  - New vulnerability:** Contrast has detected a new vulnerability. Click in the field to receive notifications for specific severity levels or "Library"; the default selection is "All".
  - Server messages:** Get server messages around reliability issues.
  - Server offline:** A server can no longer be reached.
  - New comment:** A team member commented on a finding.
  - New asset:** A new asset (application or server) to which you have [access \(page 192\)](#) has been added. Click in the field to set this notification for "Application" or "Server"; the default selection is "All".
  - Nearing expiration:** An application license is about to expire.
  - Policy violations:** A compliance, library or remediation policy is in violation. Select the box if you want to aggregate policy violation emails into a digest.
  - Email:** A daily summary of Contrast activities.

## View your permissions

The **Permissions** page provides a detailed view of the assigned permissions for both the organization and the applications to which you have access. To see your permissions:

- Go to the **User menu > User settings > Permissions**.
- See your organization listed at the top of the page along with your organization role. The **Application permissions** grid shows your role for each application within the organization.
- Click the help icon next to each role for details on the data access and actions made available by each level.



## Applications

After an [application has been instrumented \(page 27\)](#), you can [view your applications \(page 193\)](#) in Contrast and explore these features:

- [Route coverage \(page 199\)](#)
- [Session metadata \(page 198\)](#)
- [Flow maps \(page 204\)](#)
- [Application scoring \(page 389\)](#)



### NOTE

An Organization or Application Administrator will need to [license your application \(page 334\)](#) for these features to work.

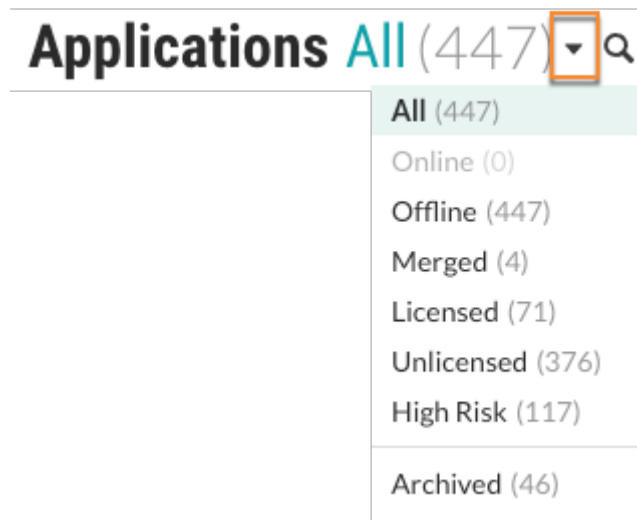
## View applications

There are multiple ways to view application information.

### Steps


1. Select **Applications** in the header to view a list of all applications found in your organization.
2. Select an application name from the list to view the application's **Overview** tab.
3. To filter the list based on application status, select the small triangle at the very top of the applications list.

Alternatively, to search for specific application by name, select the magnifying glass icon (🔍) to search for them.



The filters include:

- **All:** Applications that you added to Contrast, excluding archived applications.
- **Online:** Only applications whose agents have contacted Contrast within the last 5 minutes. Excludes archived applications.
- **Offline:** Only applications whose agents have had no contact with Contrast for more than 5 minutes. Excludes archived applications.
- **Merged:** Only applications that are part of a merged application (the primary application and its components)

- Excludes archived applications.
  - **Licensed:** Only applications that have a Contrast license applied to them  
Excludes archived applications.
  - **Unlicensed:** Only applications that have no Contrast license applied to them  
Excludes archived applications.
  - **High risk:** Only applications that have a high or critical vulnerability with a status of: *Reported*, *Suspicious*, or *Confirmed*.  
Excludes archived applications.
  - **Policy violation:** This filter is available when the organization has enabled compliance policies.  
Only applications that are in violation of a compliance policy.  
Excludes archived applications.
  - **Archived** Only applications that are visible for historical purposes. The agent for an archived application no longer reports vulnerabilities to Contrast.
4. Select the Filter icon (  ) next to the Application column header to filter by tags, languages, servers, severity or technologies. To remove filters, select **Clear** next to the column header.

## Edit application information

You may need to access or edit specific information about your applications, specifically:

- **Application names:** Each application in an organization must have a unique name. To change the name, select Applications in the header, then click on the application's name in the grid to go to its **Overview** page. Click on the name at the top of the page to update the text.  
Alternatively, select the **Settings** icon in the top right of the Overview page and update the name in the **Application defaults** window.  
SuperAdmins can also edit application names by selecting **SuperAdmin** in the user menu, then **Applications** in the header, then clicking on the name in the grid.
- **Application ID:** The application ID is the last URI segment in the URL of your browser. To locate an application's ID, select an application from the grid. The segment after `applications/` is the application ID.
- **Application importance:** This value appears in the application's metadata and may also be used in your organization's integrations settings. To set an application's importance level select an application name to view its **Overview** page and select the **Settings** icon. In the **Application defaults** window, use the **Importance** field to select a level from the drop-down menu.

## Add a tag to an application

You can tag applications to better organize them and improve search functionality.

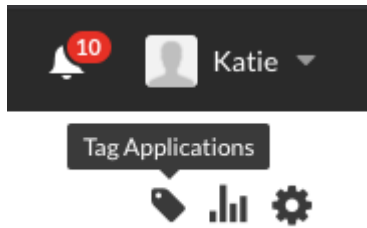


### TIP

An Organization Administrator can also [add custom metadata fields \(page 339\)](#) that can also help improve search and organization.

To tag a single application, hover over the row and select the **tag** icon. To tag multiple applications at the same time, use the check marks to select the appropriate grid rows, and select the **tag** icon in the bottom action bar. Enter the tag name in the window that appears and select **Save**.

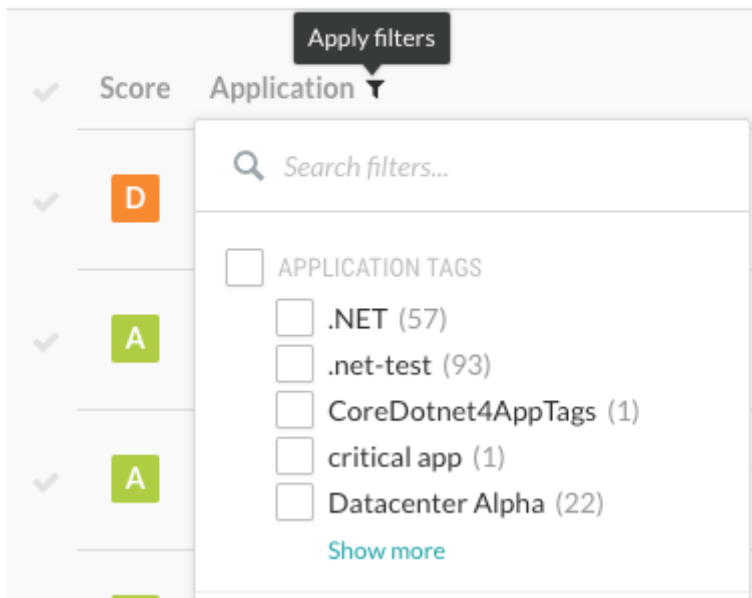
1. Select **Applications** in the header, then hover over the row in the grid for the application you want to tag.
2. In the far right column, select the **Tag** icon. This option is also available from the application details page in the top right corner.



To tag multiple applications, use the check marks in the left column of the applications grid to select the ones you want to tag. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Tag** icon.

3. In the window that appears, begin typing to see a list of tags. Select one or more from the drop-down menu, and/or type a new tag. To remove tags, select the **X**. Select **Save**.
4. To filter by tags, select the filter next to the **Application** column of the grid, then select the tags to filter.

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5. You can also see tags next to the application name on the application's details page, and remove them by selecting the **X**.

## Merge and unmerge applications

Merging two or more applications creates a single application called a primary application and is a common operation for Organization Administrators responsible for bringing applications online. The main purpose of merging is to present a single application view for the purposes of scoring, discovered vulnerabilities, and remediation. Applications can be made up of components, which may show up individually in the application list. Merging also allows you to logically organize all of an application's components into one entity in Contrast.

To merge applications:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, and use the check marks to select the applications to merge.
2. Select the **Merge** icon from the menu at the bottom of the grid.
3. In the window that appears, use the drop-down menu to choose one of the merged applications to represent the primary application.

4. Once your applications are merged, you'll see a **crown** icon beside the name of the primary application. To see the application components that the primary application contains, select the crown icon.
5. To unmerge either all or specific application modules from the primary application, select the **crown** icon in the application's row or Overview page. In the window that appears, select any number of the modules, and click the button to **Unmerge selected applications**.

## Archive and unarchive applications

If an application should no longer collect vulnerabilities, but you want to keep it in your organization for historical purposes, the best solution is to archive the application.

Archiving an application maintains the integrity of past application data, such as vulnerabilities and libraries, but the agent no longer reports vulnerabilities to Contrast.

Archived applications also improve your overall portfolio score, as they don't count against the total score.

To archive an individual application:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, and find the application you want to archive.
2. At the end of the application row, select the **Archive** icon. To archive multiple applications, use the check marks in the left column to select the appropriate rows. Then select the **Archive** icon from the batch action menu at the bottom of the page.
3. In the window that appears, select **Archive** to confirm your choice.
4. Once an application is archived, an administrator can restore the application. The application becomes visible by default, and all vulnerabilities and issues immediately impact the portfolio score.

To unarchive an application, select the small triangle next to the Applications header at the top of the grid. From the drop-down menu, select **Archived**. This shows a list of archived applications.

To unarchive an individual application, hover over the application's grid row, and select the **Unarchive** icon. To unarchive multiple applications, use the check marks in the left column to select the appropriate rows. Then select the unarchive icon from the action bar at the bottom of the page. In the window that appears, select **Unarchive** to confirm your choice.



### NOTE

Archiving an application doesn't free up a license in Contrast. The only way to return a license back to the pool of available licenses is to archive, [reset \(page 196\)](#) and then fully [delete \(page 197\)](#) the application.

## Reset an application

Resetting an application purges all of the data associated with it, but doesn't remove the application. Users often reset applications to clear all history and findings associated with a specific application.



### CAUTION

If an application is reset, there is no way to restore the purged data.

It is common to reset an application before [deleting \(page 197\)](#) it to make sure that all associated vulnerabilities, URLs and components are cleared properly.

To reset an application:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, and select the name of the application you want to reset. (You cannot bulk reset applications.)
2. With the **Overview** tab selected, click the **Settings** icon in the top right.
3. In the window that appears, select **Reset application**.
4. Select **Save**.



#### NOTE

If you are an administrator, you can also reset from the **Applications** page by clicking the **Reset** button in the application's grid row.

## Delete applications

Deleting an application returns the application's enterprise license back into the license pool, making the license available for use by other applications. It also removes findings associated with the application, like vulnerabilities and libraries, that you no longer need or want.

You must [archive an application \(page 196\)](#) before you can fully delete it. You aren't required to reset the application, as the deletion process truncates any associated data; however, Contrast recommends that you review the data and [reset the application \(page 196\)](#) before you delete it.



#### NOTE

You must have administrator permissions to delete an application.

To delete an application:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, and select the name of the application you would like to delete.
2. With the **Overview** tab selected, verify that no servers are reporting to the application. If any servers are reporting, manually disable the servers in each environment by clicking the green **On** button for Assess or Protect. In the window that appears, use the toggle to switch off the server, and select **Save**. Repeat this process for servers with Assess and/or Protect enabled in each environment, as needed.  
If you don't disable all agents reporting on behalf of the application, leftover agents may continue to report findings, even after the application is deleted. As a result, the application would be recreated and continue to consume the license.
3. [Reset the application. \(page 196\)](#)
4. [Archive the application. \(page 196\)](#)
5. Select the small triangle next to the **Applications** header at the top of the page and select **Archived** from the drop-down menu. Find the archived application you want to delete and select the **Delete (trashcan)** icon in the archived application's row.

**CAUTION**

When you delete an application, all of its associated findings - like, vulnerabilities and libraries - are removed permanently.

6. In the window that appears, select **Delete** to confirm your choice.

## View session metadata

Use session metadata to pinpoint the source of vulnerabilities in your application. When you add the necessary configuration property to your agent file, the agent reports the information along with the rest of your standard vulnerability data to Contrast.

To see the session metadata reported by the agent:

1. Select the **Applications** in the header, then select the name of the application you want to view.
2. Select the **Vulnerabilities** tab to see a list of vulnerabilities with data for each. The data for each vulnerability is displayed in the grid and the timeline.
3. Select the **View timeline** icon at the top of the grid to view these vulnerabilities in a timeline. Select **Severity** or **Discovery** to change the view. Hover over the trend lines in the grid for a breakdown of the data at that point in time.
4. Use the **View by** menu above the timeline to filter the data by the properties that you included in your agent configuration. This updates the values shown in the **Seen by** column in the grid. Use the filter for the grid column to refine the results.

To see vulnerabilities that aren't associated with any session metadata, select **Disassociated** in the **View by** menu. The **Seen by** column will then disappear, as the agent hasn't reported any metadata for these vulnerabilities.

**NOTE**

Session metadata must be configured (page 198) for the **View by** menu and **Seen by** column to appear.

## Configure session metadata

To send session metadata for your application to Contrast, you must add the configuration settings to your agent configuration file.

The agent reports the following build properties. You may include all or some of these properties. When you do, the metadata will be available to you as additional information for each vulnerability reported or as a way to filter them.

Supply these settings as system properties, environment settings or properties in a YAML configuration file.

Name	Value
Commit Hash	commitHash
Committer	committer
Branch Name	branchName
Git Tag	gitTag
Repository	repository
Test Run	testRun
Version	version
Build Number	buildNumber

Here are some examples of how you might configure session metadata in the following instances:

- **Java system properties:** Include an additional entry in the line where you add your `javaagent` flag. In this case, you will set the property `contrast.application.session_metadata` to a set of key-value pairs that identify your test run.

```
-Dcontrast.application.session_metadata="branchName=feature/some-new-thing,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-Java"
```

- **.NET Framework using *app.config* or *web.config*:** you can add an entry to your configuration to specify this property.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<configuration>
  <connectionStrings />
  <appSettings>
    <add key="contrast.application.session_metadata" \
value="branchName=feature/some-new-thing,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-DotNet" />
  </appSettings>
</configuration>
```

- **NET Core using *web.config*:** you can add an entry to your configuration to specify this property.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<configuration>
  <system.webServer>
    <aspNetCore>
      <environmentVariables>
        <environmentVariable \
name="CONTRAST_APPLICATION_SESSION_METADATA" value="branchName=feature/some-new-thing,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-DotNet" />
      </environmentVariables>
    </aspNetCore>
  </system.webServer>
</configuration>
```

**YAML configuration:** You can add an additional entry to your `contrast_security.yaml` file.

```
application:
  session_metadata: branchName=feature/some-new-thing,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-Ruby
```

- **Continuous integration (CI) build scripts:** You can set values using environment variables.

```
-Dcontrast.application.session_metadata="branchName=feature/some-new-thing,committer=Jane,repository=Contrast-Java,buildNumber=$BUILD_NUMBER"
```

```
-Dcontrast.application.session_metadata="branchName=$GIT_BRANCH,committer=$GIT_COMMITTER_NAME,commitHash=$GIT_COMMIT_HASH,repository=$GIT_URL,buildNumber=$BUILD_NUMBER"
```

## Route coverage

For Assess users, route coverage associates vulnerabilities with the originating web request.

Web requests are the primary interface of web applications. A request may be handled by one function with many subsequent functions coordinating interactions with other services, databases, or files.

During the request handling process, Contrast monitors data flows across the application to identify vulnerabilities. A single web request may be vulnerable to multiple types of attacks. Contrast associates these vulnerabilities with the original request.

For example:

```
GET /users?active=true
Host: YourDomain.com
Accept: application/json
```

This request could be handled by a function such as:

```
@Controller
public class UserController {
    @GetMapping("/users")
    public String users(@RequestParam(name="active", required=false, \
defaultValue=true) Bool active) {
        ...
    }
}
```

An application route is a combination of three parts:

- an HTTP verb (GET in this example)
- the resource path (/users)
- the method signature of the controller (UserController.users(Bool active))

With route coverage, you can see detailed information on the components of your application, such as which routes have been exercised versus which ones have not. This can help you decide where to focus testing and remediation.

When the Contrast agent starts, it instruments functions in the application so that web requests can be assessed for vulnerabilities while the application is running. If a function implements a framework to handle web requests, Contrast can identify the route before a request is handled. These routes are labeled **Discovered** in Contrast.

When your application is handling a request, Contrast tracks the activity as an **Exercised** route.

Contrast supports route discovery for these frameworks:

- **Java:** Jersey 2, Spring MVC 4-5, Struts 1, and Struts 2. Additionally, servlet route discovery is supported for: GlassFish 4.1, JBoss AS 4.2-7.1, Jetty 7.X-9.X, Tomcat 5.X-9.X, WebLogic 11g and 12c, WebSphere 8.5 and 9.0 and WildFly 8.1-18.0.



#### NOTE

The Contrast Java Agent will not report routes from “built-in” applications (like the Tomcat Manager Application) or framework routes (like `org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.web.BasicErrorController`). That way the agent will only include routes created by the application developer.

- **.NET Framework:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 59\)](#)
- **.NET Core:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 93\)](#)
- **Node.js:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 119\)](#)
- **Python:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 139\)](#)
- **Ruby:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 158\)](#)
- **Go:** all [currently supported frameworks \(page 174\)](#)



#### NOTE

The Java and Node.js agents only report routes from supported frameworks. The Java agent also requires the option – `Dcontrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name=<example_name>` be defined in the agent configuration.



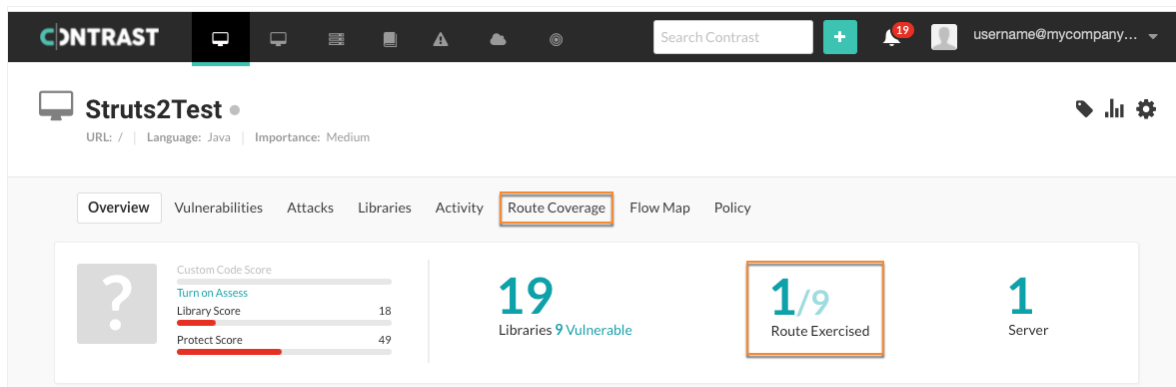
If the framework you are using is unsupported, please [contact Support](#) and let us know. For unsupported frameworks, Contrast will attempt to infer the routes based on observed requests, but you will not see any routes discovered within Contrast.

## View route details

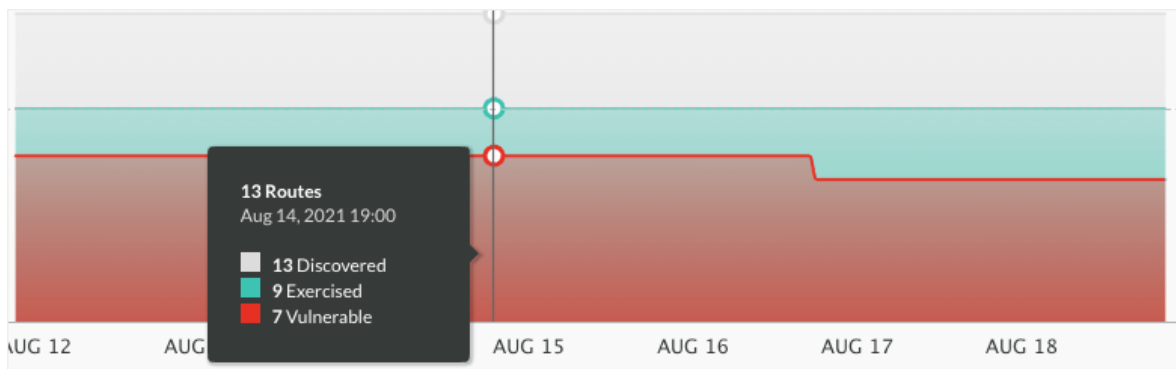
[Route coverage \(page 199\)](#) helps you understand how vulnerabilities map to your application's attack surface.

### Steps

1. Select **Applications** in the header.
2. Select the name of an application.  
The Overview tab shows the number of Routes exercised compared to the number of total routes in your application.
3. In the Overview tab, select the number of routes exercised or select the **Route coverage** tab.



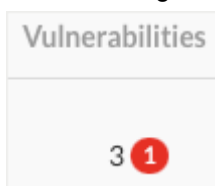
4. In the Route coverage tab, hover over the chart to see details about the route during a specified time span.








The chart displays details about routes based on their status:

- Discovered by Contrast (but never exercised with the agent)
- Exercised with the Contrast agent
- Exercised and found to contain vulnerabilities

5. Select an option to view details for each route that Contrast has identified in the application:
  - a. To view the URL for the route, select a route name.
  - b. To view vulnerability details for a specific route, select the number in the Vulnerability column.  
A red warning mark indicates a critical vulnerability.



- c. To view routes with a specific status only, select the Filter icon (  ) at the top of the page and select a filter:
  - **All:** Shows all routes that are not excluded.
  - **Exercised:** Shows only routes that are exercised.
  - **Not Exercised:** Shows routes that Contrast discovered but are not exercised.
  - **Vulnerable:** Shows only routes that have a vulnerability associated with them.
  - **Excluded:** Shows only routes that you excluded from the application scoring calculations.
- d. To view routes based on an activity time span, select the Filter icon (  ) next to the Last Activity column.  
 Changing the time span also changes the time span for the route coverage chart.  
 To clear the filter selection, select **Clear** next to the column heading.
6. To remove a single route from the list:
  - a. Hover over the end of the row and click the **Remove** icon (  ).
  - b. To confirm the removal of the route, click **Delete**.
7. To remove multiple routes from the list:
  - a. Select the check mark next to one or more routes or to select all routes, select the check mark next to **Route**.
  - b. In the batch action menu at the bottom of the page, select the **Remove** icon (  ).
  - c. To confirm the removal of the route, click **Delete**.
8. To view and share route details outside of Contrast:
  - a. Select the check mark next to one or more routes or to select all routes, select the check mark next to **Route**.
  - b. In the batch action menu at the bottom of the page, select the **Export** icon (  ).  
 This action exports the details to a CSV file. The file downloads to your default download location.  
 The CSV file includes:
    - A list of the application's routes.
    - Details about the server on which they were found.
    - Details of when the routes were last exercised.
    - A list of vulnerabilities, the severity and status of each.

## See also

- [Exclude routes \(page 203\)](#)
- [Include routes \(page 203\)](#)

## Route exclusion and inclusion

In situations where you require a specific percentage of route coverage for security reasons, Contrast provides an option to exclude irrelevant or inaccessible routes from route coverage calculations.

You can choose to re-include any routes that you excluded previously.

Including or excluding routes requires an Admin role.

## Effects of route exclusion

- Contrast collects vulnerability data for excluded routes, but excludes this data from application scoring calculations.
- Excluding a route excludes it from all environments where Contrast discovers it.
- You cannot exclude a route that has an open vulnerability associated with it (a status of **Reported**, **Suspicious**, or **Confirmed**). You must resolve it or change the status to **Not a Problem**.
- If you defined session metadata to exercise and discover routes in an application, excluding a route also excludes this data.

- The audit log includes an entry for each route that you exclude.

## Effects of route inclusion

- Contrast includes data for the included route in application scoring calculations.
- Including a route includes it in all environments where Contrast discovers it.
- The audit log includes an entry for each route that you include.

## Exclude routes

[Excluding routes \(page 202\)](#) that are irrelevant or inaccessible helps to ensure that route coverage calculations for applications are accurate.

## Before you begin

- An Admin role is required.
- Identify the routes that you want to exclude.

## Steps

1. Select **Applications** from the header.
2. Select an application name.
3. Select the **Route Coverage** tab.
4. Exclude one or more routes:
  - a. To exclude a single route, hover over the end of the row and select the **Exclude** icon (🗑️).
  - b. To exclude multiple routes, use the check marks in the left column to select routes. Then, select the **Exclude** icon from the batch action menu at the bottom of the page.



- c. Confirm the exclusion in the Exclude route window.  
The status for the selected routes changes to **Excluded**.

## Include routes

You can [include routes \(page 202\)](#) that you previously excluded. On the Route coverage page, excluded routes have a status of **Excluded**.

## Before you begin

- An Admin role is required.
- Identify the excluded routes that you want to include.

## Steps

1. Select **Applications** in the header.
2. Select an application name.
3. Select the **Route coverage** tab.
4. Include one or more excluded routes:
  - a. To include a single, excluded route, hover over the end of the row and select the **Re-include** icon (👁️).
  - b. To select multiple excluded routes, use the check marks in the left column to select routes. Then, select the **Re-include** icon in the batch action menu at the bottom of the page.



- c. Confirm the inclusion in the Re-include route window.  
The status returns to the status the route had before you excluded it.

## Flow maps

The application flow map provides an interactive view of where data and resources are shared within your organization and beyond it.

Every time you exercise an application, Contrast uses data reported from your Contrast agent to create a detailed diagram of your application, the layers of technologies within it and the back-end systems to which it connects. As more applications are exercised within your organization and their back-end systems are identified by the agent, Contrast also identifies which applications are connected to the application you're currently viewing by shared back-end systems.

When you [view a flow map \(page 204\)](#), you can see the entire landscape of systems and resources that are associated with the application. By focusing on connections between individual systems and applications, you can also determine if users and connected applications in your organization have appropriate access to the current application and sensitive data potentially associated with it. Learn more about [understanding flow maps \(page 204\)](#).

The agent performs application matching through string credentials. Other instrumented applications that share common string credentials - for example, REST endpoints, database connection, or other unique host and port combinations - are displayed as connected applications.



### NOTE

Users who [don't have access \(page 335\)](#) to view details for a connected application, won't see that application in the flow map.

## View flow maps

The application flow map provides an interactive view of where data and resources are shared within your organization and beyond it.

To view the flow map for an application:

1. Select **Applications** in the header and select the name of an application.
2. Click on the **Flow map** tab.
3. Here you will see three connected sections: **Application Architecture**, **Back-End Systems** and **Connected Applications**. Learn more about [understanding flow map data \(page 204\)](#).

## Understand flow maps

The application flow map provides an interactive view of where data and resources are shared within your organization and beyond it.

When you [view a flow map \(page 204\)](#) for an application, the information is organized into three connected sections:

- **Application architecture:** This section breaks down the view, presentation and service layers of the application's front end. You can also see foundational information about the application, including the environments in which it's deployed, letter grade, vulnerability statuses and attack status. There are three layers to this section:
  - **View:** This column displays the layer of technologies that determine what a browser sees and processes.

- **Presentation:** This column displays the layer of libraries that generates the application view.
- **Service:** This column displays the layer comprised of the database, LDAP driver or back-end code performing the application logic.

Hover on an item in any of the lists to see how many instances of each type of library are used in the application, or click on the library to go to the library's page. If the agent reports any vulnerabilities, a warning icon appears beside the library in which they were found; hover over the icon for links to the vulnerabilities' **Overview** pages.

- **Back-end systems:** These columns display each of the systems to which your application is connected. Hover on the cylinder icon for databases, the globe icon for URLs, or the plug icon for LDAP databases to see more details on each system; click on an icon to highlight its connection to other applications. A solid line with lock indicates that the connection is encrypted; a dashed line shows that the connection is unencrypted or the state of encryption is unknown.
- **Connected applications:** This column lists each of the applications that are connected to the primary application by a back-end system. To see connected applications that meet specific criteria, click the funnel icon to select filters from the drop-down menu, such as environment, application language and custom tags. The menu also shows session metadata fields for the primary application (not the connected applications), if available. Select **See Flowmap** to go to the **Flow Map** tab for that application.



#### NOTE

If the agent isn't currently reporting data for the current application, the **Back-end systems** and **Connected applications** sections are left blank.



#### TIP

If the application is being accessed by another user while you're viewing the flow map, the **Browser** tab appears with a list of the browsers on which it's being accessed. Hover over the icons to see more details, such as the browser type and version.

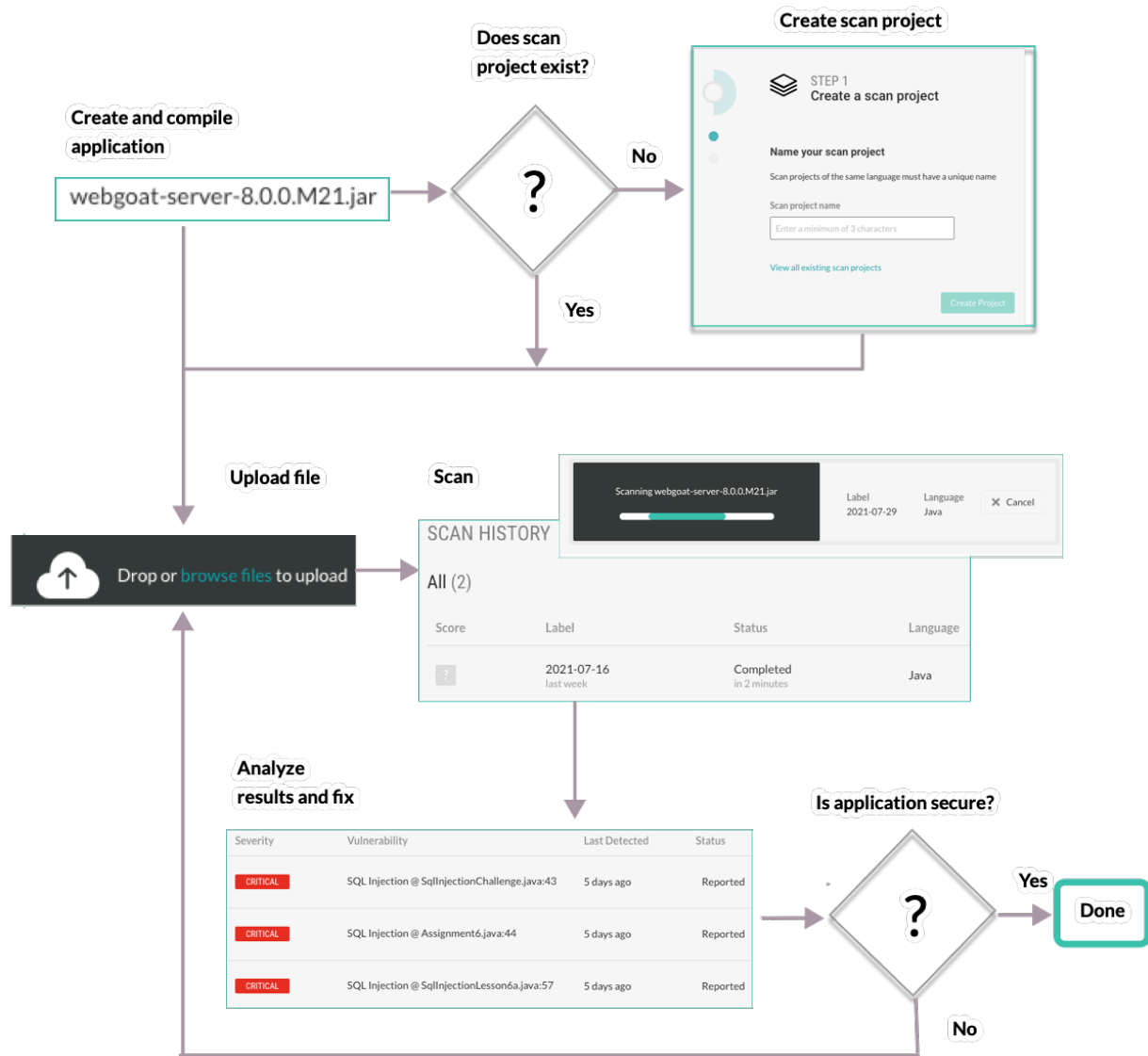
## Scans

In Contrast Scan, you can:

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## Scan process

This diagram illustrates the scan process.



## Create a scan project

Scan projects are containers for an application or service that you want to scan.

Creating a scan project starts the first scan for an uploaded file.

## Before you begin

- Identify the file that you want to upload for scanning.  
Scan supports different files types for each programming language. For example, for Java,upload a JAR or WAR file.

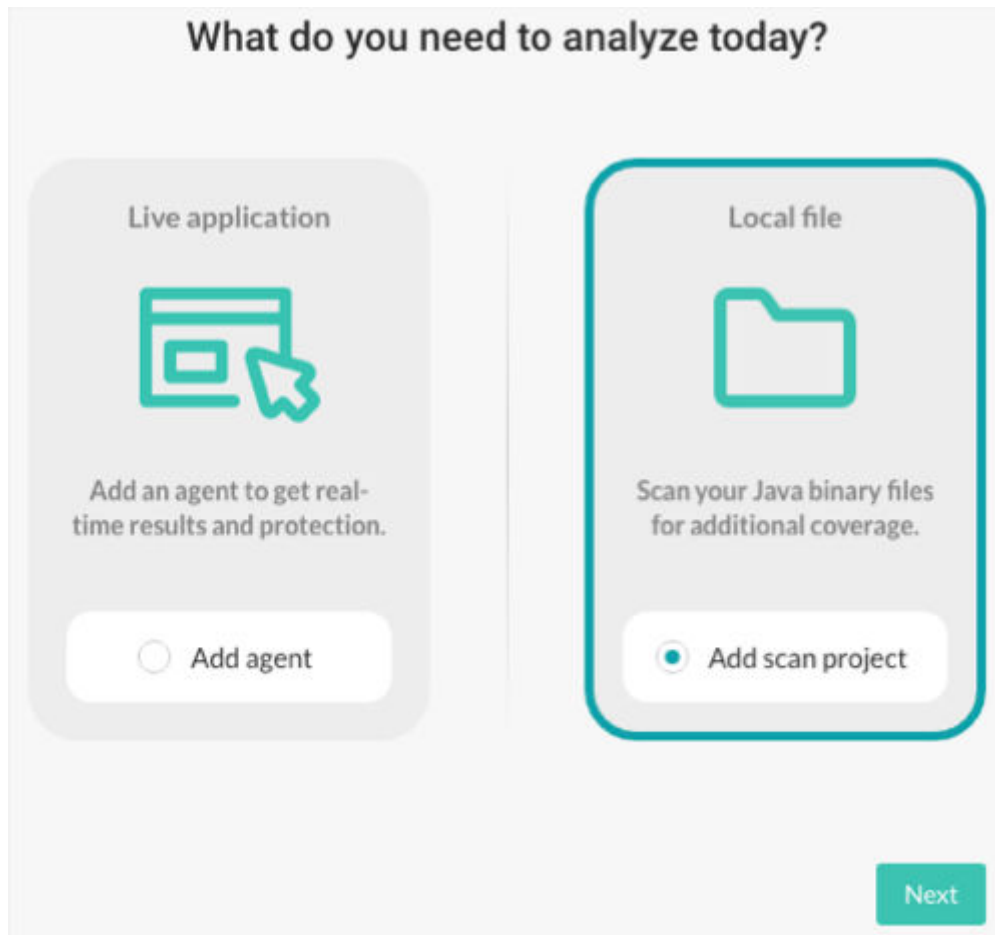
## Steps

- In the Contrast web interface, select **Add New** in the top right corner.



This option is available when Contrast Scan is enabled.

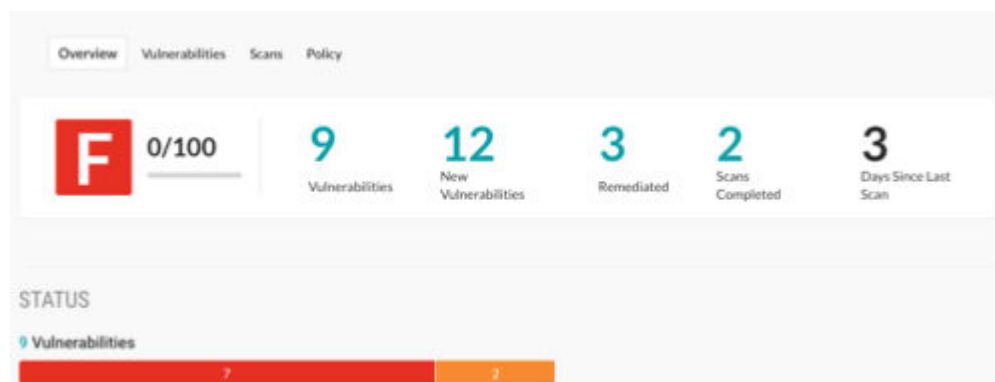
- In Local File, select **Add scan project** and click **Next**.



- Specify a name for the project and click **Create project**. Scan project names must be unique. Specify a name that lets you easily identify the scan project in other Contrast lists.

## View scan project details

The Overview tab for a scan project displays a dashboard of recent scan results:



## Steps

To view the the dashboard:

- In the header, select **Scans**.
- In the scan project list, select a specific scan project.
- In the Overview tab, view the dashboard: details:

- **Grade:** A letter grade that represents the potential security risk for application based on the most recent scan in the project.  
Scan uses the [Contrast library scoring](#). (page 228).
  - **Vulnerabilities:** The number of vulnerabilities discovered in the most recent scan.  
To see details about discovered vulnerabilities, click the number.
  - **New Vulnerabilities:** The number of new vulnerabilities discovered in the most recent scan. This value excludes vulnerabilities that previous scans discovered and are not fixed.  
For example:  
If Scan 1 discovered three vulnerabilities:
    - The number of vulnerabilities is three.
    - The number of new vulnerabilities is also three.If code modifications introduce a new vulnerability but do not fix existing vulnerabilities, when you run Scan 2:
    - The vulnerabilities number changes to four (all discovered vulnerabilities).
    - The new vulnerabilities number becomes one (the new one discovered in Scan 2).To see details about new vulnerabilities, click the number.
  - **Remediated:** The number of vulnerabilities that are fixed by changing source code or configuration files within the application.  
To see details about remediated vulnerabilities, click the number.
  - **Scans completed:** The number of scans completed in the project.  
To see details about completed scans, click the number.
  - **Days since last scan:** The number of days since the last scan completed.
4. To view the number of vulnerabilities with a specific severity, hover over a color bar in the thermometer. To view vulnerabilities of a specific severity, click a color bar.



## Start a scan

Start a scan when you want do the following tasks:

- Begin analysis of a new project.
- Verify code changes you made to fix vulnerabilities.

## Before you begin

- Identify the scan project that you want to use or [create one](#) (page 206).

## Steps

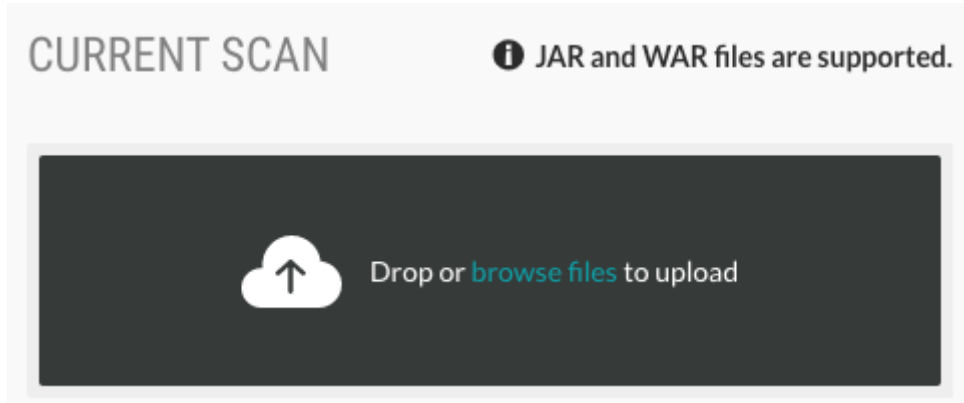


### TIP

If you are starting a scan immediately after you create a scan project, go to step 4.



1. Select **Scans** in the header.
2. Select a scan project.
3. Select the **Scans** tab.
4. To start a scan, under Current scan, upload a new or revised file  
Drag and drop the file or browse to find it.  
The scan starts automatically once you upload a file.



If you upload a different file to an existing scan group, ensure that the file uses the same programming language as previous scans.

5. Under Scan history, monitor the scan progress.

## Cancel a scan

You can cancel a scan that is in progress.

After you cancel a scan, its status changes to Cancelled in Scan history.

## Before you begin

Find a scan project that contains a scan that is in progress.

## Steps

To cancel a scan:

1. Select **Scans** in the header.
2. Select a scan project.
3. Select the **Scans** tab.
4. Under Current scan, click **Cancel**.



5. In the confirmation window, click **Cancel scan**.  
To let the scan continue, click **Go back**.

## Monitor scans

### Steps

To monitor scan progress and history:

1. Select **Scans** in the header.  
The Scans page shows these scan details:
  - The grade score for each scan project.
  - The names of the scan projects.
  - The number and status of open vulnerabilities.
  - The time the last scan completed.
2. Select a scan project.
3. Select the **Scans** tab.
4. Under Current scan, view the status of a scan in progress.
5. Under Scan history, view the details for all scans in the project.
6. To see additional details about a scan, select a scan label or, under the Coverage. column, select **View**.

### Analyze scan results

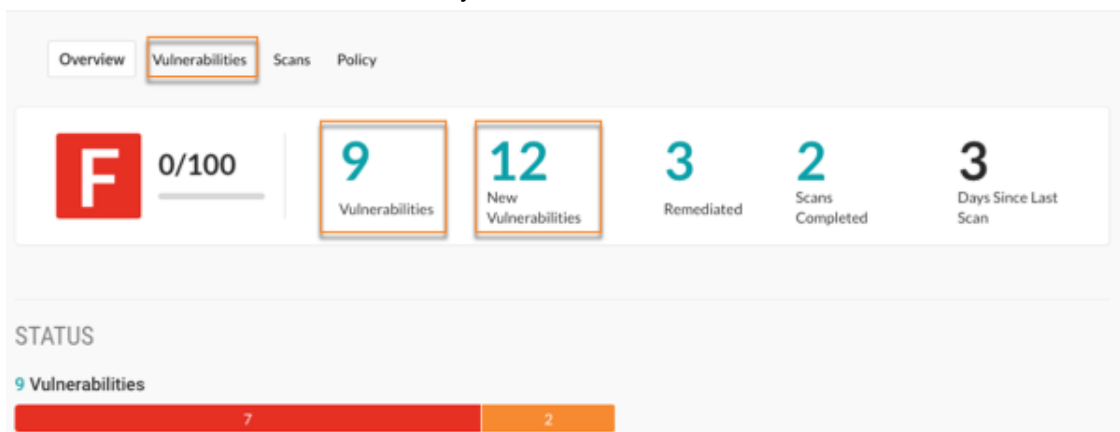
A scan observes the data flow in an application and reports vulnerabilities that it discovers.

After you analyze the results, update your code and run the scan again to verify the vulnerability is fixed.

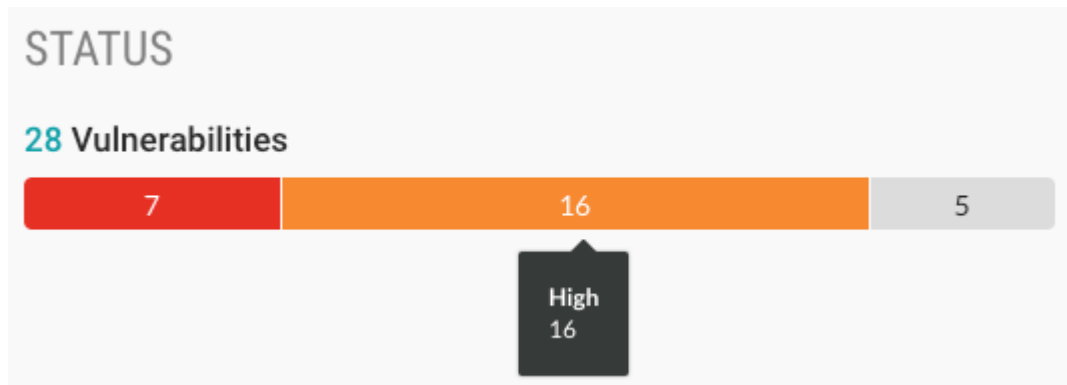
### Steps

To find information on vulnerabilities after a scan completes:

1. Select **Scans** in the header.  
The Scans page shows a list of scan projects.
2. To view a list of discovered vulnerabilities and their severity:
  - a. Select a scan project.
  - b. In the Overview tab, click a vulnerability number or select the **Vulnerabilities** tab.



Alternatively, to see vulnerabilities with a specific status, under Status, select a section in the Vulnerability bar.



- On the Vulnerabilities tab, to sort the vulnerabilities by status or severity, select the **Filter** icon (⌵) next to the Severity or Status columns and select one or more statuses.

**Severity filters:**

Severity ⌵

☐ SEVERITY
 

- ☐ Critical
- ☐ High
- ☐ Medium
- ☐ Low
- ☐ Note

**Status filters:**

Status ⌵

☐ STATUS
 

- ☐ Reported
- ☐ Confirmed
- ☐ Suspicious
- ☐ Not a Problem
- ☐ Remediated
- ☐ Fixed
- ☐ Remediated Auto-Verified
- ☐ Reopened

To clear a filter, select **Clear** next to the Severity or Status column.

- To view more information about a specific vulnerability, in the Vulnerabilities tab, select the vulnerability.
  - The Overview tab for the selected vulnerability shows a description of the vulnerability, including what happened in your code and the risk associated with the vulnerability.
- To view the details about the vulnerability and its location in your code, select the **Details** tab:
  - The method where a vulnerability exists.
  - The file where the scan discovered the vulnerability.

- The first line in the code where the scan discovered the vulnerability.
- 6. To view suggestions for fixing the code, select the **How to fix** tab.
- 7. To view additional details about the vulnerability, select the **Notes** tab:
  - When the vulnerability is detected
  - The code module where Contrast found the vulnerability
  - The type of vulnerability (for example, injection)
  - Severity
  - Risk confidence
  - Security standards that apply to the vulnerability
- 8. To change the status of a vulnerability, in the Status column, select the current status for a vulnerability and select a [vulnerability status \(page 243\)](#).

## View scan details

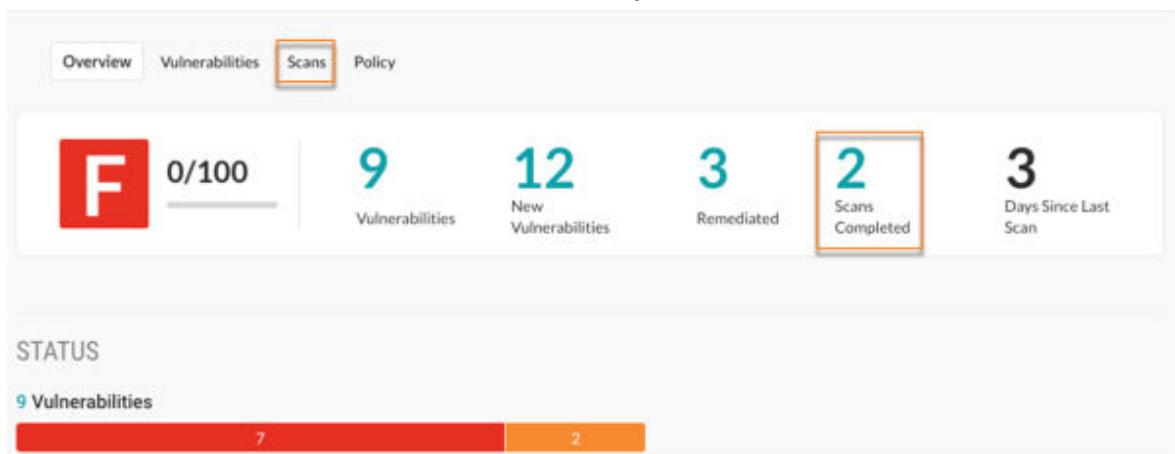
Scan details include a summary of the scan and the vulnerabilities that Contrast discovered.

### Before you begin

- Identify the scan project that contains the scan you want to view.

### Steps

1. In the header, select **Scans**.
2. Select a scan project.
3. In the Overview tab, click the number for **Scans completed** or select the **Scans** tab.



4. Under Scan history, select a scan or select **View** in the Coverage column.
5. In the Overview tab, view the scan details:
  - Under Scan summary, view details about scan. To view the rules that the scan used, in Policy, select **Default**.
  - Under Coverage, view details about the custom code that the scan included and the libraries that the scan excluded.
6. In the Vulnerabilities tab, view the vulnerabilities discovered in the scan.

## Download scan results

After a scan completes, you can download the results to a Static Analysis Results Interchange Format (SARIF) file. This type of file is a standard, JSON-based format for the output of static analysis data.

To optimize storage usage, downloads are available for up to 24 hours after the scan completes. No download option is available for older scans.

## Before you begin

- Identify the scan whose results you want to download.

## Steps

1. Select scan in the header.
2. Select a scan project.
3. To download scan results from Scan history, hover over the end of a row for a scan and select the download icon (⬇️).
4. To download scan results from the scan details page:
  - a. Under Scan history, select a scan or select **View** in the Coverage column for the scan.
  - b. In either the Overview or Vulnerabilities tab, select the download icon (⬇️).

## View scan policies

View policies to see which vulnerabilities Contrast looks for in your code.

At this time, editing or adding policies is not supported.

1. Select **Scans** in the header.
2. Select a scan project.
3. Select **Policy**.  
The policy list displays the policies used for scans.
4. In the Policy tab, search for a specific policy by entering one or more characters in the Find box.

## Change scan settings

### Steps

To change scan settings:

1. Select **Scans** in the header.
2. Select a scan project.
3. Select the **Settings** icon (⚙️) above the scan list.
4. Change the scan project name and click **Save**.

## Integrate scans with builds

The Contrast CLI provides commands that let you start a scan without using the Contrast web interface. See [CLI commands \(page 232\)](#) for more information about commands related to scans.

This topic provides instructions for using the Contrast CLI for static scans.

## Before you begin

- [Install the Contrast CLI \(page 230\)](#).
- In Contrast, find the API key, the authorization header, and organization ID:
  1. Under the user menu, select **User settings > Profile**.
  2. Record the required details.
- Ensure that a WAR or JAR file is available in an accessible location.

## Steps

1. In Contrast, [create a scan project \(page 206\)](#).

2. Use these CLI commands:

```
contrast-cli
--api_key <APIKey> \
--authorization <AuthorizationKey> \
--organization_id <PrganizationId> \
--project_id <ProjectID> \
--scan <FileToBeScanned>
```

- In the `--project_id` command, replace `<ProjectID>` with the ID associated with the scan project. To find the ID, select a scan project and locate the last number in the URL.

`https://teamserver.mycompany.com/Contrast/static/ng/index.html#/6fb73b19-37de-44e2-8ac8-0a8de2707048/scans/91e353e8-dc81-48e2-9407-11f8f67f1342`

- In the `--scan` command replace `<FileToBeScanned>` with the path of the WAR or JAR file that you want to upload for scanning.

If the file upload is successful, the CLI displays a success message.

3. [Analyze scan results \(page 210\)](#) in Contrast.

## See also

To integrate Contrast Scan in to your project's Maven build, use the [Contrast Maven plugin. \(page 297\)](#)

## Servers

In Contrast, you can see servers and configure how they function in development, test, and production environments. You are then able to compare the differences across environments as code travels. Contrast sets up a shell for you to designate servers. Once that's in place, Contrast can begin to find weaknesses.

### Server properties

Each server entry in Contrast represents a Contrast agent that you added to an application. Contrast creates a new, unique server entry when you configure these values for each agent:

- **Server name:** The default value is the host name.
- **Server path:** The path from which the agent process is running.
- **Server type:** The type of server hosting your application.

Using custom properties instead of default ones is useful to avoid duplicate server entries when you don't want those types of entries.

These entries in the Contrast configuration file define custom properties for servers:

```
# server
# Use the properties in this section to set
# metadata for the server hosting this agent.

server:

    # Override the reported server name.
    name: localhost

    # Override the reported server path.
    path: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

```
# Override the reported server type.  
type: NEEDS_TO_BE_SET
```

## Agent configuration instructions

When you define custom properties for servers, use the configuration instructions for the agent you are using:

- [.NET Core configuration \(page 103\)](#)
- [.NET Framework configuration \(page 69\)](#)
- [Go configuration \(page 178\)](#)
- [Java configuration \(page 41\)](#)
- [Node.js configuration \(page 126\)](#)
- [Python configuration \(page 140\)](#)
- [Ruby configuration \(page 160\)](#)

## Contrast options

The Contrast application provides additional options for server configuration:

- [Configure a server \(page 215\)](#)
- [Output data to syslog \(page 216\)](#)

## Configure server settings

Server settings allow you to configure how your servers function in each environment (development, test and production).

You can modify these configurations in the servers grid, or select **Server settings** in the drop-down menu to work in the window.

To modify server settings:

1. Select **Servers** in the header.
2. Find the server you want to modify. You can either select the filter icon at the top of the Server column, or use the magnifying glass to search.
3. Either use the **settings** icon in the server row, or select the name of the server, and then select the **settings** icon in the top right.
4. In the displayed window, you can:
  - Modify the server name.
  - Designate the environment in which the server will be running.
  - Override the existing server log file path by entering the preferred path under **Server log file**.



### NOTE

Server log files are restricted to file types of .LOG or .TXT only.

- Set the [log level \(page 391\)](#) for the server.
- Set bot blocking.

Bot blocking blocks traffic from scrapers, attack tools and other unwanted automation.

To view blocked bot activity, under **Attacks > Attack Events**, use the filter option.

**Supported languages:** Java, .NET Framework, .NET Core, Ruby, and Python



### NOTE

You can configure bot blocking in the [YAML files \(page 29\)](#) for Java, .NET Framework, .NET Core, Ruby, and Python.

- Enable sampling for higher performance.

Check the box to **Enable sampling for higher performance**. With sampling, Contrast selectively analyzes requests in order to avoid repeat analysis. Configure the following settings:

- **Baseline:** The number of times that Contrast analyzes URLs to complete sampling. The default setting is **5**.
- **Frequency:** The number of times that Contrast analyzes URLs after the baseline is achieved. The default setting is **10**.
- **Window:** The number of seconds that Contrast retains samples before reverting to the baseline. The default setting is **180**.

For example:

```
contrast.assess.sampling.request_frequency    25
contrast.assess.sampling.window_ms           360_000
contrast.assess.sampling.baseline             1
```

- [Enable output of Protect events to syslog. \(page 216\)](#) Contrast offers syslog message categories according to the [syslog RFC 3164](#) specification for severity.

## Send output to syslog

Contrast allows you to send security logs to a remote syslog server in addition to the Contrast Security log. Syslog data is in common event format (CEF) and can be parsed by most security incident event management (SIEM) software.



### IMPORTANT

You must apply a Protect license to the server that has syslog output enabled.

You may have to enable remote logging so that your syslog can receive outside messages.

Syslog messages for a server are sent by the agent.

Syslog output isn't supported over TCP.

1. When configuring the [default organization server settings \(page 338\)](#), select the checkbox to **Enable output of Protect events to syslog**, which reveals additional fields, and then enter the appropriate settings.
2. Select **Servers** in the header to enable and configure syslog output to an individual server or multiple servers at one time. If syslog defaults have already been [set at an organization level \(page 338\)](#), the values will be pre-populated for server-level settings.
  - **Individual server:** To enable syslog on an individual server, hover over the grid row, and select the **Server settings** icon.
  - **Multiple servers:** Use the check marks to select multiple servers, and select the **Server Settings** icon in the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page.



### NOTE

If one or more of the selected servers is not eligible to have syslog enabled, it will only be enabled on eligible servers.

3. In the **Server settings** window, select the box to **Send output of Protect events to syslog**. (For multiple servers, you will need to select **Edit** next to the checkbox first).



**NOTE**

If eligible servers selected are in different environments, you can choose to use the default settings for the applicable servers or manually configure the settings for all servers.

## Bulk Server Settings



This will override settings for all relevant selected servers.

Environment

Log Level

Stacktraces

Bot Blocking

☐ [Edit](#)

☐ Enable sampling for higher performance [?](#) [Edit](#)

☒ Enable output of Protect events to syslog [EDITED](#)

Syslog Server Host

Port

Facility

Attack Event Result

EXPLOITED

SUSPICIOUS

BLOCKED

BLOCKED (P)

PROBED

Syslog Message Severity






[Undo edits](#)

[Cancel](#)

[Save](#)

4. Enter the **Syslog server host**. This can be the full qualified domain name (not just the hostname) or the IP address. For example: *email.mydomainname.com* or 38.124.154.50.
5. Enter the **Port**.

6. Enter the **Facility**.
7. Enter the **Syslog message severity**.
8. **Save** the settings to enable syslog on the server.
9. When syslog is enabled, the server has a gray arrow icon beside its name in the grid. Hover over the icon to see the output location of Protect events.  
To edit server settings, repeat the steps above to update the values in the appropriate configuration form, and save your changes.

## Libraries

The security of the libraries used by an application impacts the security of your application as a whole.

Libraries can be public or private. Public libraries are identified with a [score \(page 228\)](#) (A-F), public libraries are open-source libraries sourced from Maven (Java), NuGet (.NET), npm (Node.js), RubyGems (Ruby), PyPI (Python), pkg.go (Go). Private libraries are commercial third-party libraries or custom-built libraries. Private libraries do not have a score assigned in Contrast.

Contrast agents automatically identify open-source libraries included in an application. Contrast identifies any vulnerabilities found in your libraries and also confirms if the library is used at runtime.

To do this, Contrast creates a hash of the library file, which is used to compare the file's content to a database of known library files. If the hash is in the database, Contrast is able to assign a [score \(page 228\)](#) to the library, provide library version information and report on the total vulnerabilities (CVE's) that have been found in the library.



### NOTE

If your library is a custom file, the hash won't be found in the database and the agent reports the library as "unknown" to the Contrast application. This may also happen if the library has recently been released or if you are using an airgap on-premises installation and have not recently [updated library definitions \(page 379\)](#).

For Java clients, WebSphere repackages libraries at runtime, so their SHA-1 hash is different than anything known to Contrast. To preserve the SHA-1 during deployment, set the JVM system

```
property org.eclipse.jst.j2ee.commonarchivercore.ignore.web.fragment to "true".
```

Also, any wsadmin calls must have the same parameter:

```
wsadmin -javaoption "-Dorg.eclipse.jst.j2ee.commonarchivercore.ignore.web.fragment=true"
```

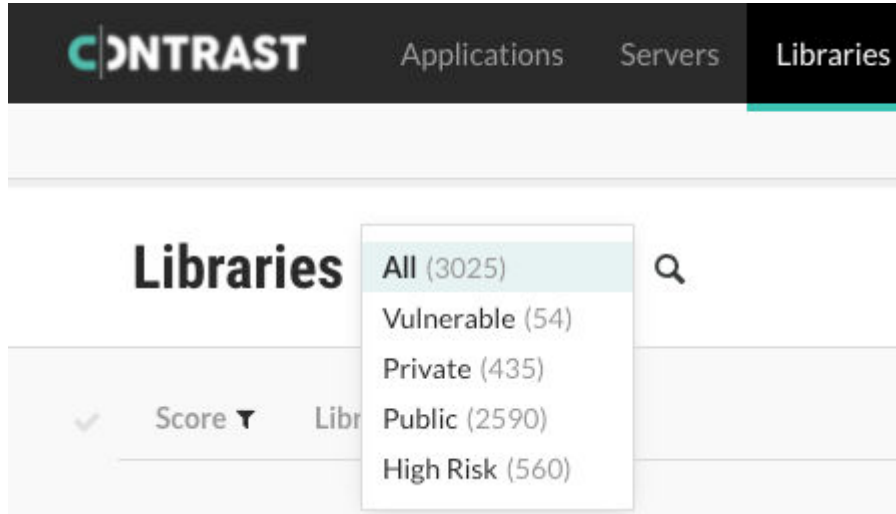
In Contrast, select **Libraries** in the header to see an overview of all libraries across your portfolio and manage them in bulk.

- [View libraries \(page 219\)](#)
- [View open-source licenses \(page 228\)](#)
- [Learn about library scoring \(page 228\)](#)

## View libraries

There are multiple ways to view library information:

- Select **Libraries** in the header to view a grid list of all libraries used by your organization. Select a library name from that list for more details.
- You can also see library information for an individual application or server:
  - Select **Applications** in the header, then select an application name to see its details page. Select the **Libraries** tab.
  - Select **Servers** in the header, then select a server name to see its details page. Select the **Libraries** tab.
- Select the small triangle at the very top of the libraries grid to filter the libraries view. You can also click on the magnifying glass icon to search for specific libraries.



The filters include:

- **All:** Shows all libraries.
- **Vulnerable:** Shows only libraries that Contrast identified as containing CVEs.
- **Private:** Shows only commercial third-party libraries or custom-built libraries that Contrast discovered in your code.
- **Public:** Shows only the open-source libraries that Contrast discovered in your code.
- **High risk:** Shows only the libraries with a [score \(page 228\)](#) of C or below.
- You can also use the column headers with filters in the grid to filter by score, library and application.

The libraries grid shows:

- **Score:** Shown as a letter grade using this [scoring guide \(page 228\)](#).
- **Library:** Hover over the name to [view open-source license information \(page 228\)](#). Click on a library name in the grid to go to its details page. There you can see a list of the applications and servers in which the library appears, as well as any vulnerabilities that Contrast has found within the library.
- **Latest version**
- **Application:** Lists applications using the library.
- **Vulnerabilities:** Shows which CVEs are found in the library and can help prioritize remediation. Hover over the thermometer in the **Vulnerabilities** column. If vulnerabilities exist, they display in a list and color-coded by severity.
- **Usage:** (Currently only supported for Java and .NET Framework.) Shows the total number of classes used at runtime out of the total number of classes that are in the library. If none of the classes have been used at runtime, this column shows "Unused." When your application loads a class, Contrast determines if it is being called from a location that matches a library file that Contrast has analyzed, if so the usage increases.
- Select **Show library stats** above the grid to analyze library data for your organization. Each graphic displays the statistical average as well as breakdowns for each category, including library scores and the number of years by which they are high risk.  
A library is considered high risk if it has a [score \(page 228\)](#) that is grade C or below.

## Discover or delete libraries

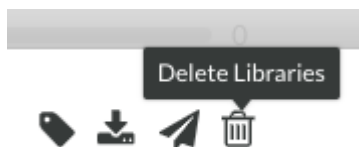
Libraries are associated to the applications that use them and the servers where these applications are deployed.

If an agent checks in with a library list which no longer includes a previously reported library, that library will no longer be associated with that server.

A library will be removed from an application once all servers reporting it have either checked in without it, or the servers reporting it have been deleted. (Servers check in according to their [settings](#) (page 338)).

Libraries can also be manually deleted from an application. To delete libraries:

1. Select **Libraries** in the header.
2. Hover over the grid row with the library you want to delete and use the **Delete** icon in the right column. You can also find the icon in the top right of the library details page.  
To delete multiple libraries at once, use the check marks in the left column to select the libraries you want to delete, then select the **Delete** icon from the batch action bar that appears at the bottom of the page.

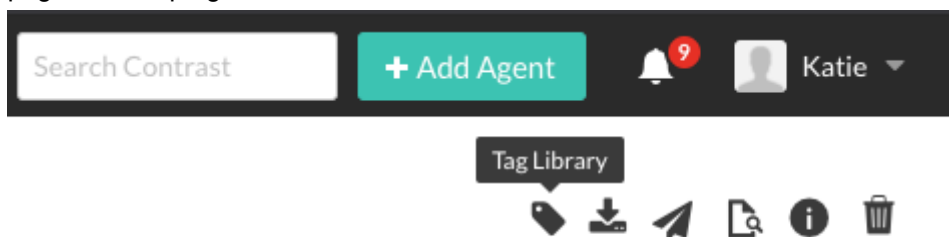


3. In the window that appears, select **Delete** to confirm your choice. Once confirmed, the library is removed and no longer appears in your list. If an agent reports a previously deleted library, this will be added to the list of libraries again as this library is included in an application.

## Add tags to libraries

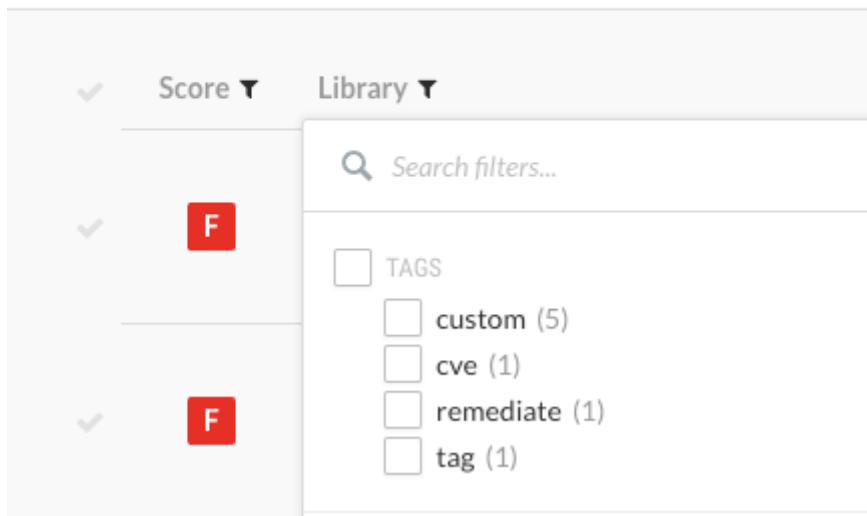
To add tags to libraries:

1. Select **Libraries** in the header, then hover over the row in the grid for the library you want to tag.
2. In the far right column, select the **Tag** icon. This option is also available from the library details page in the top right corner.



3. In the window that appears, begin typing to see a list of tags. Select one or more from the drop-down menu, and/or type a new tag. To remove tags, select the **X**. Select **Save**.
4. To tag multiple libraries, use the check marks in the left column of the libraries grid to select libraries. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Tag** icon.
5. To filter by tags, select the filter next to the **Library** column of the grid, then select the tags to filter.

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- You can also see tags next to the library name on the library's details page, and remove them by selecting the **X**.

### Track libraries with bugtrackers or email

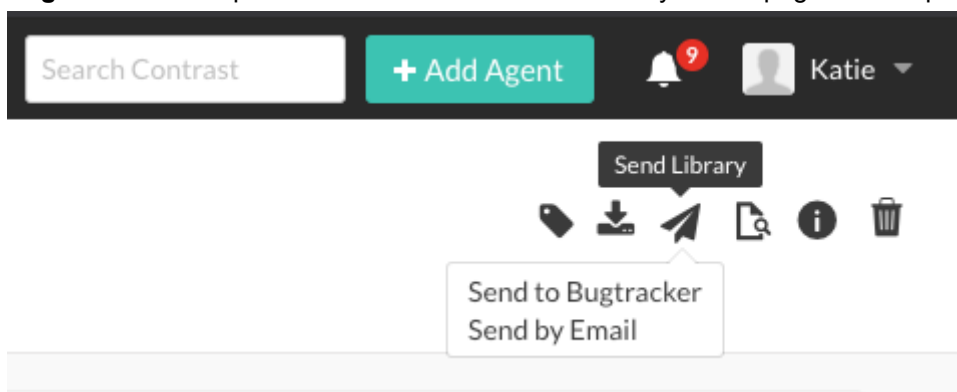
Track vulnerable libraries by sending library details to your email address or to an integrated bugtracker service that creates tickets for your developers.

Contrast sends the following data to your email address or integrated bugtracker for each library that you choose.

- Name
- Version
- Vulnerabilities details
- Impacted applications and servers
- Versions behind (compared to the current/latest version)
- Usage (Currently available for Java and .NET only.)
- [Score \(page 228\)](#)

To receive this information for a particular library:

- Select **Libraries** in the header, then hover over the row in the grid for the library you want to track.
- In the far right column, hover over the **Send** icon and select either **Send by email** or **Send to bugtracker**. This option is also available from the library details page in the top right corner.



3. In the window that appears, [select the bugtracker \(page 258\)](#) you want to use. Select the **Issue type**, **Assignee**, **Reporter**, and **Priority**, then select **Send** to create the ticket. For email, enter the email address then select **Send** to send the email.
4. To receive information for multiple libraries, use the check marks in the left column of the libraries grid to select libraries. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Send** icon. All libraries selected must have at least one application in common.

## Analyze runtime library usage

Runtime library usage gives insight into which parts of a library are actually used by your applications, which can reduce investigation time for CVEs by showing how much a library impacts your application. This also improves collaboration because security teams can confirm with development teams that an application uses a vulnerable library at runtime.



### NOTE

Only organizations with an [OSS license \(page 20\)](#) can see full usage details. To learn more, contact our sales department at [sales@contrastsecurity.com](mailto:sales@contrastsecurity.com).

Select **Libraries** in the header and view the **Usage** column to see if a library is used at runtime, and how much. The usage number represents the number of items used by any instrumented applications, out of the total number of items known to be available in that library.

**Pet Clinic** • URL: / | Language: Java | Importance: Medium | [Missing fields](#) ⓘ

Overview Vulnerabilities Attacks **Libraries** Activity Route Coverage Flow Map Policy [Show Library Stats](#) ⌵ ⌵ ⌵

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Score	Library	Latest Version	Vulnerabilities	Usage
✓ <b>F</b>	tomcat-embed-core-8.5.11.jar → v8.5.11 (Jan 10, 2017)	Apr 3, 2020 v9.0.34	<div><div></div></div>	Total used / total known → 438/1464
✓ <b>F</b>	spring-web-4.3.6.release.jar → v4.3.6.RELEASE (Jan 25, 2017)	Sep 15, 2020 v5.2.9.RELEASE	<div><div></div></div> 2	224/558

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1. Under **Applications**, select a specific application to see the details view.
2. Select the **Libraries** tab for the application.
3. Select the usage counts for a specific library. This opens a details panel.

**Pet Clinic** •  
URL: / | Language: Java | Importance: Medium | Missing fields ?

Overview Vulnerabilities Attacks **Libraries**

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Score ▾ Library ▾

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- spring-data-commons-1.13.0.release.jar v1.13.0.RELEASE (Jan 26, 2017)
- mysql-connector-java-5.1.40.jar v5.1.40 (Sep 24, 2016)
- hibernate-validator-5.3.4.Final.jar v5.3.4.Final (Dec 8, 2016)
- spring-data-jpa-1.11.0.release.jar v1.11.0.RELEASE (Jan 26, 2017)
- snakeyaml-1.17.jar v1.17 (Feb 19, 2016)
- bootstrap-3.3.6.jar v3.3.6 (Nov 27, 2015)

**tomcat-embed-core-8.5.11.jar** (v8.5.11)

Released: Jan 10, 2017 |  
SHA1: 72761f51fc7cef3ee19d4aafc7adc605df9f611f | License: Apache-2.0

**438/1464**  
Classes Used

🔍 SORT BY LAST SEEN ▾

**Classes Loaded**

	First Seen	Last Seen
org.apache.catalina.webresources.Cache\$EvictionOrder	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.PeriodicEventListener	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.catalina.TrackedWebResource	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.buf.C2BCConverter	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.catalina.webresources.TrackedInputStream	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.http.FastDateFormat	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.http.parser.MediaType	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.net.NioBlockingSelector\$BlockPoller\$3	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.AsyncListener	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.ServletResponseWrapper	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.catalina.webresources.AbstractResource	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponseWrapper	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.net.NioBlockingSelector\$KeyReference	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.buf.UriUtil	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.catalina.webresources.FileResource	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.coyote.AbstractProcessor	3 hours ago	3 hours ago

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#### NOTE

For a merged application, Contrast will report when a class was first seen and last seen for all applications it contains within the corresponding **Last Seen** and **First Seen** columns.

5. Select the **X** to close the details panel.



#### NOTE

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## Analyze runtime library usage

Runtime library usage gives insight into which parts of a library are actually used by your applications, which can reduce investigation time for CVEs by showing how much a library impacts your application. This also improves collaboration because security teams can confirm with development teams that an application uses a vulnerable library at runtime.





## NOTE

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Select **Libraries** in the header and view the **Usage** column to see if a library is used at runtime, and how much. The usage number represents the number of items used by any instrumented applications, out of the total number of items known to be available in that library.

**Pet Clinic** • URL: / | Language: Java | Importance: Medium | Missing fields

Overview Vulnerabilities Attacks **Libraries** Activity Route Coverage Flow Map Policy [Show Library Stats](#)

All (72)

↑ SORT BY SCORE

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org.apache.tomcat.util.http.parser.MediaType	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.tomcat.util.net.NioBlockingSelector\$BlockPoller\$3	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.AsyncListener	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.ServletResponseWrapper	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
org.apache.catalina.webresources.AbstractResource	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
javax.servlet.http.HttpServletResponseWrapper	3 hours ago	3 hours ago
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#### NOTE

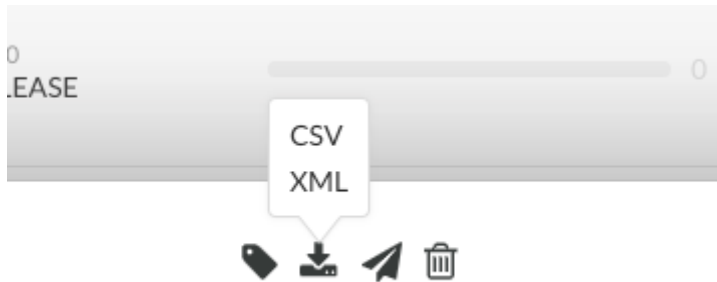
Only organizations with an [OSS license \(page 20\)](#) can see full usage details.

## Export library details

The exported file contains the following data fields for each library:

To export library details:

1. Select **Libraries** in the header, then use the check marks in the left column of the libraries grid to select the library or libraries you want to use for the export.
2. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Export** icon, then select the format you want to use for the export (CSV or XML).



3. The export will download to your desktop. Exports contain the following data fields for each library:
  - Library Name
  - Language
  - Version
  - Release Date
  - Latest Version
  - Score
  - SHA1
  - CVE Count
  - Application Count
  - Server Count
  - Number of Classes
  - Number of Used Classes
  - Open source License



### TIP

To create more complex custom software composition analysis reports about your applications, you can use the [Libraries API](#) to access Contrast library data. You might also explore additional details on your libraries by using a manual method.

For example, this cURL request retrieves a list of libraries in which each library includes a list of applications that use the library. The jq tool formats the data as CSV for use in a custom report.

```
$ curl -H "Authorization: $(echo -n $username:$servicekey
base64)" -H "API-Key: $apikey" https://app.contrastsecurity.com/
Contrast/api/ng/$org_id/libraries/filter?expand=apps
jq -r '.libraries[]
{name: .file_name, app_name: .apps[].name}
[.name, .app_name]
@csv'
```

## View open-source licenses



### IMPORTANT

Open-source license display is available to OSS customers only. Contact your Organization Administrator to enable OSS.

To view license details for your open-source libraries in SPDX format, select **Libraries** in the header. There are multiple ways to view license information:

- To view an individual library's license, hover over the library name in the grid.
- To find libraries with specific licenses, select the **filter** icon next to the **Library** column header and select the licenses you want to filter by.
- If you select a library name you will see details of that library. License information is also at the top of that page.
- Select **Package details** (either from the hover tip on the **Libraries** page, or by selecting the library name, then the information icon in the top right) to see the title, version and creator of that package.
- License details for each library are also included in any CSV or XML files [exported from Contrast \(page 226\)](#).

## View dependency trees

When an open-source library is added to an application, all of the library's dependencies are also inherited. Some of these indirect dependencies may introduce vulnerable code into your applications. The [Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#) identifies all library dependencies and sends the data to Contrast, where you can visualize these libraries as a hierarchical dependency tree.

To display library hierarchy for your application, Contrast must have to access your application code at pre-compile time—a different stage of the software development lifecycle (SDLC) than the Contrast agents collect. To do this, you must have installed and run the [Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#) for your applications.

To view an application's library dependency tree:

1. Select **Applications** in the navigation bar.
2. Select an application.
3. From the application's **Overview** page, select the **Libraries** tab.
4. Select the **dependency tree** icon to view the analysis of your application.
5. In this view, Contrast displays the dependency tree for your application's libraries based on the data collected by the [Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#).

On the dependency tree, you can use the carets to expand sections for more information. A warning icon will show next to the library name if it has known vulnerabilities. View vulnerability details by clicking on the warning icon. You can also see a dependency tree's history by choosing a custom date.

## Library scoring guide

Contrast provides letter grades for the security of your application's libraries so that you can use them as a reference point during analysis. The grades map to scores as follows:

- A: 90 - 100
- B: 80 - 89
- C: 70 - 79

- D: 60 - 69
- F: 35 - 59

Scores are based on three penalty factors:

- **Time:** The age of the library is calculated based on the number of full years between the release of the latest version and the version used in the application, multiplied by 2.5.
- **Status:** The status is calculated based on the number of versions that have been released since the current library in your application, multiplied by 10.
- **Security:** The CVE penalty of the library is the highest severity of all known CVEs for this library, multiplied by 10.



## NOTE

Organization administrators can [adjust the scoring method \(page 342\)](#) to include only security criteria.



## TIP

For example:

If you're using a library from January 2010 and the latest version came out in September 2013, the number of full years passed is two. So your time penalty would be:

$$2 \times 2.5 = 5$$

If you're using Version 1.1.1, but Versions 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 have been released, your penalty would be:

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

If you have a library with the scores 2.4 and 2.2, the penalty would be:

$$2.4 \times 10 = 24$$

The final score of the library is calculated by subtracting each of the three penalty values from 100.

$$100 - 5 - 20 - 24 = 51$$

A score of 51 maps to a letter grade of F.

## Contrast CLI

Use the Contrast command line interface (CLI) to analyze libraries at the earliest stage of the software development life cycle (SDLC).

The Contrast CLI runs on Node.js but can be used on any instrumented application to perform a software composition analysis (SCA). With this analysis, you can identify vulnerable libraries, fail a build based on CVE severity and view a [dependency tree \(page 228\)](#) to understand the dependencies between libraries and where vulnerabilities have been introduced.

Contrast does this by supplementing existing runtime instrumentation from Contrast agents, with data from pre-compile analysis (typically not available at runtime).

Contrast uses HTTPS or HTTP to communicate with instrumented applications.

Install the [Contrast CLI \(page 230\)](#) so you can [register new applications \(page 231\)](#) and begin analyzing your libraries during the development phase using the [command line options \(page 232\)](#).

## Install the Contrast CLI

To install the [Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#):

1. [Install Node.js](#). The Contrast CLI is executed as a Node.js package, so this is required. Versions 10, 12, and 14 are currently supported.
2. Instrument your application.



### NOTE

It is also possible to [register an application \(page 231\)](#) that has not yet been instrumented. However, all applications should be instrumented so that your application has a [library score \(page 228\)](#) and the data in the library grid is populated.

3. Use the `cli_proxy` property in your agent configuration to establish communication with Contrast over a proxy.

If authentication is required, provide the username and password with the protocol, host and port. For example:

```
http://username:password@<host>:<port>
```

4. Be sure the source code for target applications is available locally. Follow these requirements for your application's language:
  - **Java:**
    - **Maven:** A Maven project must be defined with a `pom.xml` file, and have the [Apache Maven Dependency plugin](#). To test if the CLI works with your project, build a dependency tree by running `mvn dependency:tree`.
    - **Gradle (v4.8 or above):** To test if the CLI works with your project, build a dependency tree by running the Gradle `dependencies` task by running `gradle dependencies` or `./gradlew dependencies` if using the Gradle Wrapper.
  - **Node.js:** You must have either a `package-lock.json` or a `.yarn.lock` file present. (Vulnerability reporting is supported for front-end technologies like React or Angular.)
  - **Python:** You must have the `pipfile` and `pipfile.lock` files present.
  - **Ruby:** You must have `gemfile` and `gemfile.lock` files present.
  - **Go:** You must have `go.mod` file present.



### NOTE

Only single language applications are supported at this time.

5. Run the following command:

```
npm install -g @contrast/contrast-cli
```

Alternatively, you can install the CLI with Yarn with the following command:

```
yarn global add @contrast/contrast-cli
```



## NOTE

The Contrast CLI must be installed globally.

- Once the installation is complete you can [register an application \(page 231\)](#) to begin analyzing your code.

## Register applications with the Contrast CLI

Once you [install the Contrast CLI \(page 230\)](#) you must first register applications in order to see the results in Contrast.



## TIP

You may want to invoke the Contrast CLI as part of your automated build process.

- Locate your application ID. The application ID is the last URI segment in the Contrast URL in your browser.



- Locate your [keys \(page 191\)](#). You will need:

- API key
- Organization ID
- Authorization header
- Server host name from the Contrast URL



## NOTE

You only need to enter the server host name. For example, if the Contrast URL is *https://app.contrastsecurity.com/file/path/*, just enter:

```
--host app.contrastsecurity.com
```

- To begin analysis, use one of these options:
  - Replace <APIKey>, <AuthorizationKey>, <OrganizationID>, <Host> and <ApplicationID> with your API key, authorization header, Organization ID, host name and application ID, then run the CLI.

```
contrast-cli \
--api_key <APIKey> \
--authorization <AuthorizationKey> \
--organization_id <OrganizationId> \
--host <Host> \
--application_id <ApplicationId>
```

- Place credentials within a YAML file, using the same replacements:

```
cli:
  api_key: <APIKey>
  authorization: <AuthorizationKey>
  organization_id: <OrganizationId>
```

```
host: <Host>
application_id: <ApplicationId>
```

Replace <path/to/yaml> with your YAML path, and run this command to initiate:

```
contrast-cli --yamlPath <path/to/yaml>
```



## NOTE

If you need to go through a communication protocol like Transport Layer Security (TLS) for example add the following parameters to the YAML file:

```
key: pathToKey
cert: pathToCert
cacert: pathToCaCert
```

4. After you see a success message, you are ready to [view the dependency tree \(page 228\)](#).



## TIP

It is possible to add a new application to Contrast without instrumenting the application by using the `--catalogue_application` and `--application_name` options. However, it is best to [instrument the application \(page 27\)](#) so that the [library score \(page 228\)](#) and library grid are populated in Contrast.

For example:

```
contrast-cli \
--catalogue_application \
--api_key <YourApiKey> \
--authorization <YourAuthorizationKey> \
--organization_id <YourOrganizationID> \
--host <YourHost> \
--application_name <YourApplicationName> \
--language <YourApplicationLanguage>
```

Replace <APIKey> with your API key, <AuthorizationKey> with the authorization header, <OrganizationID> with your organization ID, <Host> with your host name, <ApplicationName> with your application name, and <ApplicationLanguage> with your application language. Allowable language values are JAVA, NODE, PYTHON, RUBY, and GO.

You will know the catalogue operation was successful if an application ID is displayed in the console.

## CLI commands

The CLI offers a command line help guide with the `--h` or `--help` option. The help guide displays the following commands you can use to understand more about Contrast configuration, applications, and vulnerabilities.

In the following examples, replace <string> or <level> with the string or level value that applies to your particular situation.



## General commands

Connection and configuration commands.

Command	Description
<code>--api_key &lt;string&gt;</code>	An agent <a href="#">API key (page 28)</a> provided by Contrast (required)
<code>--application_id &lt;string&gt;</code>	The ID of the application cataloged by Contrast (required)
<code>application_name &lt;string&gt;</code>	The name of the application cataloged by Contrast (optional)
<code>--authorization &lt;string&gt;</code>	Agent authorization credentials provided by Contrast (required)
<code>-h, --help</code>	Displays the help guide.
<code>--host &lt;string&gt;</code>	The name of the host and, optionally, the port expressed as <code>&lt;host&gt;:&lt;port&gt;</code> . Does not include the protocol section of the URL ( <a href="#">https://</a> ). Defaults to <code>app.contrastsecurity.com</code> . (optional)
<code>--language &lt;string&gt;</code>	Valid values are JAVA, NODE, PYTHON, RUBY and GO. If there are multiple project configuration files in the <code>project_path</code> , language is required. (required for catalogue)
<code>--organization_id &lt;string&gt;</code>	The <a href="#">ID of your organization (page 28)</a> in Contrast (required)
<code>--project_path &lt;string&gt;</code>	The directory root of a project/application that you want to analyze. Defaults to the current directory. (optional)
<code>--proxy &lt;string&gt;</code>	Allows for connection over a proxy server. If authentication is required, provide the username and password with the protocol, host and port. For example, <code>http://username:password@&lt;host&gt;:&lt;port&gt;</code> . (optional)
<code>--sub_project &lt;string&gt;</code>	Specifies the subproject within a gradle application. (optional)
<code>-v, --version</code>	Displays the CLI version you are currently using
<code>--yaml_path &lt;string&gt;</code>	The path to display parameters from the YAML file (optional)  If <code>yaml_path</code> is used, the following connection parameters are ignored from the terminal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>yamlOnly:</code></li> <li><code>key:pathToKey</code></li> <li><code>cert:pathToCert</code></li> <li><code>cacert:pathToCaCert</code></li> </ul>



### NOTE

Parameters in these commands may need to be quoted to avoid issues with special characters. For example:

```
--application_name = "My_app_name_${+=( / \ " )}
```

## OSS

Commands related to Contrast OSS examination.

Command	Description
<b>Catalogue applications</b>	
<code>--app_groups &lt;string&gt;</code>	Assigns your application to one or more pre-existing groups when using the <code>catalogue</code> command. Group lists should be comma separated. (optional)
<code>--catalogue_application</code>	Catalog an application (required)
<code>--code &lt;string&gt;</code>	The application code this application should use in Contrast (optional)
<code>--metadata &lt;string&gt;</code>	Define a set of key=value pairs (which conforms to RFC 2253) for specifying user-defined metadata associated with the application (optional)
<code>--tags &lt;string&gt;</code>	Apply labels to an application. Labels must be formatted as a comma-delimited list. Example - <code>label1,label2,label3</code> (optional)
<b>Snapshot - default command does not have a command on the terminal. Java only.</b>	

Command	Description
<code>--maven_settings_path &lt;PathToFile&gt;</code>	Allows you to specify an alternative location for your maven <code>settings.xml</code> file. Replace <code>&lt;PathToFile&gt;</code> with the full path for the file. Add this path to the full set of keys when you <a href="#">register your application with the CLI (page 231)</a> . (optional)
<code>--silent</code>	Silences JSON output. (optional)
<b>Reports</b>	
<code>--cve_severity &lt;level&gt;</code>	Combined with <code>--report</code> , allows the user to report libraries with vulnerabilities above a chosen <a href="#">severity level (page 247)</a> . For example, <code>cve_severity medium</code> only reports vulnerabilities at <b>Medium</b> or higher severity.
<code>--cve_threshold &lt;number&gt;</code>	Sets the number of CVEs allowed before a build is failed. If there are more CVEs than the threshold, the build will fail.
<code>--fail</code>	Fails the build if any vulnerabilities are found. Can be used in combination with <code>cve_severity</code> to fail builds with vulnerabilities at severity levels defined by the user.
<code>--report</code>	Shows a report of vulnerabilities in the application from compile time
<b>SBOM</b>	
<code>--sbom</code>	Generate and download a <a href="#">Software bill of materials (SBOM) (page 256)</a> in CycloneDX JSON format



## TIP

The `--report` command can be used to return details of all vulnerable libraries in the terminal response. Every CVE found will have output like this:

```
org.webjars/jquery-ui/1.11.4 is vulnerable
```

```
CVE-2016-7103 MEDIUMCross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability \
in jQuery UI before 1.12.0 might allow remote attackers to \
inject arbitrary web script or HTML via the closeText \
parameter of the dialog function.
```

The vulnerable records returned can be restricted by using the `cve_severity` parameter which sets the minimum threshold for a CVE to be reported.

To prevent an application from being deployed with a library above a severity threshold the `--fail` parameter can be used as part of an automated CI/CD pipeline. For example, you can run the CLI using a YAML file with:

```
contrast-cli --yaml_path path/to/yaml --report --cve_severity \
high --fail
```

## Scan

Commands related to Contrast Scan. See also [Integrate scans with builds \(page 213\)](#).

Command	Description
<code>--project_id &lt;ProjectID&gt;</code>	The ID associated with a scan project. Replace <code>&lt;ProjectID&gt;</code> with the ID for the scan project. To find the ID, select a scan project in Contrast and locate the last number in the URL.
<code>project_name</code>	The name of the scan project in Contrast.
<code>--scan&lt;FileToBeScanned&gt;</code>	Starts a static scan of the specified WAR or JAR file. Replace <code>&lt;FileToBeScanned&gt;</code> with the path of the WAR or JAR file that you want to upload for scanning.
<code>--scan_timeout</code>	Set a specific time span before the function times out. Default timeout is 20 seconds if <code>scan_timeout</code> is not set. The format of the value of the parameter is 20 seconds or 80 seconds.
<code>--wait_for_scan</code>	Waits for the result of the scan

## Vulnerabilities

Once you [instrument an application \(page 27\)](#), Contrast shows you all the vulnerabilities it's discovered, addressing some of the [most common vulnerabilities](#) and many others.

Contrast agents discover any code flaws that are in your applications, and report them. Contrast then presents and classifies these vulnerabilities with a severity level to help you prioritize and mark the vulnerabilities as needed.


- [View vulnerabilities \(page 235\)](#)
- [View application vulnerabilities \(page 236\)](#)
- [Analyze vulnerabilities \(page 240\)](#)
- [Track vulnerabilities \(page 239\)](#)
- [Fix vulnerabilities \(page 241\)](#)

## View vulnerabilities at an organization level

### Before you begin

- Exercise (browse or use) your application so Contrast can find weaknesses and present results in the Contrast application.
- To see your application's vulnerability data in more detail, configure your Contrast agent to report [session metadata \(page 198\)](#).

### Steps

1. In the header, select **Vulnerabilities**.
2. To display vulnerabilities for licensed applications only, select **Show licensed only** at the top of the vulnerabilities list.
3. To filter by columns, select the **Filter** icon (  ) next to the column headers. These filter options are available if applicable to the selected application:
  - **Severity:** Available filters are: Critical, High, Medium, Low, and Note.
  - **Vulnerability:** Available filters are:
    - **Vulnerability tags :** Custom tags you assigned to vulnerabilities
    - **Type:** Types of vulnerabilities
    - **Servers:** Vulnerabilities for applications that the selected servers are hosting.
    - **Environments:** Development, QA, and production
    - **Sinks:** Vulnerabilities that originate from a common sink  
A sink is common custom code shared between multiple data-flow vulnerabilities.  
Filtering by sink can help you identify a line of code that is causing multiple vulnerabilities.
    - **URLs:** Vulnerabilities associated with a specific URL.
    - **Compliance policy:** Vulnerabilities associated with a compliance policy
  - **Application:** Available filters are: Application names and custom tags you assigned to applications
  - **Last detected:** Available filters are: First or Last detected and Time range. Select **Custom** to enter specific dates and times.
  - **Status:** Available filters are Status and whether Contrast is tracking the vulnerability

To remove filters, select **Clear** next to the column header.



4. To view vulnerability details, select a name. You can view details for these categories:
  - HTTP information
  - Steps on how to fix this vulnerability

- Details about the identity, timing and location of the vulnerability including build numbers, reporting servers, category and security standards

## See also

[View application vulnerabilities \(page 236\)](#)

## View application vulnerabilities

From the Applications list, you can view vulnerabilities for a specific application.

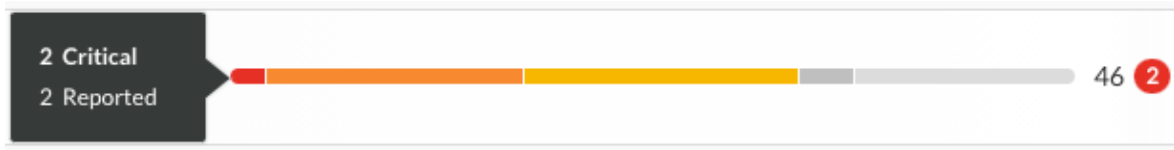
## Before you begin

- Exercise (browse or use) your application so Contrast can find weaknesses and present results in the Contrast application.
- To see your application's vulnerability data in more detail, configure your Contrast agent to report [session metadata \(page 198\)](#).

## Steps

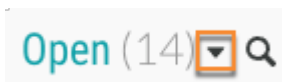
1. Select **Applications** in the header.

The Applications list displays the number of open vulnerabilities for each application. To view details for specific types of vulnerabilities (for example, critical or high), in the Open Vulnerabilities column, select the relevant section of the bar.



An open vulnerability has a status of Reported, Suspicious, or Confirmed.

2. Alternatively, In the Applications list, select an application name and then, select the **Vulnerabilities** tab. You see a list of vulnerabilities for that application.
3. In the Vulnerabilities tab, to filter vulnerabilities, select the small triangle at the very top of the list.



These filter options are available:

- Open
- High confidence
- Policy violation
- Pending review

4. To search for specific vulnerabilities, select the magnifying glass icon (🔍).
5. To view a timeline of the vulnerabilities, select the **trend line** symbol (📈) above the list .  
Use the buttons above the chart to view data by **Severity** or **Discovery**. Hover over the trend lines to see a breakdown of the data for that point in time (number of vulnerabilities, time stamp, or status).

Any filters you apply in the list also update the data in the chart. Use the filter for the **Last detected** column to update the time span shown in the timeline.

6. To filter by columns , select the Filter icon (⌵) next to the column headers. These filters are available, if applicable to the selected application:
  - **Severity:** Available filters are: Critical, High, Medium, Low, and Note.
  - **Vulnerability:** Available filters, if applicable to the selected application, are:
    - **Vulnerability tags :** Custom tags you assigned to vulnerabilities
    - **Type:** Types of vulnerabilities

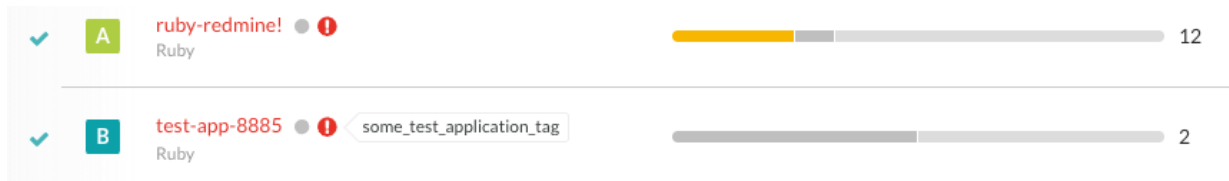
- **Modules:** Application modules associated with a vulnerability
- **Servers:** Servers hosting the application.
- **Environments:** Development, QA, and production
- **Sinks:** Vulnerabilities that originate from a common sink  
A sink is common custom code shared between multiple data-flow vulnerabilities.  
Filtering by sink can help you identify a line of code that is causing multiple vulnerabilities.
- **URLs:** Vulnerabilities associated with a specific URL.
- **Compliance policy:** Vulnerabilities associated with selected compliance policies
- **Routes:** Vulnerabilities associated with selected routes.
- **Last detected:** Available filters are: First or Last detected and Time range. Select **Custom** to enter specific dates and times.
- **Status:** Available filters are Status and whether Contrast is tracking the vulnerability.

## Open vulnerabilities for merged applications

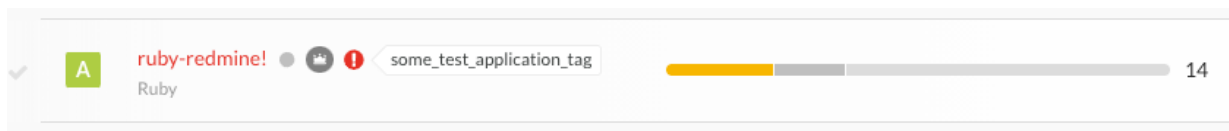
For merged applications, the Open Vulnerabilities column in the Applications list displays the number of vulnerabilities for all application modules in the primary application. The Applications list displays the primary application but not the modules in the primary application.

### Example:

Before you merge applications, the Open Vulnerabilities column looks similar to this:



After you merge applications, the bar in the Open Vulnerabilities column shows vulnerabilities for the primary application and all the merged application modules. The Vulnerabilities list does not show the merged application modules



## See also

[View vulnerabilities at an organization level \(page 235\)](#)

## Add and delete vulnerabilities

When you instrument an application, vulnerabilities are automatically detected and they become [visible in Contrast \(page 235\)](#). Depending on your particular security concerns, you can assess the risk of these vulnerabilities, eliminate false positives and prioritize fixes.

You may decide to delete a vulnerability if it is no longer useful.

To do this:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header.
2. Hover over the grid row with the vulnerability you want to delete and use the **Delete** icon in the right column. You can also find the icon in the top right of the vulnerability details page.  
To delete multiple vulnerabilities at once, use the check marks in the left column to select the vulnerabilities you want to delete, then select the **Delete** icon from the batch action bar that appears at the bottom of the page.

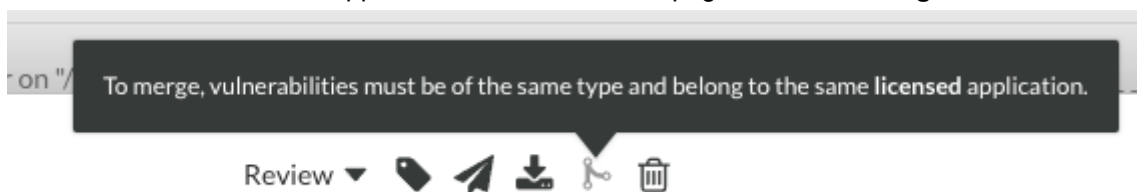


3. In the window that appears, select **Delete** to confirm your choice. Once confirmed, the vulnerability is removed and no longer appears in your list unless Contrast discovers it again.

## Merge vulnerabilities

If you find vulnerabilities of the same type from the same application, you can merge them to consolidate findings. To do this:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header.
2. Use the check marks in the left column to select two or more vulnerabilities you'd like to merge.
3. In the batch action bar that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Merge** icon.

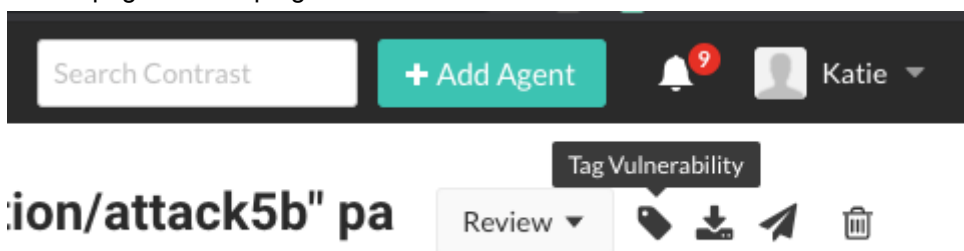


4. In the window that appears, select the vulnerability that you want to represent the merge.

## Add a tag to a vulnerability

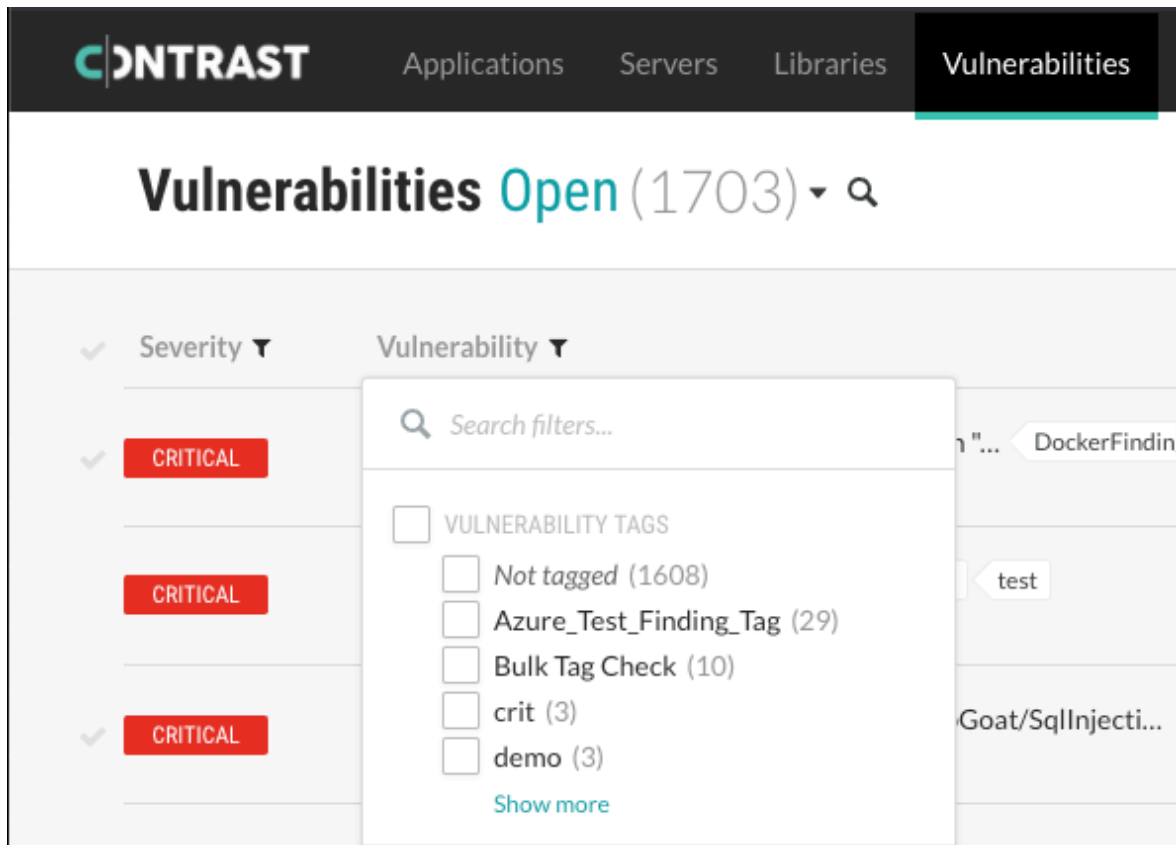
You can tag vulnerabilities to better organize vulnerabilities and improve search in Contrast. To do this:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header, then hover over the row in the grid for the vulnerability you want to tag.
2. In the far right column, select the **Tag** icon. This option is also available from the vulnerability details page in the top right corner.



To tag multiple vulnerabilities, use the check marks in the left column of the vulnerabilities grid to select the ones you want to tag. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Tag** icon.

3. In the window that appears, begin typing to see a list of tags. Select one or more from the drop-down menu, and/or type a new tag. To remove tags, select the **X**. Select **Save**.
4. To filter by tags, select the filter next to the **Vulnerability** column of the grid, then select the tags to filter.



5. You can also see tags next to the vulnerability name on the vulnerability's details page, and remove them by selecting the **X**.

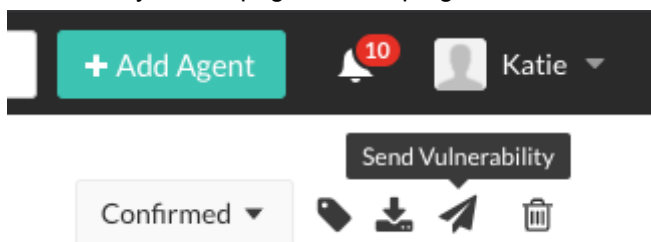
## Track vulnerabilities

If you are using a bugtracker integration, you can:

- Send vulnerability data to other members of your organization.
- Plan and maintain timely patching to prevent attacks.
- Streamline workflows by sending vulnerability information directly to your bugtracking tool.
- Receive notifications of any new high or critical vulnerabilities in your application.

To track vulnerabilities:

1. Be sure Contrast is integrated with at least one [bugtracker \(page 258\)](#).
2. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header, then hover over the row in the grid for the vulnerability you want to track.
3. In the far right column, select the **Send vulnerability** icon. This option is also available from the vulnerability details page in the top right corner.

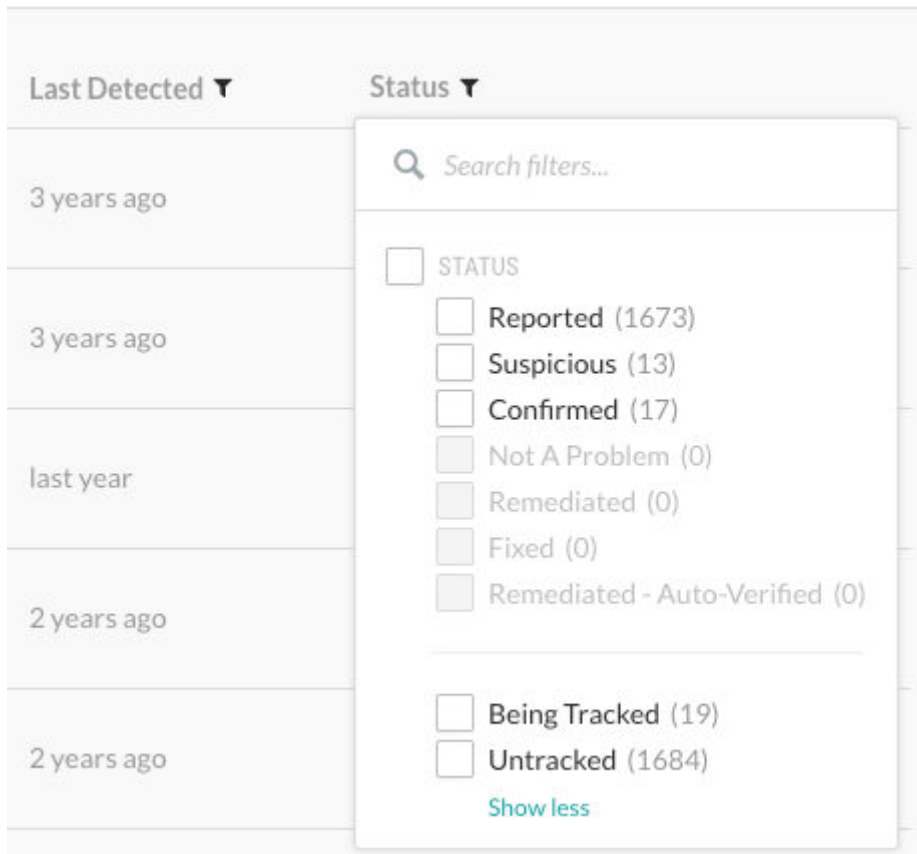


To track multiple vulnerabilities, use the check marks in the left column of the vulnerabilities grid to select the ones you want to track. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Send vulnerability** icon. Choose **Send to bugtracker** (you can also choose to send by email).

4. In the window that appears, select the bugtracker you want to use from the drop-down menu (if you are integrated with multiple), add any related information, and select **Send**.
5. The vulnerability status is automatically updated to **Reported**, and an arrow icon appears beside the status in the grid row for the vulnerability. Hover over this icon for more information, including the bugtracker name(s) and corresponding ticket number(s).

✓ <b>MEDIUM</b>	Insecure JSP Placement JSP demo First detected 4 years ago	Alpha Processor	2 years ago	Reported ➔
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To quickly see which vulnerabilities are tracked, use the filter in the **Status** column, and select "Being tracked".



To view a description of each vulnerability status, see [Vulnerability status \(page 243\)](#).



#### TIP

You can also [export vulnerability data \(page 242\)](#) to a CSV or XML file for custom processing, or use the API to gather data outside the web interface.

## Analyze vulnerability events

Contrast provides information on what it observed when navigating your application by using vulnerability events. These events include the exact location where the vulnerability was found in the code and how the code was used. There are several types of events:

- **Source events:** Source events occur at the start of a scope. You can use the file and line number of the source event to see exactly where the call was made, and use the stacktrace in the source to understand how the program invoked the notable method. You can also view all the data related to the method, including the:



- **Object:** The underlying object instance on which this call is invoked (if not a static call).
- **Return:** The object returned from this call (or null, if void).
- **Parameters:** The objects passed into this call.
- **Propagation events:** Each vulnerability may contain one or more propagation events. These events contain the same information as the source event, but they also have a type that indicates how the data was propagated. For example, a P2R propagation event takes the data from one or more of the parameters (the "P" in "P2R") and transfers it into the method return value (the "R" in "P2R").
- **Tag events:** These events add a tag, such as **validated** or **html-encoded**, to a vulnerability. These tags help eliminate false positives and provide clean, reliable results. They also contain the same contextual information as the other types of events. While tag events may occur within a vulnerability, they have nothing to do with the vulnerability discovered.
- **Trigger events:** The trigger is the last event in the vulnerability. The trigger is the call that makes the rule engine in the Contrast JVM Plugin perform its analysis, notice the vulnerability and generate the trace.



### IMPORTANT

Contrast only detects the actual behavior of an application. If a vulnerability doesn't represent a legitimate problem, an administrator [should update the applicable policy \(page 310\)](#) to prevent this issue from occurring again. The most commonly reported false alarm is that the application has a custom control that Contrast doesn't know about.

On-premises users can add a custom method call to the appropriate tag list in the Contrast policy. For example, your custom HTML-encoder method that takes a string and returns an HTML-encoded string should add the **html-encoded** tag to the data.

You can use [Security controls \(page 310\)](#) or [Application exclusions \(page 324\)](#) to remediate false positives.

## Fix vulnerabilities

When a vulnerability arises, you need to assess the risk according to your particular security needs. If you decide to fix this vulnerability:

1. Learn more about the particular vulnerability by selecting the vulnerability name to open the details page. Then select the **How to fix** tab to see suggested steps to resolve the issue.
2. Fix the vulnerability as you see fit.
3. Check a fixed vulnerability. There are three ways to do this:
  - **Replay the request:** If the issue is remediated, you can replay the HTTP request. Select the **HTTP Info** tab to see if the issue is fixed. If it isn't fixed, the issue reappears with a status of Reported.
  - **Check build number:** For each application, you can assign a build version number. Use [session metadata \(page 198\)](#) to learn more about a vulnerability using the build number. Add this property to the `-javaagent` command:

```
-Dcontrast.override.appversion
```

Provided you have set a build number during startup, you can use this as a filter and verify whether the issue still exists for this build version by clicking the Advanced link and the Build Number drop-down menu.

- **Check by time unit tests:** You can also filter by the time at which your unit tests were run, and set a date range to view your vulnerabilities in the Set Date Range input field above the vulnerabilities grid.

## Export vulnerability findings

To export vulnerability details:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header, then use the check marks in the left column of the vulnerabilities grid to select the vulnerability or vulnerabilities you want to use for the export.
2. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select the **Export** icon, then select the format you want to use for the export (CSV or XML).



3. The export will download to your desktop. Exports contain the following data fields for each vulnerability:
  - Vulnerability Name
  - Vulnerability ID
  - Category
  - Rule Name
  - Severity
  - Status
  - Number of Events
  - First Seen
  - Last Seen
  - Application Name
  - Application ID
  - Application Code
  - CWE ID
  - Request Method
  - Request Port
  - Request Protocol
  - Request Version
  - Request URI
  - Request Qs
  - Request Body
  - Instance ID



## TIP

To create more complex custom software composition analysis reports about your applications, you can use the [Application API](#) to access Contrast vulnerability data.

You may also explore additional details on your vulnerabilities using a manual method.

For, example, this cURL request retrieves a list of vulnerabilities that also shows a list of the applications in which each vulnerability was found. The jq tool formats the data as CSV for use in a custom report.

```
curl \
  -H "Authorization: $(echo -n $username:$servicekey | \
base64)" \
  -H "API-Key: $apikey" \
  https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast/api/ng/$orgid/
orgtraces/filter?expand=request | \
  jq -r '.traces[] | {uuid: .uuid, \
protocol: .request.protocol} | [.uuid, .protocol] | @csv'
```

## Vulnerability status

Vulnerability status is shown in the vulnerabilities grid and can be any of the statuses shown in this table. You can edit the vulnerability status.

Status	When to set this status
<b>Reported</b>	This is the default status of a vulnerability after it is discovered by Contrast. The vulnerability in this application could possibly be exploited.
<b>Confirmed</b>	Confirm that the vulnerability is a true finding by reviewing the source code or exploiting it.
<b>Suspicious</b>	The vulnerability appears to be a true finding based on the details provided, but requires more investigation to determine its validity.
<b>Not a problem</b>	<p>The vulnerability is being accounted for without any source code changes. To set this status, you must select one of these reasons. Vulnerabilities set to this status will not revert back to <b>Reported</b> if found again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack is defended by an external security control:</b> There is another component in the environment, such as a WAF, which will prevent this vulnerability from being exploited.</li> <li>• <b>False positive:</b> This vulnerability was reported incorrectly. <a href="#">Contact Support</a> to figure out why Contrast flagged this trace as a vulnerability.</li> <li>• <b>Goes through an internal security control:</b> There is custom, corrective code inside the application that will prevent this vulnerability from being exploited.</li> <li>• <b>URL is only accessible by trusted power users:</b> This vulnerability may only exist in specific environments, such as test, and may not exist in production environments.</li> <li>• <b>Other:</b> Select this option if there is another reason that no source code changes are required in order to fix this vulnerability. It is possible to <a href="#">replace Other with a custom value (page 245)</a> that explains why the vulnerability is <b>Not a problem</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Remediated</b>	The vulnerability has been fixed by changing source code or config files within the application.
<b>Fixed</b>	The vulnerability has been fixed by changing the source code or because of a reason given under the <b>Not a problem</b> status. A vulnerability set to this status will not revert back to <b>Reported</b> if found again. (This option is only available to administrators.)
<b>Remediated-Auto-verified</b>	This status can only be automatically set. (It can't be manually set by a user.) If a vulnerability is not reported within the time limit set in the <a href="#">vulnerability policy (page 311)</a> , it will automatically be set to <b>Remediated-auto-verified</b> .

Policies that are set to **Reported**, **Confirmed**, **Suspicious** are considered to be open. Policies that are set to **Not a problem**, **Remediated**, **Fixed**, or **Remediated-Auto-verified** are considered to be closed. You can filter vulnerabilities by **Open** to see only open statuses, or by **All** to see both open and closed statuses.

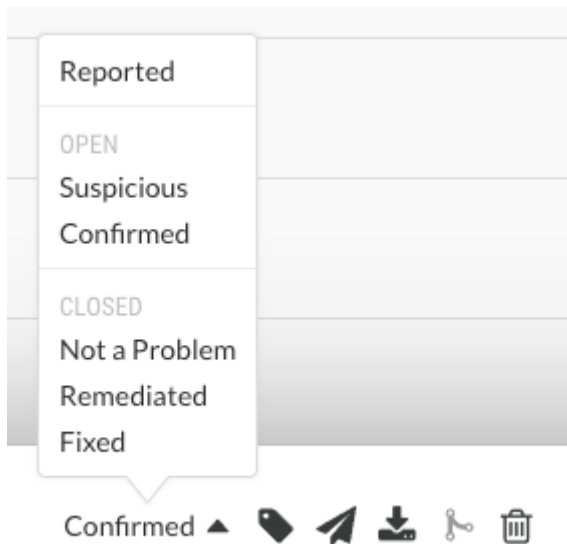
If the agent reports a vulnerability and Contrast has never seen it before, Contrast creates a new entry for the vulnerability. If that vulnerability already exists, Contrast updates the existing entry, issue count and number of days since it was last detected. All vulnerabilities will be reopened with the same pre-existing status, except those that were previously set to **Remediated** or **Remediated-Auto-verified**. Those will be reopened as **Reported**.

## Edit vulnerability status

To change the status of one or more vulnerabilities:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header.
2. To edit a single vulnerability status, find the vulnerability you want to edit and select the status in the **Status** column. You can also change the status from a vulnerability's overview page in the top right corner.

To edit multiple vulnerabilities at a time, use the check marks in the left column to select the vulnerabilities you want to edit. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, you will see the current status. Click to expand the menu.



3. Select a new status according to [these criteria](#) (page 243).



#### NOTE

An Organization Administrator can [require approval](#) (page 343) before some vulnerabilities can be closed.

If this is the case, you will be required to submit a reason for your status change, and it will be set to **Pending** until it can be reviewed by an Organization Administrator or a RulesAdmin. Hover over **Pending** in the **Status** column to see the date it was submitted.

CONTRAST Applications Servers Libraries Vulnerabilities Attacks Search Contrast + Add Agent					
Vulnerabilities		Pending Review (3)		SORT BY	
Severity	Vulnerability	Application	Last Detected	Status	
CRITICAL	SQL Injection from "userid" Parameter on "/WebGoat/SqlL... dem First detected 3 years ago	Syd's webgoat-server	last year	Not a Problem PENDING	
CRITICAL	SQL Injection from QueryString on "/umbraco/backoffice/Umbra... First detected 2 years ago	UmbracoAppDynamics	2 years ago	Not a Problem PENDING	

You may change the status of a pending vulnerability. If approval isn't required for the new status, the vulnerability is no longer marked as **Pending**.

You will receive a notification when your status change request is approved or denied by an administrator. If denied, the vulnerability will go back to its previous state; but, the administrator must provide a reason for the decision. That reason will appear in the vulnerability's **Activity** tab.

4. In the window that appears, select a reason (in the case of **Not a problem**) and enter an explanation for the status change. It is possible to [set a custom reason](#) (page 245) that vulnerabilities are **Not a problem**.

### Set a custom reason that vulnerabilities are Not a problem

Security teams may determine that a specific vulnerability does not need to be remediated with a code change and set the vulnerability status to **Not a problem**. This helps teams focus on fixing vulnerabilities and prevents Contrast from reporting these vulnerabilities again.

When you use **Not a problem** as a vulnerability status, you must select a reason. Contrast provides [standard reasons \(page 243\)](#) as well as an **Other** option.

You can change the label **Other** to a value that is meaningful to your organization. To do this:

1. Go to **Policy management** settings for your organization.
2. Select **Vulnerability management**.
3. Select **Set a custom label for Other**.
4. Enter the reason you prefer. This is limited to 25 characters.
5. **Save** your change.

The screenshot shows the 'Policy management' page in the Contrast application. On the left is a sidebar with categories: ASSESS (Assess Rules, Security Controls, Vulnerability Management), PROTECT (Protect Rules, CVE Shields, Virtual Patches, Log Enhancers, IP Management), and GENERAL (Application Exclusions, Compliance Policy). The 'Vulnerability Management' option is selected. The main content area is titled 'VULNERABILITY BEHAVIOR' and contains two sections. The 'Approval workflow' section has a checked checkbox 'Require administrator approval when closing vulnerabilities', a dropdown menu showing 'Remediated', and a button 'All Severities'. The 'Not a Problem status options' section has a description: 'This replaces Other as a reason vulnerabilities are Not a Problem. Set a label you prefer people to see and use.' It includes a checked checkbox 'Set a custom label for Other' and a text input field containing 'Risk accepted' with a character count of '12 characters left'. A green 'Save' button is at the bottom right.

Now, when marking vulnerabilities as **Not a problem**, the values listed will include the custom reason instead of **Other**.



#### NOTE

When you change **Other** to a custom label or change it back to **Other**, all the vulnerabilities with that label will change to the new label for your organization.

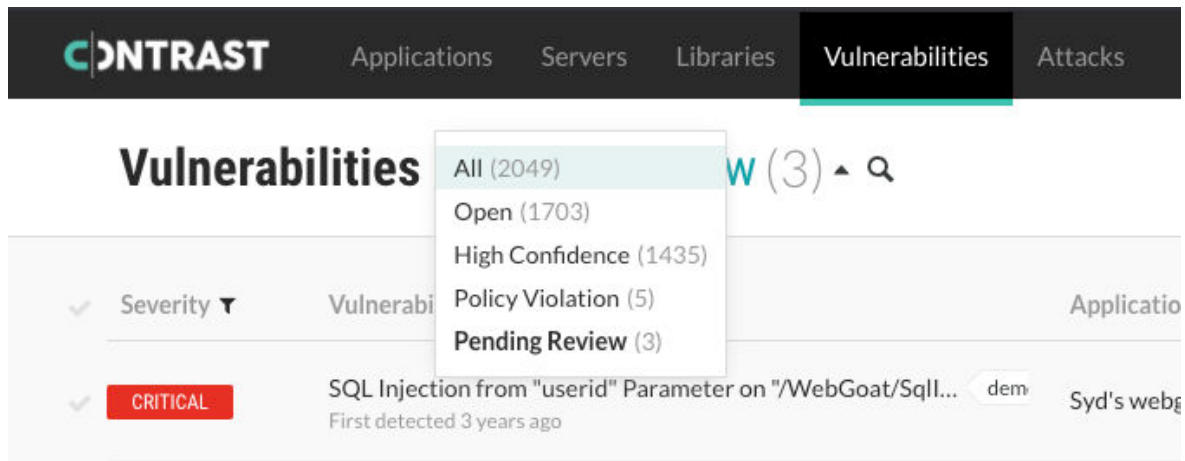
## Review pending vulnerability status changes

If an Organization Administrator has [required approval for a particular vulnerability \(page 343\)](#), the [status \(page 243\)](#) won't change until it is approved. This can apply to manual vulnerability status changes, two-way bugtracker integrations, as well as auto-verification policies.

You must be an Organization RulesAdmin with RulesAdmin permissions for the target application in order to approve or deny vulnerability closures.

To do this:

1. Select the link in your notification in the Contrast application, or select **Vulnerabilities** in the header, then select the filter at the top of the grid to view all pending reviews.



2. Use the check marks in the left column to select one or more vulnerabilities. In the batch action menu that appears at the bottom of the page, select **Review**. Then select **Approve** or **Deny**. You can also select **Review** in the top right from a vulnerability overview page.
3. If you deny the status change, you must provide a reason. Denied vulnerabilities revert to their previous status. Approved vulnerabilities take the new status and are no longer marked **Pending**. Either way the results of the review will display in the vulnerability's **Activity** tab.

## Edit vulnerability severity

Contrast classifies vulnerabilities in an application into five severity levels. The classifications are based on the likelihood and impact of a vulnerability in the application, from most to least severe:

- Critical
- High
- Medium
- Low
- Notes

To change a vulnerability's severity level:

1. Select **Vulnerabilities** in the header.
2. Select the colored badge in the **Severity** column and choose a new level from the menu. (You cannot update the severity of multiple vulnerabilities at once.)

## Attacks

Attacks are groups of attack events that target applications and servers. There are multiple attack events that Contrast includes in an attack, including, but not limited to:

- SQL injection
- Untrusted deserialization
- Command injection
- Many other common vulnerability types

When Contrast detects multiple attack events from the same IP address within 30 minutes, Contrast groups these events together as an attack. If Contrast sees new events from the same IP address after you fix the code, Contrast shows a new attack.

## Event data retention

Contrast keeps attack event data for thirty days before removing it. To keep attack data for a longer amount of time, do the following:

- [Output to syslog](#)

- Set up a [generic webhook](#)

A webhook receives data in a POST request only when a specified event occurs. When the webhook sees the event, it collects the data and sends it to the specified URL.

- Select the arrow at the end of the attack row and then select **Export attack (CSV)** or **(XML)** from the menu.

Effective (19)

Find Attack

05/09/2021 03:28 pm - 06/08/2021 03:28 pm

Advanced

Source IP	Status	Application	Server	Rule	Start	End	Events
127.0.0.1	BLOCKED			Command Injection	a day ago	a day ago	1
1.2.3.5	BLOCKED			Command Injection Command Injection - Command Backdoors	5 days ago	5 days ago	<div> <div>Blacklist IP</div> <div>Suppress Attack</div> <div>Export Attack (CSV)</div> <div>Export Attack (XML)</div> </div>

## Tasks

In Contrast, you can:

- [View attack details \(page 248\)](#) such as which application and server was attacked and the location in the code where the attack occurred.
- [Manage attacks \(page 250\)](#) by taking actions on attacks and attack events. For example, you can configure a Protect rule for specific attack events.
- [Monitor attacks \(page 250\)](#) in an overview of current and past attacks..

## View attacks

The Attacks list shows all attacks that have occurred in an organization.

Monitor Attacks Attack Events									
Effective (25) ▾	Find Attack	Set Date Range		Advanced					
<input type="checkbox"/> Source IP	Status	Application	Server	Rule	Start	End	Events		
<input type="checkbox"/> 127.0.0.1	EXPLOITED	myapplication/new	myserver-local-mycompany	Command Injection Command Injection - Chained Commands Command Injection - Command Backdoors	7 hours ago	7 hours ago	3	▾	
<input type="checkbox"/> 127.0.0.1	BLOCKED	myapplication/new	myserver-local-mycompany	Path Traversal Server-Side JavaScript Injection	a day ago	a day ago	9	▾	
<input type="checkbox"/> 127.0.0.1	BLOCKED	myapplication/new	myserver-local-mycompany	Path Traversal	a day ago	a day ago	9	▾	
<input type="checkbox"/> 127.0.0.1	BLOCKED	myapplication/new	myserver-local-mycompany	Path Traversal	a day ago	a day ago	12	▾	

## Steps

- Select **Attacks** in the header.
- To view all attacks that occurred in your organization, select the **Attacks** tab.
- To view more details on the attack, select **source name** or **IP address** in the Source IP column.
- To see each attack event in the attack, select the **Overview** tab.
- To filter the view in the Overview tab, select **Advanced** next to the date range and select a filter.



Advanced

☐ Show suppressed
 ☐ Show bots blocked
 ☐ Show blacklisted

Tags

Attack Severity

Low (0)

Medium (9)

High (0)

Results

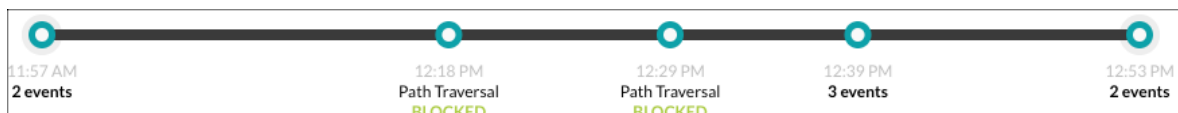
Rules

Applications

Servers

Environments

6. To see more details about the attack event, select **Source IP**.
7. To view the time of each event, under **Attack duration**, select **See timeline**.



8. To see more details including the rate of events, severity, and attacker, select the **Notes** tab.
9. To share or view communications with your team, select the **Discussion** tab.  
Read existing comments or enter a new comment and click **Add Comment**.

## Attack details

The attack data that Contrast displays includes these items:

- **Source IP:** The IP address from which the attack is originating.
- **Status:** The current status of the attack.  
An attack status is determined by the highest severity status of the attack events within the attack. If any event has an **Exploited** status, the attack status will be **Exploited**. If there are no Exploited events, the status will be the next highest severity event's status. The severity order, starting with the highest, is:
  - **Exploited:** If Contrast detects and confirms a definite attack but the mode for the applicable rule is set to **Monitor**, Contrast does not block the request.  
This status only applies to input tracing rules where Contrast is confident that an attack occurred. Confirmed attacks are those that met a high confidence threshold at the perimeter, or those that are watched and verified at the sink.

- **Suspicious:** If Contrast detects an attack and the applicable rule reports the attack as suspicious, but the mode for the rule is set to **Monitor**, Contrast does not block the request. This status applies to non-input tracing rules, where Contrast is unable to verify that an attack occurred.
- **Blocked:** If Contrast detects an attack and the mode for the applicable rule is set to **Blocked**, Contrast blocks the request.
- **Probed:** If Contrast detects an attack but cannot confirm it and the mode for the applicable rule is set to **Monitor**, Contrast does not block the attack. Unconfirmed attacks are those that did not meet a high confidence threshold at the perimeter; they are watched but not detected at the sink.
- **Application:** Specific applications that saw attack events from the IP address while the attack was active.
- **Server:** Specific server that saw attack events from the IP address while the attack was active.
- **Rule:** Any attack type identified from the IP address while the attack was active.
- **Start:** The timestamp of the first attack event seen from the IP address during the attack time frame.
- **End:** The timestamp of the last attack event seen from the IP address during the attack time frame.
- **Events:** The number of attack events that comprise the attack.

## Monitor attacks

You can see an overview of current and past attacks, the IP addresses of attackers, attack types, and which applications were exploited.

1. Select **Attacks** in the header.
2. If an attacker has a [source name \(page 327\)](#), you can hover over it to see a list of associated IP addresses .

If an attacker doesn't have a source name, their avatar will show a question mark. If an attacker has successfully exploited an application, their avatar will be red.



### NOTE

If the data reported for an attack event matches more than one source name, Contrast applies the most recently updated name.

Click on a IP address or source name to see details for that attacker.

3. To filter attacks you can:
  - Filter attacks by date range and environment.
  - Search to find attacks by a specific attacker IP or source name.
  - Search by affected applications or specific Assess or Protect rules.
  - Check **Show probed** to include information for attack events that resulted in a "Probed" status.
4. Under **Attack events** you can see a list of the types of attacks detected, along with the total number of attack events per type.
5. Under **Target application**, you can see each application targeted by an attack.

## Manage attacks

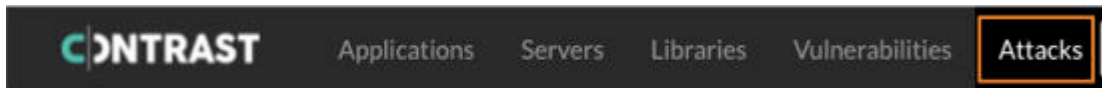
### Before you begin



Ensure that Protect is enabled on the servers that host your applications. The Contrast header displays Attacks only when Protect is enabled.

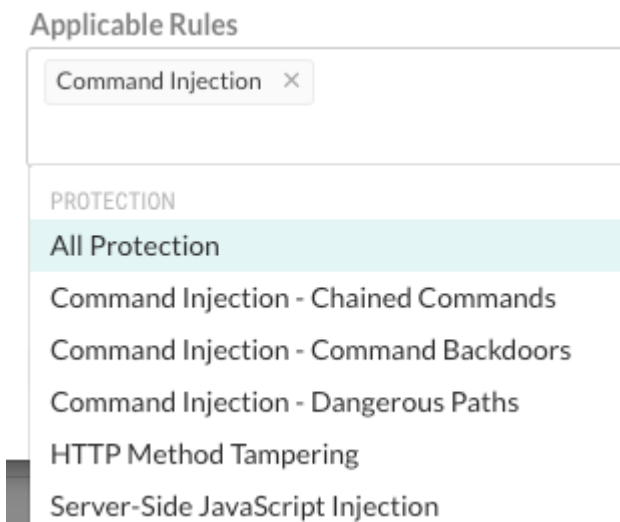
### Steps

To take action on attacks and attack events, use the following procedures.

1. View attacks or attack events.
  - a. Select **Attacks** in the header.



- b. Select the **Attacks** tab or the **Attack Events** tab.
2. (Optional) Tag attacks or attack events.  
Tagging attacks or attack events lets you organize them for better search results.
  - a. Select one or more attacks or attack events.
  - b. Select the tag icon (  ) above the list.
  - c. In the Tag Attacks window, enter a name for one or more tags.
3. Suppress attacks or events.  
Suppressing attacks removes an attack and its related events from view. To suppress an attack or an attack event, use the following procedure:
  - a. On the Attacks or Attacks Events list, select the check box for one or more rows and select the **Suppress Attacks** or **Suppress Events** icon (  ).  
Alternatively, select the arrow at the end of a row and select the **Suppress Attacks** or **Suppress Events** option in the drop-down menu.
  - b. Click **Suppress**.
4. Block IP addresses  
This option blocks a specified IP address. Blocking an IP address prevents unwanted activity from a specific IP address in the future.  
To [create a Protect rule \(page 313\)](#) that blocks the IP address for a specific attack or attack event, use the following procedure:
  - a. At the end of an attack or attack events row, select the arrow.
  - b. From the menu, select **Block IP**.
  - c. Enter a name for the rule that blocks the specified IP address.
  - d. Select a date when the block expires.
  - e. Click **Save**.
5. Add exclusions (attack events)  
[Adding application exclusions \(page 324\)](#) lets you exclude certain applications, or parts of them, from security analysis.  
This option is available if you are using Java, .NET Framework, or .NET Core agents.
  - a. In the Attack Events grid, at the end of an attack events row, select the arrow.
  - b. Select **Add Exclusion**.
  - c. Specify a name for the exclusion.
  - d. Select the exclusion type and enter the details for that type.
  - e. Select the rules for which the exclusion applies.  
To see a list of rules, click the **Applicable rules** box.



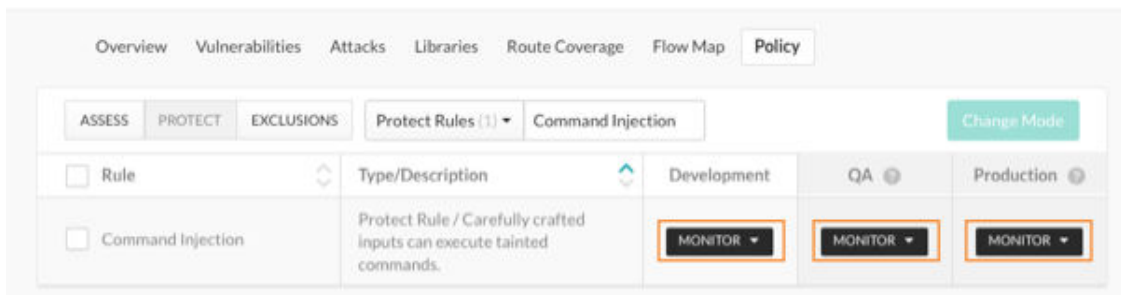
- f. (Optional) Select the checkbox to suppress all events that match the exclusion.
- g. Click **Add**.
6. Create a virtual patch (attack events):
 

[Virtual patches \(page 321\)](#) are short-term, custom defense rules that defend against specific, newly-discovered vulnerabilities in your code.

  - a. In the Attack Events grid, at the end of an attack events row, select the arrow.
  - b. Select **Create Virtual Patch**.
  - c. In [Add Virtual Patch \(page 321\)](#), enter the details for the virtual patch.
  - d. Click **Save**.
7. Configure Protect rules (attack events):
 

[Protect rules \(page 313\)](#) let you monitor or block specific kinds of cyber-attacks in application environments.

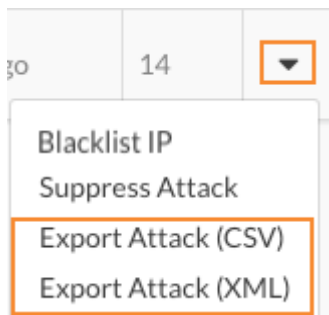
  - a. In the Attack Events list, at the end of an attack events row, select the arrow.
  - b. Select a rule.
  - c. As needed, change the modes configured for each rule by selecting **Change Mode** or the **current mode** or a specific environment.



- d. Select the appropriate modes for each environment.
8. Save attack data:
 

Contrast keeps attack event data for thirty days before removing it. You have several options for saving your data:

  - Output the data to [syslog. \(page 216\)](#)
  - Set up a [generic webhook \(page 277\)](#).  
A generic webhook can receive notifications on any URL that receives POST messages.
  - Export the data to a CSV or XML file.  
At the end of an attack row, select the arrow at the end of the row and select **Export attack (CSV)** or **Export Attack (XML)**.



## Run attack scripts

To see how Contrast captures attack data, you can run an attack script using [Nikto](#), an open-source web server scanner.



## NOTE

To run an attack script you must have a [Contrast agent installed \(page 27\)](#) and an application with [Contrast Protect enabled \(page 332\)](#).

To run an attack script:

1. Run `./nikto.pl` in your terminal to make sure Nikto is configured correctly. If it is, you'll see a default help message return.
2. In Contrast, ensure that the IP address of the machine running Nikto isn't denylisted.
3. In the terminal, go to the *program* directory.
4. Initiate a scan by running

```
./nikto.pl -useragent "MyAgent (Demo/1.0)" -h http://www.your-site.com
```



## NOTE

If your web application has its files under a certain directory, use the `-r` option to prepend a directory.

5. Once the script has finished running, Contrast will alert you about a new attack with an in-app notification and email.
6. Select the alert or go to **Attacks** to see a summary of the attack. To learn more about an individual attack, select **Source IP**.

## Reports

All Contrast reports are delivered as time-stamped PDFs that are downloaded locally. These reports are available:

- [Attestation reports \(page 253\)](#)
- [Compliance reports \(page 254\)](#)
- [DISA STIG viewer checklists \(page 255\)](#)
- [Software bill of materials \(page 256\)](#)
- [Vulnerability trend report](#)
- [Organization statistics \(page 255\)](#)

### Attestation reports

Attestation reports provide evidence of vulnerability remediation based on the most current application information. Meet compliance and auditing requirements with these PDF reports.

This report expires seven days after you create it. After this time, Contrast deletes the report.

Attestation reports include:

- An itemized list of the specific filter settings used to run the report.
- A summary of the security posture for the application.
- Vulnerabilities assessment for both custom code and open-source libraries.
- Route coverage, as a security assessment metric.
- An optional compliance policy assessment, and detailed information about open vulnerabilities for the application.
- An appendix that describes methodologies and terminologies

To run an attestation report:

1. Select **Applications** in the header.
2. In the Applications grid, select an application.
3. Click the **Reports** icon located at the top of the application's page.
4. In the dropdown, select **Generate Attestation Report**.
5. In the window that appears, define the **Vulnerabilities**, **Environments**, and additional **Security Standards** that you want to include in the report.

The default is to show all vulnerabilities and environments, but you can filter them by clicking in the fields. Choose an option from **Security Standards** to include an additional Security Standards section in the generated report. Optionally, you can choose to include detailed information about open vulnerabilities.

The following table outlines the categories that you can use to create a custom report.

Field	Default	
Vulnerabilities	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status (Reported, Suspicious, Confirmed, Not a Problem, Remediated, Fixed, Remediated - Auto-Verified)</li> <li>• Severity (Note, Low, Medium, High Critical)</li> <li>• Assess Rules</li> </ul>
Vulnerability details	None	Include vulnerability details
Environments	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development</li> <li>• Test</li> <li>• Production</li> </ul>
Security Standards	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DISA ASD STIG</li> <li>• IPA-7.0</li> <li>• OWASP 2017 Top 10</li> <li>• OWASP 2013 Top 10</li> <li>• PCI DSS - 2.0</li> <li>• PCI DSS - 3.0</li> <li>• PCI DSS - 3.2.1</li> </ul>

6. Select **Generate**. Once generated, a download link appears in the **Notifications** panel.  
If an application has more than 16,000 vulnerabilities, Contrast does not generate the report. Contrast displays an error message indicating that application exceeds the 16,000 vulnerability limit.
7. Click the report link to download the PDF.

## Compliance reports

Generate timestamped PDF reports of security issues that Contrast has identified while monitoring your application. You can choose from the following report types:

- **DISA ASD STIG:** DISA's Application Security and Development STIG reports the security posture as it relates to policy requirements for security programs and best practices for Information Assurance (IA)-enabled applications.
- **OWASP 2013 Top 10 and OWASP 2017 Top 10:** The Open Web Application Security Project reports the problems that are "worth fixing" or in the top ten list of flaws.
- **PCI DSS - 2.0, 3.0 and 3.2.1:** The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard protects cardholder data in the event of a data breach. To achieve compliance, organizations must identify and remediate all critical vulnerabilities.

Each report includes a summary of the application's security status as well as details on each vulnerability and remediation guidance.

The report shows each vulnerability that's been discovered in your application, along with:

- Technical details
- Risk of an issue
- Remediation guidance
- Industry references
- The application's known vulnerable libraries

- A security scorecard

To run a compliance report:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, then select an application.
2. Select the **Generate Security Standards Report** icon located at the top of the application's **Overview** page.
3. In the window that appears, choose the **Report Type, Vulnerability Status/Severity** and **Vulnerability Tag** that you want to include in the report.
4. Click **Generate**. Once generated, the report will download automatically.

## DISA STIG Viewer checklists

DISA's Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) is the basis for evaluation of the security of all government applications. The STIG is intended to be used throughout the life cycles of these applications in order to provide security assurance for these applications. Contrast's compliance reporting can provide a listing of the vulnerabilities found in your application that violate guidelines of multiple STIGs.



### IMPORTANT

An application must have an Assess license to run a DISA STIG report.

Before DISA STIG reports can be run, a SuperAdmin must enable it. Select **SuperAdmin** in the user menu, then select **Organizations** in the header. In the window that appears, select the box to **Enable DISA STIG Checklist reporting** and select **Save**.

STIG Viewer creates custom checklists with multiple STIGs for compliance reporting. You must import your application's checklist to get the DISA STIG report on those vulnerabilities from Contrast.

To run a STIG Viewer checklist:

1. Go to the **Applications** page and select an application.
2. In the application's **Overview** page, click the reporting icon and select **Generate STIG Viewer Checklist**.
3. In the window that appears, import a STIG Viewer checklist (.ckl) file. This file must be a checklist exported from the STIG Viewer application.
4. Click **Generate** to download an updated STIG Viewer checklist (.ckl) file.

## Organization statistics

Select **Reports** in the user menu to find [vulnerability trends](#), as well as organization level information on:

- **Licenses:** View the number of overall licenses for Assess and Protect, as well as the number of unlicensed applications and servers that exist in your organization.
- **Applications:** The inner ring designates the breakdown by language. Choose the categories you want to compare in the outer ring by selecting **Technology** or **Grade** in the drop-down menu.
- **Servers:** Select **Container** or **Environment** in the drop-down menu to choose how the numbers are analyzed.

Use the filters in the drop-down menus to choose which data to compare at a glance.

Select **View** for more details including:



- **Licenses:** Under **Activity**, view an activity trend chart of data on license consumption over the past year.  
 Hover over a data point on the Assess or Protect trend lines to see how many licenses were used each month. The dotted line shows the number of licenses purchased.  
 Click on the vertical bars in the chart to view your hourly usage of Protect licenses for each day. Peak hourly usage is represented by bright green shading at the top of the bars. Select **Back to license activity** to return to your view of license activity data.  
 Select **View Protect usage** below the activity chart to see data for the current month and a usage statistics. Use the drop-down menu to view data for a different month.  
 Under **Consumption**, you can see a thermometer chart and a timeline for Assess and Protect. The thermometer chart shows the total number of licenses purchased compared to the number being used. The timeline shows how many licenses are about to expire on given dates.  
 The circular charts on the right show breakdowns by fraction and percentage for Assess and Protect. If your organization doesn't own any Protect or Assess licenses, the chart shows the count of unlicensed assets.
- **Applications:** Under **Status** you can see the total number of applications broken down by the number that are licensed, unlicensed and archived, as well as how many licenses are available in your organization.  
 The circular Language Breakdown chart shows the number of applications, broken down by language in the inner band, and by technology in the outer band. Hover for more details.  
 Under **High risk** and **Expirations** you can see the number of applications with critical open vulnerabilities and expiring licenses.  
 Under **Protection coverage** you see the number of applications on production servers that have incomplete coverage. Select **View breakdown** for more details.  
 Applications that were added within the last week and applications that reside on an offline server are listed separately in the sidebar.
- **Servers:** Under **Environments**, you can see all deployed servers by environment.  
 Under **Container breakdown** you can see the number of deployed servers for each language in a given environment. Use the drop-down menu to view data for a different environment.  
 Under **Snapshots**, you can see the number of servers with Assess and Protect enabled, as well as all servers online compared to the total number of servers in the given environment.  
 The right sidebar includes a list of new, offline, deleted and expiring servers.

## Software bill of materials (SBOM)

A Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) might be required for compliance with government security regulations.

You can generate an SBOM in Contrast that meets the specifications of the OWASP's CycloneDX SBOM standard. The capability is available through a simple API or a command through the Contrast command line interface ([CLI \(page 232\)](#)).

The Contrast SBOM contains information about the software that your application uses including:


- Libraries - Open source and third-party components present in a code base
- Licenses that govern the software components
- Versions of software components used in the code base

## Before you begin

- A Contrast OSS license is required
- Supported language: JAVA



## Steps

1. Select **Applications** in the header.
2. Select the **Reports** icon (  ) located at the top of the application's list.
3. In the dropdown, select **Generate software bill of materials (SBOM)** to generate and download a copy of the SBOM.

# Integrations

Documentation is provided for supported integrations that are part of the core, recommended way that Contrast works. Contrast may be compatible with other tools or scenarios that are not supported. For specific information on third-party tools and technologies, consult the documentation for that product. Also, there are additional articles in the [Contrast Support Portal](#) around specific use cases or workarounds.








## NOTE

Links to Contrast Documentation are provided for all supported content. You may find solutions with other compatible integrations that are not fully supported. Links to documentation in the Contrast Support Portal or third-party sites are indicated by the [external link](#) icon.



## Cloud integrations

Run your application with Contrast while still deploying on your favorite PaaS.

	<b>AWS Elastic Beanstalk</b>	<a href="#">Java agent with AWS Elastic Beanstalk</a>
	<b>Google App Engine</b>	<a href="#">Configure the Java agent for Google App Engine</a> <a href="#">Google App Engine</a>
	<b>IBM Cloud</b>	<a href="#">IBM Cloud and getting started with Contrast Security</a>
	<b>Microsoft Azure</b>	<a href="#">.NET and Azure App Service</a> <a href="#">.NET and Azure Arm</a> <a href="#">.NET and Terraform</a>
	<b>VMware Tanzu</b>	<a href="#">Configure Java for VMware Tanzu</a> <a href="#">Configure Node.js for VMware Tanzu</a>

## Chat tools






Be the first to know about new vulnerabilities in or active attacks against your application as Contrast discovers these security issues in real-time.

	<p><b>Microsoft Teams</b></p> <p><a href="#">Teams Integration (page 298)</a></p>
	<p><b>Slack</b></p> <p><a href="#">Slack Integration (page 300)</a></p>

## Continuous integration and build tools





Add application security gates into your automated pipelines to prevent vulnerabilities from getting deployed into production environments.

	<p><b>Azure DevOps</b></p> <p><a href="#">Azure Pipelines Extension (page 271)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Azure Pipelines Marketplace</a></p>
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	<h2>Bamboo</h2>	<p><a href="#">Bamboo Plugin (page 274)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <a href="#">Contrast Security for Bamboo Marketplace</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Contrast Bamboo Plugin Source Code</a></li> </ul>
	<h2>CircleCI</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <a href="#">Orb Registry</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Contrast Security Orb for CircleCI</a></li> </ul>
	<h2>Gradle</h2>	<p><a href="#">Gradle Plugin (page 281)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <a href="#">Gradle.org and Contrast Plugin</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Contrast Gradle Plugin Source Code</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Sample Project</a></li> </ul>
	<h2>Jenkins</h2>	<p><a href="#">Jenkins Plugin (page 286)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <a href="#">Contrast Continuous Application Security</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Jenkins Source Code</a></li> </ul>
	<h2>Maven</h2>	<p><a href="#">Maven Plugin (page 33)</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☑ <a href="#">Maven Central Repository</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Contrast Maven Plugin Source Code</a></li> <li>🔗 <a href="#">Sample Project</a></li> </ul>

## IDE plugins

Learn about your applications' vulnerabilities and receive remediation guidance while in your favorite development environment.

	<h3>Eclipse</h3>	<a href="#">🔗 Contrast Security for Eclipse Marketplace</a>
	<h3>IntelliJ</h3>	<a href="#">IntelliJ Plugin (page 283)</a> <a href="#">🔗 Contrast Security for IntelliJ Marketplace</a>
	<h3>Visual Studio</h3>	<a href="#">Visual Studio Plugin (page 302)</a> <a href="#">🔗 Contrast for Visual Studio Marketplace</a>
	<h3>Visual Studio Code</h3>	<a href="#">Visual Studio Code Plugin (page 303)</a> <a href="#">🔗 Contrast Security Plugin Marketplace</a>



## Visual Studio for Mac

[Visual Studio for Mac Plugin \(page 304\)](#)

[Extension file](#)

## Incident management systems

Be confident that on-call personnel will be equipped to take necessary action against attacks on your application.



## PagerDuty

[PagerDuty Integration \(page 299\)](#)



## VictorOps

[VictorOps Integration \(page 302\)](#)

## SIEM tools

Receive directly in your SIEM (Security information and event management) operational insights into application security threats from Contrast's instrumentation activities.



**DATADOG**

**Datadog**

[Source Code](#)



**Splunk**





[How to integrate Contrast with Splunk](#)





**Sumo Logic**

[Source Code](#)

## Work tracking platforms

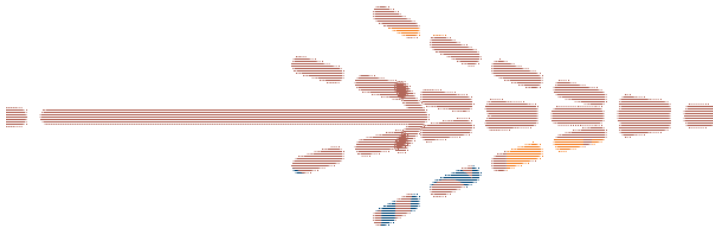

	<p><b>Azure Boards</b></p> <p><a href="#">Azure Boards Integrations (page 269)</a></p>
	<p><b>Bugzilla</b></p> <p><a href="#">Bugzilla Integration (page 275)</a></p>
	<p><b>CA Agile Central</b></p> <p><a href="#">Agile Central Integration (page 267)</a></p>
	<p><b>Github</b></p> <p><a href="#">GitHub Integration (page 279)</a></p>



	<b>Jira</b>	<a href="#">Jira Integration (page 294)</a>
	<b>Serena</b>	<a href="#">Serena Business Manager Integration (page 300)</a>

## Vulnerability aggregators

Vulnerability management platforms that are compatible with Contrast.

	<b>ThreadFix</b>	<a href="#">☑ Contrast Integration</a>
	<b>CodeDx</b>	<a href="#">☑ Contrast Integration</a>

## Extend the Contrast platform

Use Contrast's SDKs and webhooks to build custom services and/or notify them upon the discovery of new vulnerabilities or attacks using webhooks.



## Contrast CLI

[Contrast CLI \(page 229\)](#)

[NPM](#)



## Java SDK

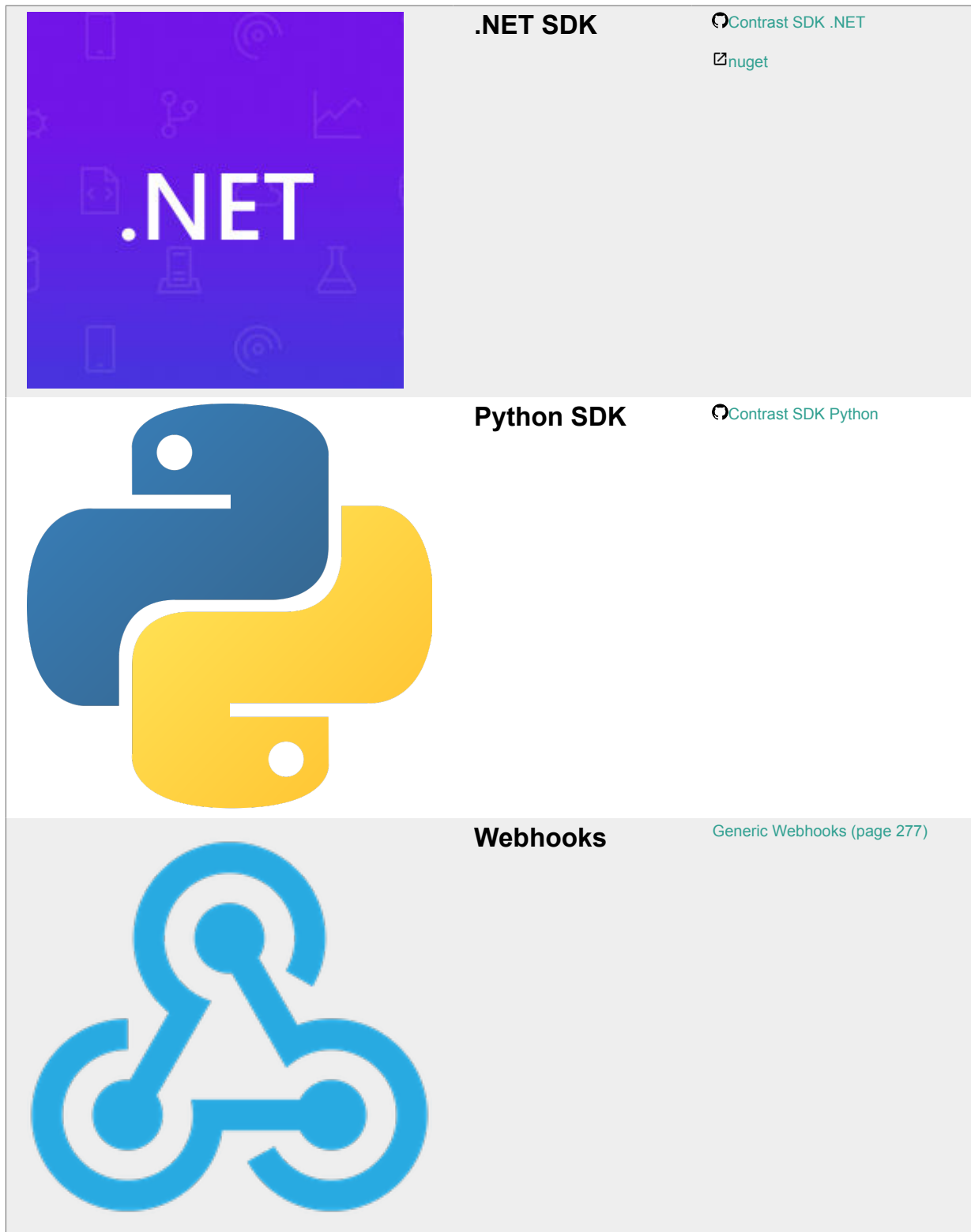
[Contrast TeamServer Java SDK](#)



## JavaScript SDK

[Contrast SDK Javascript](#)

[NPM](#)



## Integrate with Agile Central

Integrate Agile Central with Contrast to automatically track vulnerabilities in your applications.

Before you start, be sure you have:

- An Agile Central account URL.
- Permission to create issues in the target project.

- A running Agile Central instance accessible via HTTP to Contrast.
- A project to associate the application instrumented by Contrast.

To connect with Agile Central:

1. Go to **Organization settings > Integrations** in the **user menu**.
2. Select **Connect** in the Agile Central row.
3. In the **Connect with Agile Central** form, add the name for the bugtracker entry, as well as the **URL** and **API Key** in the given fields. The Agile Central URL must be accessible from Contrast instance being configured.



#### NOTE

To find your Agile Central API key, log in to the Agile Central Application manager, and select **API Keys**. Contrast saves the username, password and Agile Central URL entered in your configuration as a set of credentials.

4. Once you complete the fields, select **Test connection**. The test verifies that Contrast can reach the Agile Central instance and that the specified user can log in.
5. Once connected, select the **Applications** that you want to be available to this integration.
6. Choose a **Project name** and **Owner** from the drop-down menus.
7. In the **Default priority** section, use the drop-down menus to choose a priority level for each vulnerability severity.
8. Choose the **Environment** for which you want to generate tickets.
9. Choose a **Defect state**.
10. Add a name that the tickets are **Submitted by**.



#### NOTE

While none of these configuration fields are required, Agile Central may populate tickets with their own default values for any fields you leave blank.

11. To add another integration once you're connected in Contrast, select **Add Configuration** in the Agile Central row.
12. To automatically create tickets for newly discovered vulnerabilities, check the designated box in the configuration form. In the multiselect field that appears, choose the **Rules** and **Severity** levels of the vulnerabilities for which you want to generate tickets.



#### NOTE

This selection doesn't generate tickets retroactively.

## Manage Agile Central credentials

Contrast saves the latest set of credentials that you enter in your Agile Central configurations to help you set up new connections faster. The API key and URL values that you enter in your first configuration become the default credentials for your following configurations.

In subsequent configurations, Contrast will pre-populate the fields with the default credentials, but allow you to modify the values as needed. You can also manage your saved sets of credentials to simultaneously update all of the affected configurations.

To create or edit a configuration with credentials that are different than your default set:

1. Select the **Manage credentials** link.

2. In the **URL** field, use the drop-down menu to choose a set of saved credentials; or, manually update the values in the **URL**, **Username** and **Password** fields.
3. Once you've updated the fields, select **Test Connection**.
4. Select **Save**. If you're using new credentials, you must choose to override the existing set of credentials under the given name, or save the new values as a new credential set under a different name.
5. To modify an existing set of saved credentials, select **Rename** if needed. Then select **Test Connection** and **Save**.

**NOTE**

Any updates to a set of credentials will affect all configurations using that set.

## Configure the Java agent for AWS Elastic Beanstalk

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is a secure cloud services platform. By using Contrast, AWS users can maximize the security of their applications.

**NOTE**

Make sure you have an [AWS Elastic Beanstalk account](#).

To configure the Java agent for AWS Elastic Beanstalk:

1. In your WAR file, add the *contrast.jar* file to *WEB-INF/lib/*.
2. Repackage and deploy the new WAR file, either as a new application or an update to a previous application.
3. Locate and connect to the underlying Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) instance. Once connected, use the following command to find the path to *contrast.jar* file. (Add the full path to the agent after `/opt`, as appropriate.)

```
sudo find /opt -name "contrast.jar"
```

4. Next, you will pass the `-javaagent` flag to JVM in Elastic Beanstalk. In the AWS console, open Elastic Beanstalk. Choose a region and your application.
5. In the left navigation, select **Configurations**.
6. Open **Software Configuration**.
7. In the **JVM command line options** field, substitute `<YourContrastJarPath>` for the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) and enter `-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>`.
8. Select **Apply** to save.
9. Elastic Beanstalk updates your environment.

For more information about AWS and the Contrast Java agent, go to the [AWS documentation](#).

## Integrate with Azure Boards

With an Azure Boards integration with Contrast, you can automatically generate tickets for bugtracking, synchronize comments and push notifications for your applications.

You will need:

- Account credentials for Azure Boards or TFS: username and personal access token (PAT).

- Scope to read and write work items with your PAT.
- An Azure Boards or TFS instance, accessible by HTTP to Contrast.
- An instrumented application in Contrast that is also associated to an Azure Boards project.
- For more, see Microsoft's [Azure Boards documentation](#).

## Connect

To connect Contrast with Azure Boards:

1. In Contrast, go to **Organization settings > Integrations**.
2. For the Azure Boards integration, select **Connect**.
3. Enter the following values:
  - **Name:** Label that will display when Contrast sends findings to bugtrackers in Azure Boards.
  - **URL:** Azure Boards or TFS URL. Contrast must be able to access this.
  - **Version:** Contrast uses API v2 to support Azure DevOps Services, TFS 2015 and TFS 2017.
  - **Personal access token:** An alternate password to authenticate to your host.
4. Select **Test connection**. This may take a few minutes, depending on the number of Azure Boards or TFS projects. The test verifies that Contrast can reach the Azure Boards or TFS instance you entered, and it accepts the user's PAT to login.
5. Once Azure Boards is connected, select the Contrast **Applications** you want to make available to this bugtracker.
6. Enter values for **Project**, **Assignee** and **Work Item Type**.
7. Select a **Team**, then select an **Area** within the team. This will send tickets to a specific backlog.
8. Set the **Default priority** for vulnerability severity levels. This prioritizes tickets to fix vulnerabilities for the selected applications, based on severity. At this point, Contrast will make an API call and return a list of Azure Boards or TFS ticket states.
9. You can also set up [two-way integration \(page 270\)](#) (to automatically update vulnerability status in Contrast) or [automatic ticket creation \(page 270\)](#) with Azure Boards.

## Automatically create tickets

You can **automatically create tickets** every time Contrast discovers new vulnerabilities. To do this:

1. In the [Azure Boards integration panel \(page 269\)](#), select **Automatically create tickets for new vulnerabilities discovered**. This displays a multi-select field for **Rules** and **Severity**.
2. Select the rules or severity levels of vulnerabilities that should trigger a new ticket in Azure Boards or TFS. **Critical** and **High** are the default selections.



### NOTE

This setting only works for new vulnerabilities discovered after you select it.

## Two-way integration

You can use a two-way integration with Azure Boards. This will automatically update the status of a vulnerability in Contrast when you close or reopen an issue in Azure Boards or TFS that links to the vulnerability .

To do this:

1. In the [Azure Boards integration panel \(page 269\)](#), select **Enable two-way integration**. This displays Vulnerability Status fields.
2. Select the drop-down menus to set a vulnerability status for each Azure Boards or TFS ticket state.

3. **Save** the two-way integration. Contrast will populate the vulnerability status in Azure Boards or TFS tickets.
4. When you update the state of a ticket in Azure Boards or TFS, Contrast will automatically generate comments in the **Discussion** tab for that vulnerability. Each comment includes the name of the bugtracker and a link to the ticket.

**NOTE**

If you select the vulnerability status **Not a problem** as a ticket state in Azure Boards or TFS, Contrast also requires you to select a **Reason**. The default value is **Other**.

**CAUTION**

For multiple vulnerabilities sent to Azure Boards or TFS as a single issue, the ticket state applies to all vulnerabilities associated with that ticket. Conversely, when you link multiple tickets to a single vulnerability, you must update all associated tickets before you can update the vulnerability. For example, if you change a ticket state from **New** to **Active**, Contrast updates the vulnerability status only if all tickets related to that vulnerability also have an **Active** state.

## Azure Pipelines extension

Use the Azure Pipeline extension to integrate Contrast with your deployment workflow. The following instructions guide you through the steps to set up and configure the extension for your Contrast instance.

Before you begin to set up the extension, make sure that you have the privileges to install a Microsoft extension. If not, you can [request the extension](#) for a project.

### Install and configure the Azure Pipelines extension

To install and configure the Azure Pipelines extension:

1. Follow the [Microsoft instructions](#) to install the extension **Contrast Integration**.
2. Go to your **Project Settings** at the bottom of the sidebar. You'll need to be part of the Project administration group or have enough permissions to alter the settings.
3. In the **Pipelines** section of the settings menu, select **Service connections**.
4. Select **New Service connection** and then **Contrast Server Connection**.
5. Complete all the fields with required data from your [personal keys \(page 191\)](#).

**NOTE**

Your Contrast URL should not include */Contrast* at the end; only the host is required.

### Configure a task in the Azure Pipelines extension

To configure a task in your Azure Pipelines extension for a release or a build pipeline:

1. Select the pipeline where you want to add the task then select **Edit**.
2. For release pipelines, select a stage for which you want to add the task.
3. To add the task, click the ellipsis (...) menu and select **Add an agentless job**.
4. Click on the + button next to your agentless job, and add the **Contrast Assess - Application Vulnerability Detection** task.
5. To choose a connection and application, select a **Service Connection** from the **Contrast Service Connection** menu. You can also select **Manage** to go to the **Service connections settings** in your **Project Settings**.
6. Select one of your applications from the **Application** menu.
7. To configure the task, use the **Allowed Status** and **Build Number** fields to filter your results from Contrast. Leave them blank if you don't want to filter results. The values set in these fields will be validated against the conditions you configure in the following fields.
8. Proceed to your severity counters, where you must set the maximum number of vulnerabilities allowed per severity. If your selected application has more vulnerabilities than allowed for that severity level, your task will fail.

For build pipelines only: If you want to prevent the execution of a job if the task fails, you must set the job to depend on the agentless job that includes the Contrast task.

1. Select the job you want to prevent from executing.
2. In the **Dependencies** section, add the **Agentless job**.



#### NOTE

You can only use this task for an agentless job.

## Add a release gate to a pipeline in Azure Pipelines

Release gates offer a safeguard to prevent deployment to environments if vulnerabilities for a given application exceed a certain threshold. To add a release gate with the Azure Pipelines extension:

1. Find the release pipeline where you want to add the gate and select **Edit**.
2. Choose the stage and deployment conditions for the gate. They can either be pre-conditions or post-conditions. You can add multiple gates to the same conditions.
3. Under **Gates**, enable the gate you created.
4. Select **Add** and then **Contrast Assess - Application Vulnerability Detection**.
5. Select **New** next to the service connection drop-down menu to create a Contrast service connection. Fill in all the fields and select **OK**.  
Select **Refresh list**, then select your newly created connection.
6. Click over the field or select **Refresh** to see a list of applications. Select the one that is most appropriate to the release pipeline.
7. If you want, you can select which vulnerability status or build numbers will be used for filtering when retrieving the data for the gate evaluation.
8. Set the maximum amount of vulnerabilities allowed per severity. If any validations fail when your pipeline reaches this gate, the pipeline will keep requesting samples until it becomes valid, or until the evaluation times out.  
Microsoft Documentation offers more information on how to [define a gate for a stage](#) and [how to configure a gate](#).





### TIP

You can customize **Evaluation** options to configure the time between the re-evaluation of gates. For instance, you can set this value to 24 hours so that the gates will evaluate every day. This way you can remediate vulnerabilities and pass the required gate conditions without having to re-initiate the execution of the pipeline from start (or obtain manual approvals if they exist).

## Configure the Java agent for Axis2

To configure the Java agent for Apache Axis2:

1. [Install the Contrast Java agent.](#)
2. If you run Axis2 from *axis2server.bat* (or *.sh*), create a new startup script: *startup-with-contrast.bat*. Run *start-up-with-contrast.bat* to run with Contrast. To run without Contrast, run the standard *axis2server.bat*.
3. Substitute the Axis2 environment for your server and `<YourContrastJarPath>` for the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#). Then, use this code to enable the Contrast JVM parameters and call the startup script:

```
set PROGRAM_PARAMS="$PROGRAM_PARAMS -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>" \
call <AxisDirectory> \bin\startup.bat
```

## Use Azure Service Fabric with the .NET Framework or .NET Core agent

If you are using a container image, follow the instructions to [install in containers \(page 65\)](#). Otherwise, to add the Contrast .NET Framework or .NET Core agent to an Azure Service Fabric service:



### TIP

For Standalone Executable services, the *ServiceManifest.xml* file is located in the top-level Azure Service Fabric project (for example, the *.sfproj* file).

1. Install the appropriate NuGet package to the main project for the service.
  - **.NET Framework:** Install `Contrast.NET.Azure.AppService`. All files in the *contrastsecurity* folder must have Copy to Output Directory set to Copy if newer.
  - **.NET Core:** Install `Contrast.SensorsNetCore`. All files in the *contrast* folder have Copy to Output Directory set to Copy if newer.
2. Set *ServiceManifest/CodePackage/EntryPoint/ExeHost/WorkingDirectory* in *ServiceManifest.xml* to *CodePackage*.

```
<CodePackage Name="Code" Version="1.0.0">
  <EntryPoint>
    <ExeHost>
      <Program>DemoNetFxStatelessService.exe</Program>
      <WorkingFolder>CodePackage</WorkingFolder>
    </ExeHost>
  </EntryPoint>
</CodePackage>
```

3. Set environment variables in *ServiceManifest.xml* to configure the profiler.
  - **.NET Framework:**

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_ENABLE_PROFILING" \
Value="1"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER" \
Value="{EFEB8EE0-6D39-4347-A5FE-4D0C88BC5BC1}"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER_PATH_32" \
Value=".\contrastsecurity\ContrastProfiler-32.dll" />
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="COR_PROFILER_PATH_64" \
Value=".\contrastsecurity\ContrastProfiler-64.dll" />
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
```

- **.NET Core:**

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_ENABLE_PROFILING" \
Value="1"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER" \
Value="{8B2CE134-0948-48CA-A4B2-80DDAD9F5791}"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_32" \
Value="contrast\runtimes\win-x86\native\ContrastProfiler.dll"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CORECLR_PROFILER_PATH_64" \
Value="contrast\runtimes\win-x64\native\ContrastProfiler.dll"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
```

4. Configure the agent with either:

- **A YAML file:** Add it to the main project for the service. Make sure Copy to Output Directory for the file is set to Copy if newer. Add an environment variable to *ServiceManifest.xml* specifying the location of the file, like this:

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST_CONFIG_PATH" \
Value="contrast_security.yaml"/>
```

- **Environment variables:** Add them to *ServiceManifest.xml*, like this:

```
<CodePackage>
  <EnvironmentVariables>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__URL" \
Value="https://teamserver-staging.contsec.com"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__API_KEY" \
Value="aBcD0123"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__SERVICE_KEY" \
Value="ABCD0123"/>
    <EnvironmentVariable Name="CONTRAST__API__USER_NAME" \
Value="agent_123@Team"/>
```

5. Deploy the Azure Service Fabric application as usual.

## Contrast - Bamboo plugin

This plugin adds functionality to Bamboo so that you can configure profiles for connecting to Contrast and verify builds against vulnerability thresholds.

### Install and configure

To install and configure the Bamboo plugin:

1. Download the Contrast Bamboo plugin ( *contrast-bamboo-plugin-#.#.#.jar*) from the [Bamboo Marketplace](#).
2. Select **Add-Ons** from the top-left settings menu.
3. Select **Upload add-on**.
4. When prompted to upload a file, select *contrast-bamboo-plugin-#.#.#-SNAPSHOT.jar*.
5. Verify you see the plugin under **User-installed add-ons**.
6. Now that the plugin is installed, configure a profile for Contrast. Select **Contrast Profiles** under **Add-Ons** in the side navigation bar.
7. In the **Profile Configuration** page, select **New Profile** and complete the form.



#### NOTE

If you are a hosted customer, you do not need to enter a Contrast URL.

8. Select **Test Connection** to verify that your settings are correct. A success notification will appear when a connection is established.

## Configure vulnerability thresholds

The Bamboo plugin can be added as a task to build jobs to check for vulnerability conditions that you configure. This checks Contrast for the number and type of vulnerabilities in the applications.

To add a task to a build job:

1. Select **Create a New Build Plan** (you can also use an existing plan).
2. Enter a project name, plan name and link to the repository host. The project key and plan key is auto-generated.
3. Once you create the plan, add a task to the build process by selecting **Add Task**.
4. In the window that appears, find the **Contrast CI for Assess** task and select it.  
The **Tasks** configuration page relies on a Contrast profile, as well as a server name, application name and a **Passive** parameter. The server name isn't required, but should correspond to a server name in Contrast if used. The application name must be on the designated server.  
If you select the **Passive** parameter, the plugin will query all vulnerabilities for the application (not just build-specific vulnerabilities). If you do this, you don't have to run the application with its integration tests before the Contrast post-build action in the Bamboo build.
5. Next, define conditions for when to fail a build:
  - **Threshold Count:** The minimum number of findings required to fail the build.
  - **Threshold Severity:** The minimum severity at which to count a finding towards the threshold count.
  - **Threshold Vulnerability Type:** The type of finding required to count a finding towards a threshold count.



#### NOTE

Using the **Any** option means that any severity or vulnerability type is counted towards the maximum threshold count.

6. Select **Add New Threshold Condition** to configure multiple conditions for each task.
7. Select **Save**.
8. Enable the build plan by selecting the checkbox in the bottom left.

## Integrate with Bugzilla

To integrate with Bugzilla:

1. Go to **Organization settings > Integrations** in the **user menu**.

2. Select **Connect** in the Bugzilla row.
3. In the window that appears, complete the Bugzilla properties fields:

Field	Description
Name	A name for the bugtracker entry. It will be displayed when sending findings to bugtrackers
Username	The username for the account connected with Bugzilla
Password	The password for the username specified
Host	The URL of the Bugzilla instance
Application	The application you would like to map to a Bugzilla product/component
Product	The product in Bugzilla to map to the application
Component	The component in Bugzilla to map to the application
Version	The version in Bugzilla to map to the application
Priority	The priority to use when exporting findings to Bugzilla

4. Select **Test Connection** to verify communication. This ensures that Contrast can communicate and authenticate with the Bugzilla instance, and verifies the existence of the specified **Product**, **Component** and **Version**.

## Eclipse

For applications instrumented with a Contrast agent, you can view vulnerability information directly in the Eclipse IDE during development for faster remediation. You will see affected lines of code and can view more details about the vulnerability in Contrast.

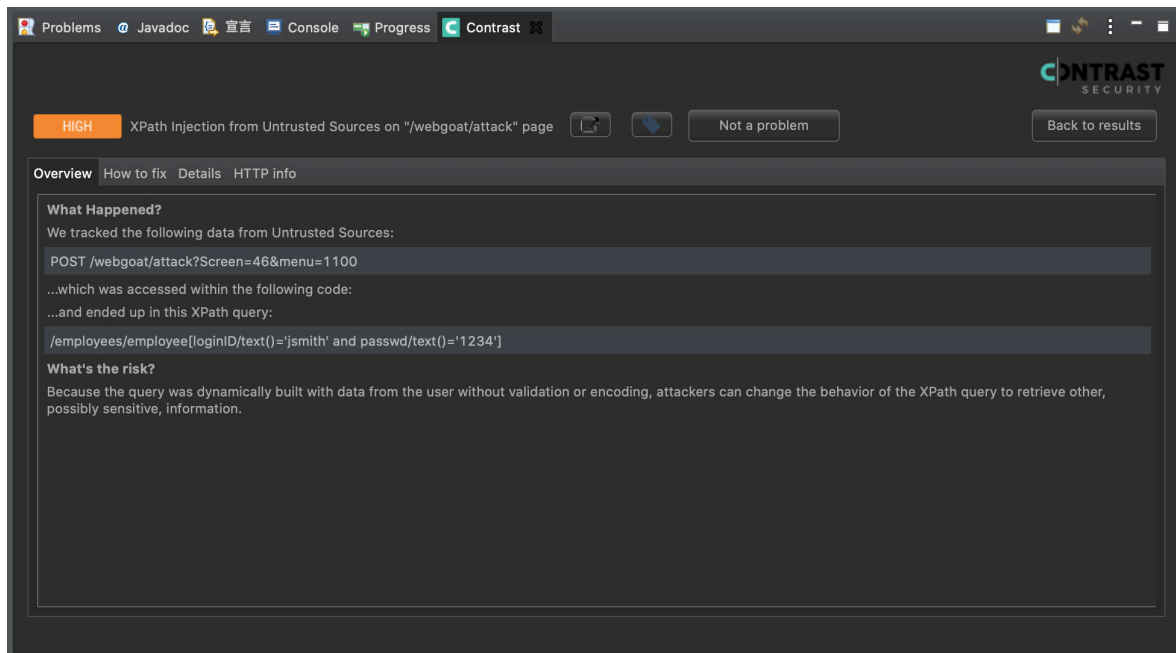
This plugin is available for Mac/OS and Windows and supports the latest versions of Eclipse.

To install the Eclipse plugin, visit the [Eclipse marketplace](#) or:

1. In Eclipse, select **Help > Eclipse Marketplace**.
2. Search "Contrast Security".
3. Select **Install**.
4. Configure the plugin at **Window > Show View > Other**.
5. Search "Contrast" and add the view that appears in the search.
6. Enter the **Username**, **API Key**, **Organization ID** and **Service Key** in the configuration page. You can [find these keys \(page 191\)](#) in user settings.
7. Select **Add**.
8. The **Vulnerabilities** view shows a list of all the vulnerabilities from Contrast. You can sort and filter them.

Severity	Vulnerability	Application
CRITICAL	SQL Injection from Untrusted Sources on "/webgoat/attack" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
CRITICAL	NoSQL Injection from Untrusted Sources on "/webgoat/attack" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
HIGH	XPath Injection from Untrusted Sources on "/webgoat/attack" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
HIGH	Cross-Site Scripting from Untrusted Sources on "/order/internal/validate-sell.html" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
HIGH	Path Traversal from Untrusted Sources on "/webgoat/attack" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
HIGH	OS Command Injection from Untrusted Sources on "/WebGoat-6.0.1/attack" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
MEDIUM	Unvalidated Redirect from Untrusted Sources on "/ticketbook/redirect.jsp" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
MEDIUM	Session Cookie Has No 'secure' Flag in	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
MEDIUM	Session Cookie Has No 'HttpOnly' Flag in	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
MEDIUM	'MD5' hash algorithm used at	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
MEDIUM	Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) from "url" Parameter on "/server-side-request-forgery/ssrf" page	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
NOTE	Parameter Pollution detected	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
NOTE	Pages Without Anti-Clickjacking Controls detected	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
NOTE	Anti-Caching Controls Missing detected	AgentMessageGeneratorNode
NOTE	'DES' encryption algorithm used at Cipher.java	AgentMessageGeneratorNode

9. Select the vulnerability title for information about that particular vulnerability. From there you can select **How to fix** for remediation instructions to fix the vulnerability. Select **Details** and double-click on the Java stack traces to focus on a particular source code line. You can also change the vulnerability status here.



10. Select the **Go to page** icon to open Contrast and see more vulnerability information.

## Generic webhooks

Contrast supports a generic webhook integration to receive notifications on any URL that receives POST messages. You can [add custom variables to your payload \(page 392\)](#) like `$ApplicationName` and `$ServerId` when a [Contrast event \(page 278\)](#) triggers them.

### Connect

To connect a generic webhook:

1. Retrieve the URL from which you want Contrast to receive notifications.
2. In the user menu, select **Organization settings > Integrations**.
3. In the **Generic webhook** integration option, select **Connect**.
4. Name the webhook, and paste the URL in the designated field.
5. Select the application(s) that you want to filter.
6. In the **Payload** field, enter a [variable \(page 392\)](#). For example:

```
{
  'title': $Title,
  'message': $Message
}
```

7. Select **Save**.




## NOTE

If this webhook fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts, it will be disconnected. To restore the configuration, you must retest the connection and resave it.

You can configure the integration so that all Organization Administrators are notified in the Contrast application and by email when Contrast disconnects a generic webhook.

To do this, go to the same location: **Organization settings > Integrations > Generic webhook > Show configurations**. Select the name of the connection you want to configure. Then select the box to receive notifications and click **Save**.

Connect with  webhook ×

Name

Name this webhook

URL ?

Incoming webhook URL

Applications

All applications (13)

Payload (Optional) ?

☒ Send as HTML

☒ Notify on disconnect

If this webhook fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts, it will be disconnected. All organization administrators will be notified in Contrast and by email.

Cancel

Test URL

Add

## Events and generic webhook variables

You can customize your [generic webhook \(page 277\)](#) response with data from Contrast events such as `NEW_VULNERABILITY` and `SERVER_OFFLINE`. Each event contains [general \(page 392\)](#), [application \(page 392\)](#), [server \(page 393\)](#) or [vulnerability \(page 393\)](#) variables you can call in your payload request.

Event	Variables
ATTACK_END	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
ATTACK_EVENT_COMMENT	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
ATTACK_UPDATE	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
EXPIRING_LICENSE	General (page 392), Application (page 392)
NEW_ASSET (if new application)	General (page 392), Application (page 392) and Server (page 393) (if new application)
NEW_ATTACK_APPLICATION	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_ATTACK_UPDATE	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_ATTACK	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABILITY_COMMENT	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABILITY	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABLE_LIBRARY	General (page 392), Application (page 392)
SERVER_OFFLINE	General (page 392), Server (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_CHANGESTATUS_CLOSED	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_CHANGESTATUS_OPEN	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_DUPLICATE	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)

## Integrate with GitHub

Set up an integration to automatically send issues to GitHub when Contrast finds them in your applications.

Before you start, be sure you have:

- GitHub account credentials (username and personal access token). When you [generate your personal access token](#), be sure to enable the **repo** permissions.
- Access to a GitHub organization and repository for the application.
- Write permission ([push access](#)) to the repository. This is required to set labels, milestones and assignees in the configuration form.
- A running GitHub instance accessible via HTTP to Contrast.

To connect with GitHub:

1. Go to **Organization settings > Integrations** in the **user menu**.
2. Click **Connect** in the row for GitHub.
3. In the **Connect with GitHub** form, add the name for the bugtracker entry, the username for the account connected to GitHub and the password for the specified username in the appropriate fields. The GitHub URL must be accessible from the Contrast instance being configured.
4. Automatically create issues in GitHub for newly discovered vulnerabilities by checking the box at the bottom of the configuration form. In the multiselect field that appears, choose the **Rules** and **Severity** levels of the vulnerabilities for which you want to generate tickets. The default selections are **Critical** and **High**.
5. Once you complete the fields, select **Test connection**. This process may take a few moments depending on the number of your GitHub organizations and repositories. The test verifies that the GitHub instance can be reached by Contrast and that the specified user is able to log in.
6. Once a connection is made, select the **Applications** that you want to be available to this bugtracker.
7. Select the values for the **GitHub organization** and **Repository** fields using the drop-down menus.



### NOTE

If you change the **GitHub organization** or **Repository** values, you must re-enter the values for optional fields.

- Optionally, add **Labels**, **Assignees** and a **Milestone** for GitHub issues using the given fields.



### NOTE

For multiple vulnerabilities sent in bulk to GitHub as a single issue, the GitHub ticket status applies to all vulnerabilities associated with that ticket. For multiple issues tied to a single vulnerability, the vulnerability can only be closed when all the tickets are closed.

## Configure the Java agent for GlassFish

To configure the Java agent for GlassFish:

- Download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:
  - [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
  - [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
  - [RPM \(page 34\)](#)
- Add Contrast's JVM parameter to the *domain.xml* file in your domain directory, `$<GLASSFISH_DIR>/domains/domain1`.
- Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) and add this line within your profile's "java-config" element:

```
<jvm-options>-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath></jvm-options>
```

To configure the agent with a YAML file in a location other than the default (`/etc/contrast/java/contrast_security.yaml` on a Linux machine), specify the YAML file path within the JVM parameter.

```
<jvm-options>-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -
Dcontrast.config.path=<YourContrastYAMLPATH></jvm-options>
```

If you are using Java 2 security with GlassFish:

- Append the Contrast permissions to the domains server policy.  
For example, the `domain1` server policy in `<GLASSFISH_DIR>/domains/domain1/config/server.policy` to enable the security manager with the Contrast agent.
- Ensure the security manager is enabled by setting the `java.security.manager` system property with the `asadmin` tool using `asadmin create-jvm-options -Djava.security.manager`.



### TIP

For more information see documentation on [changing permissions for an application](#) and [enabling and disabling the Security Manager](#).



## Gradle plugin

The Contrast Gradle plugin is used to integrate the *Contrast.jar* with your build. It's capable of authenticating to Contrast, downloading the latest Java agent and verifying your build.



### NOTE

**Gradle** is a build tool that utilizes `build.gradle` files to configure your applications. It's used to build, package, and test various types of applications.

## Clone a sample web application

The easiest way to set up a project is to clone our sample Gradle-based web application. This application has been migrated from Maven to Gradle and relies on MongoDB.

1. Install and set up the database path.

```
git clone https://github.com/Contrast-Security-OSS/Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application
brew install mongodb
sudo mkdir -p /data/db
brew services start mongodb
```

2. An application is ready to run. Open the *Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application/build.gradle* file. Scroll to find the `contrastConfiguration` extension. You can find all of the values in your [personal keys \(page 191\)](#) except `appName` and `serverName`.

```
contrastConfiguration {
    username = "username"
    apiKey = "apiKey"
    serviceKey = "serviceKey"
    apiUrl = "apiUrl"
    orgUuid = "orgUuid"
    appName = "editLATER"
    serverName = "editLATER"
}
```

3. Install the Contrast JAR file by calling the `contrastInstall` task. This installs the Contrast JAR in the project's build directory.

```
cd path/to/Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application
gradle build -x test contrastInstall
```

4. Run the application with the Java agent. The server starts.

```
cd path/to/Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application/build
java -Dcontrast.agent.java.standalone_app_name=mytestapp -
Dcontrast.server=mytestserver -jar libs/Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application-0.0.1-SNAPSHOT.jar
```

5. Check that the application is running at `localhost:8080` and that the application shows up in Contrast.
6. In Contrast, verify that the application with the `appname` specified in the command above shows up.
7. In the *Contrast-Sample-Gradle-Application* project's *build.gradle*, edit the `contrastConfiguration` to specify the `appName` and `serverName` specified as options with the Java agent in the previous step.

```
contrastConfiguration {
    username = "alreadySetup"
    apiKey = "alreadySetup"
    serviceKey = "alreadySetup"
    apiUrl = "alreadySetup"
    orgUuid = "alreadySetup"
    appName = "mytestapp"
    serverName = "mytestserver"
}
```

8. Run the verification task at any time to check for vulnerabilities.

```
gradle build contrastVerify -x test
```

## Configure the plugin

Use these parameters for the Gradle plugin to connect to Contrast and filter vulnerabilities. You can find many of them in your [personal keys \(page 191\)](#).

Parameter	Description
Contrast username	Username/email for your user in Contrast
Contrast service key	Service Key
Contrast API key	API Key
Contrast API URL	API URL to Contrast
Contrast organization UUID	Organization UUID
Application name	Name of application you set with <code>-Djava.standalone_app_name</code>
Minimum severity level	Minimum severity level to filter for ( <b>Note, Low, Medium, High, Critical</b> ) This property is inclusive.
Server name	Name of server you set with <code>-Dcontrast.server</code> Use <code>app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast/api</code> if you are a hosted customer.
JAR path	Local path to the <i>jar</i> file if you don't want to download the agent again



### NOTE

Even if your build succeeds, the plugin will fail the overall build if a vulnerability is found at or above the severity level set in the configuration.

Here is a sample configuration for the Contrast Gradle plugin.

```
buildscript {
    repositories {
        maven {
            url "https://plugins.gradle.org/m2/"
        }
    }
    dependencies {
        \
classpath "gradle.plugin.com.contrastsecurity:ContrastGradlePlugin:1.1.1"
    }
}

apply plugin: "com.contrastsecurity.contrastplugin"
contrastConfiguration {
```

```
username = "test_user"
apiKey = "testApiKey"
serviceKey = "testServiceKey"
apiUrl = "https://app.contrastsecurity.com/Contrast/api"
orgUuid = "QWER-ASDF-ZXCV-ERTY"
appName = "Test Application"
serverName = "jenkins.slave1"
minSeverity = "Medium"
}
```

## Use the plugin

The plugin code can be viewed in our [GitHub repository](#). Here you can review the two tasks added by the plugin, `contrastInstall` and `contrastVerify`, and how they work.

The latest version of the plugin can be found on the [Gradle plugin webpage](#).

Task	Description
<code>contrastInstall</code>	<p>Installs a Contrast Java agent to your local project. The plugin edits the <code>org.gradle.jvmargs</code> property in the <code>gradle.properties</code> file to launch the JVM with the Contrast agent. An application version, by which the vulnerabilities are filtered in the <code>contrastVerify</code> task, is generated during this task. The plugin generates the application version in the following order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your build is running in TravisCI, Contrast uses <code>appName-\$TRAVIS_BUILD_NUMBER</code>.</li> <li>• If your build is running in CircleCI, Contrast uses <code>appName-\$CIRCLE_BUILD_NUM</code>.</li> <li>• If your build is running in neither TravisCI nor CircleCI, Contrast generates one in the format <code>appName-yyyyMMddHHmm</code>.</li> </ul>
<code>contrastVerify</code>	Checks for new vulnerabilities in your web application.

## Contrast IntelliJ plugin

Use the IntelliJ plugin to see vulnerability information for instrumented applications from the IntelliJ IDE.

The plugin directs you to the affected line of code inside IntelliJ, and you can view more details in the Contrast console. This way, developers can get application security feedback at the time of development for faster remediation.

The plugin supports IntelliJ versions 2017.1.5 and later.

To install, configure and use the IntelliJ plugin:

1. For Windows, go to **File > Settings > Plugins > Browse Repositories**.  
For OSX, go to **Preferences > Plugins > Search in Repositories**.
2. Search for "Contrast Security."
3. Select **Install**.
4. For Windows, go to **File > Settings > Contrast**.  
For OSX, go to **Preferences > Other settings > Contrast**.
5. Enter the **Contrast URL**, **Username**, **Service key**, **API key**, and **Organization ID**. You can find these in your [profile \(page 191\)](#).
6. Select **Add** to add a new organization.
7. Select **Refresh** in the **Contrast** window to update the list of vulnerabilities. The **Vulnerabilities** view in IntelliJ shows a list of all the vulnerabilities from Contrast.  
To sort vulnerabilities, select the column header. Select the funnel icon to use a filter. Select the name of a vulnerability to see more details.

## Configure the Java agent for IntelliJ

To add the Contrast agent to an application using IntelliJ IDE's supported application servers:

1. Click on **Run** in the application toolbar, and then click on the **Edit Configuration** menu item from the drop-down menu.
2. Select the IntelliJ Server configuration instance.
3. Select the **Server** tab, and enter the Contrast launcher string in **VM Options**: –  
javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>. Substitute <YourContrastJarPath> with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#).
4. Click **Apply** and then **OK**.
5. Start the **Server**.
6. A Contrast startup message should appear in the **Server** console. (Allow one to two extra minutes for server startup.)
7. Navigate to your application and allow an extra minute for it to start up.

## Configure the Java agent for JBoss EAP, JBoss AS or WildFly



### CAUTION

Be careful not to confuse version numbers. JBoss EAP prior to version 7 is based on JBoss AS. JBoss EAP 7.X is based on WildFly.

### Run JBoss with the Java agent

1. Download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:
  - [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
  - [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
  - [RPM \(page 34\)](#)
2. You can either run JBoss from a BAT file, or in domain mode.
  - **BAT file:** If you run JBoss from *domain.bat*, *standalone.bat*, or *run.bat* with a *.conf* file, modify the configuration file. It should enable the Contrast JVM parameters and return to the start-up script.  
To do this, replace <YourContrastJarPath> with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file, and use the JBoss server directory for your environment. Then add this line to the end of your *.conf* file:
  - **Windows:**

```
set JAVA_OPTS=-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> %JAVA_OPTS%
```

- **Unix/Linux:**
- ```
JAVA_OPTS=-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> $JAVA_OPTS
```
- **Domain mode:** If you run JBoss 6 EAP or JBoss AS 7.X in Domain mode using *domain.bat* or *domain.sh*, you must add the *-javaagent* switch to the JVM options in *\$JBOSS\_HOME/domain/configuration/domain.xml*.  
In this example, replace <YourContrastJarPath> with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file:

```
<server-group ...>
  <jvm name="default">
    <jvm-options>
      <option value="-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>" />
    </jvm-options>
  </jvm>
  ...
</server-group>
```

## Use WildFly with Java 2 security manager

You can configure the Java agent when using WildFly with [Java 2 security \(page 57\)](#). WildFly versions 9 through 20 are supported. WildFly 8 is not supported.

To enable the Java 2 security manager in Wildfly:

1. Either pass a command-line argument `-secmgr`, or set an environment variable `SECMGR` to true:

```
SECMGR="true"
```

2. To enable permissions for the Java agent, append this Contrast policy to `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/security/java.policy` (for JDK 6-8), or `$JAVA_HOME/lib/security/default.policy` (for JDK 9 and later). Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) and use:

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

3. To allow the agent to function with Wildfly's classloader system, modify the value of the environment variable `JBOSS_MODULES_SYSTEM_PKGS` (originally `org.jboss.byteman`), to also include the Java agent base package: `com.contrastsecurity.agent,org.jboss.byteman`



### TIP

Learn more about using [Java EE 7 security manager with WildFly](#), or read the [default policy implementation and policy file syntax](#).

## Configure the Java agent for Jetty

To configure the Java agent with a Jetty distribution:

1. Download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:
  - [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
  - [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
  - [RPM \(page 34\)](#)
2. On your Jetty environment, replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. Then add the following line to your `<JettyDirectory>/start.ini` file:

```
-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>
```

3. If you are using Java 2 security manager, create a `contrast.policy` file that contains this code. (Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file.)

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

Then complete these configurations:

- **Jetty 7-8:** Copy the file to the `JETTY_HOME/lib/policy` folder. Add `--secure` to the `JETTY_ARGS` environment variable.
- **Jetty 9:** Add the policy you created to your own configured policy. Replace `<YourPolicy>` with the name of your policy and enable the security manager with the standard environment variable settings:

```
-Djava.security.manager -Djava.security.policy=<YourPolicy>
```

**IMPORTANT**

Jetty 9 and later do not officially support security management policies.

**TIP**

See the [Jetty Policy](#) for more information about using Jetty with Java 2 security manager.

## Contrast Jenkins integration

[Jenkins](#) is a continuous integration (CI) tool that automates the process of building, testing, deploying, and running applications.

With the Contrast plugin for Jenkins, you can add application security gates to this pipeline. These gates contain criteria that can fail the Jenkins job for a vulnerable application with a build result like "Failure" or "Unstable".

**TIP**

You can view the plugin source code in the [Jenkins Github repository](#).

Use these versions to ensure compatibility:

| Jenkins | Contrast-Jenkins plugin | Contrast |
|---------|-------------------------|----------|
| 2.60.3  | 3.4                     | 3.7.6    |
| 2.60.3  | 3.7                     | 3.7.10   |
| 2.60.3  | 3.8                     | 3.8.0    |

## Install and use Jenkins plugin

1. [Define a connection \(page 287\)](#) between Contrast and Jenkins.
2. Depending on your situation, decide how you will use Jenkins:
  - If you are using freestyle jobs, you can define vulnerability security controls at a [system level \(page 288\)](#) or as a [post-build action step \(page 288\)](#).
  - Define vulnerability security controls for [pipeline steps \(page 289\)](#).
  - Optionally, a Contrast Organization Administrator define a [job outcome policy \(page 291\)](#).
3. [Run a build \(page 294\)](#).

## See also

- [Connect with Jenkins \(page 287\)](#)
- [Define security controls \(page 288\)](#)
- [Define a job outcome policy \(page 291\)](#)
- [Run a build \(page 294\)](#)

## Connect

### Before you begin

- All Contrast Security integrations require an [organization admin role \(page 388\)](#) in order to set up the connection.
- [Install Jenkins.](#)
- Have already setup a [Jenkins pipeline.](#)

### Define a connection

To define a connection to Contrast in Jenkins:

1. Select **Manage Jenkins** in the left sidebar of your Jenkins dashboard.
2. Select **Manage Plugins** under **System Configuration**.
3. Check to enable the **Contrast Continuous Application Security** plugin under the **Installed** tab.
4. Select **Manage Jenkins** again.
5. Select **Configure System** to find the **Contrast Connections** section.
6. Enter your **Contrast username**. Your username is the email address you use for your account in Contrast.
7. Enter the:
  - **Contrast API key**,
  - **Contrast service key**,
  - **Contrast URL** , and
  - **Organization ID**.

You can find these in [your profile \(page 191\)](#) under **User settings > Profile > Your keys**.
8. Select a **Result of a vulnerable build** to choose how you want Contrast to mark your Jenkins job when your application is too vulnerable:
  - **Failure**
  - **Unstable**
  - **Success**
  - **Not\_built**
  - **Aborted**
9. Check the box next to **Apply this vulnerable build result to the job when Jenkins encounters an error with Contrast** if you want the Jenkins job to automatically fail whenever your Jenkins instance can't find your application.
10. You can define the criteria that the Contrast plugin will use to determine whether an application is too vulnerable at the Jenkins system level. Check the box next to **Allow global Contrast Vulnerability Threshold Conditions to be overridden in a Job configuration** if you want job level controls to override system level controls. Leave the box unchecked if you want to enforce consistency of criteria across all Jenkins jobs in your instance.



#### NOTE

If you are using a [job outcome policy \(page 291\)](#) to set security controls, those policies will override any policies set at the job level or system level.

11. Click **Test Contrast connection** to make sure that the plugin can authenticate to Contrast and retrieve information about your applications' vulnerabilities.
  - A success message displays when plugin is authenticated.
  - If unsuccessful, check that the URL you received from Jira and the one you posted in Contrast are matching.

## See also

- [Define security controls \(page 288\)](#)
- [Define a job outcome policy \(page 291\)](#)
- [Run a build \(page 294\)](#)

## Jenkins security controls

You can define security controls for Jenkins:

- At a system level,
- as a post-build action step,
- or for pipelines.

### Define security controls at a system level

After you [define a connection \(page 287\)](#) in Jenkins, define if you are using freestyle jobs, you may want to set Contrast vulnerability security controls at a system level. Alternatively, you can [set security controls at a job level \(page 288\)](#), or if you use a [job outcome policy \(page 291\)](#) those security controls will take precedence.

1. Under **Contrast Connections > Contrast Vulnerability Security Controls**, select a **Connection** you have previously created, from the drop-down menu.
2. Set the **Number of Allowed Vulnerabilities**. This number is exclusive; if you set it to "5", Jenkins will fail if there are six or more vulnerabilities. This field is required.
3. Choose a **Vulnerability Severity** from the options in the drop-down menu. (These are the same [vulnerability severity options \(page 247\)](#) in Contrast.) The plugin sets a filter in the API call for all vulnerabilities greater than or equal to this field. This field is not required, but selecting it will narrow your results. So if the number is set to "5" and the severity to **High**, Jenkins will fail if there are six or more critical vulnerabilities.
4. Choose a **Vulnerability Type** (rule name) from the drop-down menu. The plugin checks for the number of vulnerabilities with the rule type selected and compares it to the number of allowed vulnerabilities for that rule. This field is not required, but selecting it will narrow your results. You can choose one severity and one rule type per security control.
5. Choose from the list of **Vulnerability Statuses**. Statuses aren't required, but can be helpful. For example, select **Confirmed** and **Suspicious** to only return vulnerabilities with an open status. Leave this blank if you don't want to filter vulnerabilities by statuses.  
You can add multiple vulnerability security controls, but the plugin will fail the job on the first bad condition. The plugin will set the build result on the first violated vulnerability security control.

### Define security controls as a post-build action step

After you have set security controls at the [system level \(page 288\)](#) in Jenkins, you can also add security controls at a job level for freestyle jobs that are not part of a Jenkins Pipeline. To do this:

1. When defining a job in Jenkins, find the **Post-Build Actions** section.
2. Select a **Connection** you have previously created, from the drop-down menu.
3. Choose your application. This field is required.
  - If your application has been instrumented, select your application from the **Choose your application** drop-down menu.
  - If your application has not yet been instrumented, indicate your application using the **Application Name** and **Application Language** fields. You must provide the same application name in Jenkins that you will use when you do instrument your application. Contrast will use that same name and language during the post-build action step after the application has been instrumented.
4. If the connection is configured to [allow the system-level vulnerability security controls to be overridden \(page 288\)](#), you can override that setting by checking the box next to **Override Vulnerability Security Controls at the Jenkins system level**.



If you do this, you will also need to indicate the **Number of Allowed Vulnerabilities**, **Vulnerability Severity**, **Vulnerability Type**, and **Vulnerability Statuses** for this job.

5. Select how you want to query vulnerabilities by selecting an option under **Query vulnerabilities by**. That way, only those vulnerabilities found from that job will be considered. By default, the plugin uses the first option: `appVersionTag, format: applicationId-buildNumber`.

## Define vulnerability security controls for pipelines in Jenkins

You can use the `contrastAgent` pipeline step to download the Contrast agent, then instrument and exercise your application. You can use the `contrastVerification` pipeline step to verify your application and set parameters for a security control.

### Download with `contrastAgent`

A pipeline step with the name `contrastAgent` downloads the latest Contrast agent.

| Parameter                    | Required                                               | Description                                                                                                                         | Examples                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <code>profile</code>         | Required                                               | Contrast connection profile used to communicate with Contrast                                                                       | <code>MyConnection</code>  |
| <code>outputDirectory</code> | Required                                               | This defines where to put the downloaded agent.                                                                                     | <code>env.WORKSPACE</code> |
| <code>agentType</code>       | Required if <code>applicationId</code> is not defined. | Type of agent used to instrument the application (not case sensitive)<br><br>Options are: Java, .NET, .NET_Core, Node, Ruby, Python | Java                       |

Here is an example of how to add a pipeline step with the name `contrastAgent` :

```

node{
  stage('Download Latest Contrast Agent'){
    contrastAgent profile:'MyConnection', outputDirectory: \
env.WORKSPACE, agentType: 'Java'
  }
}

```

### Verify application with `contrastVerification`

You can use a pipeline step with the name `contrastVerification` to verify whether an application is vulnerable.

| Parameter            | Required | Description                                                              | Examples            |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <code>profile</code> | Required | Use profile to specify the connection used to communicate with Contrast. | Contrast Connection |

| Parameter       | Required                                                                              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Examples                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| queryBy         | Required                                                                              | <p>Use <code>queryBy</code> to filter build-related vulnerabilities. For options 1, 2 and 4, this value must match the <code>contrast.override.appversion</code> parameter that was passed to the Contrast agent when running your application.</p> <p>Enter the option number for how you want to query vulnerabilities (defaults to 1):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <code>appVersionTag</code>,<br/>format: <code>applicationId-\${BUILD_NUMBER}</code></li> <li>2. <code>appVersionTag</code>,<br/>format: <code>applicationId-\${JOB_NAME}-\${BUILD_NUMBER}</code></li> <li>3. <code>startDate</code> (This is the build timestamp. It only looks at vulnerabilities discovered after the build starts.)</li> <li>4. <code>APPVERSIONTAG</code> (This is the job parameter or environment variable. Select this option if you want to specify your own text, then export <code>APPVERSIONTAG</code> as an environment property within your Jenkins job.<br/>Both <code>JOB_NAME</code> and <code>BUILD_NUMBER</code> are already available as Jenkins environment properties.)</li> </ol> | 1                                    |
| applicationId   | Required, if <code>applicationName</code> and <code>agentType</code> are not defined. | The ID of the application or application module you are trying to verify                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | cb3ea678-38c8-4487-ba94-692a117e7966 |
| applicationName | Required, if <code>applicationId</code> is not defined                                | The name of the application you are trying to verify (not case sensitive)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | MyApp                                |
| count           | Optional                                                                              | The total number of allowed vulnerabilities, defaults to 0                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 10                                   |
| rule            | Optional                                                                              | Defaults to <b>All</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | xss                                  |
| severity        | Optional                                                                              | Defaults to <b>All</b> . Other options are <b>Critical</b> , <b>High</b> , <b>Medium</b> and <b>Low</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>High</b>                          |
| appVersionTag   | Optional                                                                              | The value that was passed to the <code>contrast.override.appversion</code> parameter of the Contrast agent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | v1.2.3                               |

Here are some examples of how to add a pipeline step with the name `contrastVerification`:

- **Use `queryBy startDate`:**

```
contrastVerification applicationId: '1e6ad9c6-89d4-4f06-bdf6-92c569ec89de', count: 1, profile: 'new-profile', queryBy: 3, \
rule: 'cache-controls-missing', severity: 'High'
```

- **Use `queryBy` custom `appVersionTag` parameter:**

```
contrastVerification applicationId: '1e6ad9c6-89d4-4f06-bdf6-92c569ec89de', count: 1, profile: 'new-profile', queryBy: 4, \
appVersionTag: 'v1.2.3' rule: 'cache-controls-missing', severity: 'High'
```

- **Use `applicationName` and `AgentType` to define the application:**

```
contrastVerification applicationName: 'MyApp', agentType: 'Java', count: \
1, profile: 'new-profile', queryBy: 3, rule: 'cache-controls-missing', \
severity: 'High'
```

- **Verify an application with a preset or overridden vulnerability security control.**

If you know that the vulnerability security control has been preset in [Contrast \(page 291\)](#), then you only need to define the profile and either the `applicationId` or (`applicationName` and `agentType`):

```
contrastVerification applicationId: '35ae7b89-1c76-414b-b317-c444ce27608b', profile: 'ContrastConnection'
```

## Define a job outcome policy

Job outcome policies (supported in the Contrast Jenkins integration version 3.3 and later) assign build outcomes to Jenkins jobs that use the Contrast plugin. These policies mark jobs with a build outcome status such as **Failure**, **Unstable**, or **Success** based on criteria you set.

## Before you begin

You must be an Organization Administrator to define a job outcome policy in Contrast.

## Define a policy

To define a job outcome policy:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Integrations** in the left navigation.
2. In the **Jenkins** row, select **Add job outcome policy**.

**Edit Jenkins job outcome policy** BETA

Job outcome policies assign a build outcome on Jenkins jobs based on the application and vulnerability properties you define. [Learn more](#)

**Name**  
test

**Applications**  
Application names All applications (4)

**Vulnerability properties**  
Environments  
All Environments (3)

**Vulnerability Rules** Number of allowed vulnerabilities  
All Rules 0 vulnerabilities  
[+ Add another rule](#)

**Vulnerability statuses**  
Reported Suspicious Confirmed

**Vulnerability first seen**  
From: Application onboarding Until: Contrast step runs in Jenkins

☐ Apply the Query vulnerabilities by selection from the plugin when filtering vulnerabilities.

**Policy outcome**  
If the policy is violated, assign a job outcome of:  
☐ Failure  
☒ Unstable  
☐ Success  
For applications with conflicting job outcome policies, the policy with the most severe outcome will apply.  
☒ Enable this job outcome policy

3. Define a name for the job outcome policy (required).
4. Under **Applications**, indicate the applications to which the policy should apply. You can identify applications by their name, importance level, or tag. If you select by application name, you can select individual or [merged applications \(page 195\)](#).
5. Under **Vulnerability properties**, define a limit of which vulnerabilities, in which environments will be included in the policy. Use the **Environment**, **Vulnerability status** and **Vulnerability first seen** to filter the vulnerabilities that you want to include in this policy. Use the **Vulnerability rules** and

**severities** to set a threshold for how many of those rules (at a particular severity) will trigger the outcome status change.

- **Environment(s):** Select the environment where you want to apply the policy.  
For example, to block vulnerabilities from moving from test (QA) to production, select **QA**. (However, if you do that, vulnerabilities in the development environment are not considered. Select **Development** to also include those vulnerabilities. Or select **All environments** if you want vulnerabilities from all environments to be included.)
- **Vulnerability statuses:** Select which statuses will be included. [Statuses \(page 243\)](#) are determined by Contrast.



#### TIP

In most cases, you should only select open statuses like **Reported**, **Confirmed**, and **Suspicious** (rather than closed statuses like **Not a problem**, **Remediated** or **Fixed**). That way, Jenkins jobs won't fail or turn unstable due to vulnerabilities that developers have already remediated.

- **Vulnerability first seen:** Set a time range for the vulnerabilities you'd like to include in this policy according to when they were first seen.  
Use **From** and **Until** fields to set the beginning and end of the time range. Select the beginning of the time range to be: the **Job start time**, a predetermined period of time before the Contrast step runs, or the day of **Application onboarding**. Select the end of the time range to be a predetermined number of days before the Contrast step runs, or until the Contrast step runs in Jenkins, or choose an option for a specific amount of time. You can also select **Custom** to choose a specific date for either field.  
If vulnerabilities were first found outside of this time range, they will not be included in the policy.



#### TIP

To incentivize developers to remediate vulnerabilities within a time period (for example, a week), define the policy so that only vulnerabilities found more than 7 days ago would be considered for policy violation. To do this, set **From** to **Application onboarding** and **Until** to **Last 7 days**.

- **Vulnerability rules and severities:** Use this section to set a threshold for the number, type and severity of vulnerabilities you want the policy to allow.  
For each rule, select the **Severity** or **Assess rule type**, and then the **Number of allowed vulnerabilities**. Select **Add another rule** to add multiple rules.  
The **Number of allowed vulnerabilities** determines how many vulnerabilities of this severity will be permitted without affecting this build. If you set it to "0", then a single vulnerability will change the build outcome status. If you set it to "10", then the build outcome status won't change until 11 vulnerabilities of that type are found. If you leave the **Number of allowed vulnerabilities** blank for a specific rule type or severity, it will allow *all vulnerabilities* of that rule type or severity.  
For example, if you set this to **All rules** and 1 vulnerability, any single vulnerability would trigger the policy. You could also limit this policy to 5 critical vulnerability rules and 2 cross-site-scripting vulnerability by adding another rule.
- Check the box next to **Apply the "Query vulnerabilities by" selection from the plugin when filtering vulnerabilities**. You can define how to query vulnerabilities in a Jenkins job either using the Contrast Assess [post build step \(page 288\)](#) or [pipeline step \(page 289\)](#). For example, you can use the `AppVersionTag`, or the date when the vulnerability was last seen. If this checkbox is checked, then the query is included when the job outcome policy is evaluated.

This example shows possible rules and settings for a job outcome policy that will change the outcome status in Jenkins if these conditions are met.

## Vulnerability properties

### Environments

QA ×

### Vulnerability rules ?

All rules ▾

Critical ▾

SQL Injection ▾

### Number of allowed vulnerabilities ?

3 vulnerabilities

0 vulnerabilities ×

- vulnerabilities ×

+ Add another rule

### Vulnerability statuses

Reported × Confirmed × Suspicious ×

### Vulnerability first seen

From

Application onboarding ▾

Until

The Contrast step runs i... ▾

With this example, the following vulnerabilities will be considered for policy violation:

- All vulnerabilities found on a server designated as a QA environment.
- All vulnerabilities that have a status of **Reported**, **Confirmed** or **Suspicious**.
- Any vulnerability that was first discovered between application onboarding and when the Contrast step runs in Jenkins.

The policy will be violated and the outcome status will change, if at least ONE of these occur:

- There is at least 1 **Critical** vulnerability.
- There are at least a combined total of 4 **High**, **Medium**, **Low** or **Note** severity vulnerabilities of any rule type except SQL injection.



### NOTE

Vulnerabilities are only counted once, with precedence given to the most specific setting (for example, a particular rule type) to the least specific (**All rules**). If vulnerability limits are set for both a rule type and its severity level, the vulnerabilities will be included in the rule type count, but not in the severity's vulnerability count. So in this example, **Critical** vulnerabilities are counted under severity, but **High**, **Medium**, **Low** and **Note** severities are combined under **All rules**.

- Under **Policy outcome**, select the outcome of the policy. Contrast marks jobs that match the selected criteria as **Failure**, **Unstable**, or **Success**. For applications with multiple job outcome policies, the most severe outcome from all violating policies will apply.
- At any point, you can use uncheck the box next to **Enable this job outcome policy** to pause Contrast from enforcing policies on Jenkins jobs without having to delete the individual policy.

## Run a build

To run a build for the first time:

1. In Jenkins, select the job or project you want to run.
2. In the menu on the left, select **Build Now**.
3. To see more details, you can view the log output.
4. If you are using a freestyle job, you can view data from the task. Select the run and, in the left menu, select **Vulnerability Report**.



### IMPORTANT

You may also see a chart in the job or project overview, however the chart is not visible if you used a Contrast pipeline step, or if at least one of the applications selected is being overridden by a job outcome policy.

## Integrate with Jira

Integrate Jira with Contrast to automatically generate tickets, synchronize comments and push notifications for your applications.

Before you begin, you must have:

- Jira account credentials. For Jira Cloud, this is username and API key. For on-premises Jira installations, this is username and password.
- Permission to create issues in the target project.
- A running Jira instance accessible via HTTP to Contrast.
- A project to associate with an application that is already instrumented in Contrast.

## Connect

To integrate Jira with Contrast:

1. In Contrast, go to the **user menu > Organization settings > Integrations**.
2. Select **Connect** for the Jira integration.
3. In the **Connect with Jira** form, add a name for the Jira integration, the username and the API key (or password for Jira that is on-premises only). Add the URL for the Jira instance, and be sure that Contrast can access the URL.



### NOTE

Contrast saves the username, API key or password, and the URL for Jira as a set of credentials for this integration.

4. After you complete the form, select **Test connection**. The test may take a few moments, if you have many Jira projects. The test confirms that Contrast can reach the specific Jira instance and the user can log in.
5. After Contrast connects to Jira, select **Applications** to add the Contrast applications that will trigger Jira tickets for security issues. You can also trigger Jira tickets only for applications with specific importance levels in Contrast. Select **Application importance** and add the application levels you want to use as a filter for Jira tickets.

- Use the **Project name**, **Assignee** and **Default issue type** fields to set custom values for Jira tickets that Contrast creates. You can also map vulnerability severity levels in Contrast to Jira priority values to help teams groom security tickets. If you want to prefill additional Jira fields, select **Add Jira field**. Use the drop-down menus to select the fields you want to add and the default value for the field.



#### NOTE

Changing the **Project name** or **Default issue type** also changes the related Jira fields and values available to you. Contrast will keep any selected values that also apply to the new project or issue type.

- Select the option to **Enable two-way integration**, if you want to change vulnerability status in Contrast every time an issue closes or reopens in Jira. This generates a URL that appears below the checkbox, which your Jira administrator must use to [register a webhook in Jira](#). In Contrast, use the Vulnerability status drop-down menus to configure how a Jira ticket status update will also change vulnerability resolution status.



#### NOTE

If you choose **Not a problem** as a status, Contrast requires you to enter a **Reason** in the drop-down menu. The default selection in the drop-down menu is **Other**.

After you save the two-way integration, Contrast automatically tracks any status changes on related Jira tickets. You will see these as comments in the **Activity** tab for the vulnerability. Each comment includes the name of the Jira integration and a link to the ticket.

8. If you want a new Jira ticket made when Contrast discovers a vulnerability, select the option to **Automatically create tickets for new vulnerabilities discovered**. Then select which **Severity levels** or **Rules** should trigger new Jira tickets.  
If Contrast creates a single Jira ticket for multiple vulnerabilities, the ticket status applies to all vulnerabilities associated with the ticket. If Contrast creates multiple tickets for a single vulnerability, all Jira tickets must close before Contrast can close the vulnerability.



#### NOTE

Automation options are not retroactive and will not generate Jira tickets for past vulnerabilities.

9. Select **Save** and begin using your Jira integration. To remove the integration select **Delete configuration**.

## Manage Jira credentials

Contrast saves the most recent credentials for a Jira integration to help you set up new connections faster. The username, API key or password, and Jira URL values that you enter in your first configuration are the default credentials for the next Jira integration. Contrast will pre-populate the next Jira configuration with the default credentials, but you can modify these values, if you want. You can also manage saved sets of Jira credentials to update all affected configurations.

To create or edit a single configuration with credentials that are different from your default set:

1. Go to the **user menu > Organization Settings > Integrations**.
2. Select **Show configurations** to see the list of existing Jira integrations. Select the one you want to update.
3. Select **Manage credentials** to see the Jira connection configuration details.
4. In the **URL** field, use the drop-down menu to choose a set of saved credentials, or manually update the **URL**, **username**, and **API key** or **password**.
5. Once you've updated the fields, select **Test connection** to be sure the changes work.
6. Select **Save**.



#### NOTE

If you're using new credentials, you must choose to override the existing set of credentials under the given name, or save the new values as a new credential set under a different name.

To edit multiple Jira configurations at the same time:

1. In Contrast, go to the **user menu > Organization settings > Integrations**.
2. Select **Manage credentials** in the Jira Integration.
3. In the **Manage Jira credentials** form, use the drop-down menu to select a set of saved credentials.
4. Edit the username, API key or password, or Jira URL.
5. Select **Rename** if you want to use a different name for the edited credentials.



#### NOTE

Any updates to a set of credentials will affect all configurations using that set.

6. Select **Test connection** to be sure the integration works.
7. Select **Save**.



**NOTE**

Any updates to a set of credentials will change all configurations that use this set.

## Contrast Maven plugin

[Maven](#) is a build tool that builds, packages, and tests your Java applications.

The Contrast Maven plugin can integrate Contrast Assess and Scan into your project's Maven build.

### Goals

- **Scan:** The scan goal analyzes the Maven project's artifact with Contrast Scan to find vulnerabilities using static analysis.
- **Install:** The install goal includes the Contrast Java agent in integration testing to provide Contrast Assess runtime security analysis.
- **Verify:** The verify goal verifies that none of the vulnerabilities found by Contrast Assess during integration testing violate the project's security policy (fails the build when violations are detected).

### Reference

Reference the [Contrast Maven Plugin Documentation](#) for information on:

- Usage
- Goals
- Configuration

**NOTE**

There may be other options for installing the Java agent. See full list of [integrations \(page 258\)](#) that work with Contrast.

### See also

- [Contrast Scan \(page 205\)](#)
- [Install the Java agent \(page 32\)](#)

## Configure the Java agent for Maven Cargo plugin

To configure the Java agent for Maven Cargo plugin:

1. Add a `<cargo.jvmargs>` property to the `<properties>` section of `<configuration>` in your `pom.xml`. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
<build>
  <plugins>
    <plugin>
      <groupId>org.codehaus.cargo</groupId>
      <artifactId>cargo-maven2-plugin</artifactId>
      <version>1.7.3</version>
      <configuration>
        <container>
```

```
        <containerId>jetty9x</containerId>
        [...]
      </container>
      <configuration>
        <properties>
          <cargo.jvmargs>-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath></
cargo.jvmargs>
        </properties>
      </configuration>
      [...]
    </configuration>
  </plugin>
</plugins>
</build>
```

2. Run your Maven target or Cargo unit test as usual.
3. A Contrast startup message should appear in the console before your server messages appear. (Allow one or two extra minutes for server startup.)
4. Navigate to your application, and allow an extra minute for startup.

**TIP**

Learn more about [Cargo adding JVM arguments to Cargo container](#) or see an example of how to [add the agent to a Maven project](#).

## Integrate with Microsoft Teams

Use the Microsoft Teams integration to receive notifications from Contrast in your configured Microsoft Teams instance.

To connect Microsoft Teams:

1. Go to your team in your Microsoft Teams account and choose the channel you want to send messages to.
2. Select the **More** icon.
3. Select **Connectors** from the menu.
4. In the **Incoming webhook** row, select **Configure**.
5. Enter a name for the Incoming webhook and click **Create**.
6. Copy the webhook URL. You will use this to set up the integration in Contrast.
7. Select **Save**.
8. In Contrast, under the **user menu**, go to **Organization settings > Integrations**.
9. In the Microsoft Teams row, select **Connect**.
10. Enter a name for the integration.
11. Paste the webhook URL copied from Microsoft Teams.
12. Select an application to enable notifications.
13. Select **Save**.

**IMPORTANT**

Contrast will disconnect this integration if it fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts.

## Configure the Java agent for NetBeans

To configure the Java agent for NetBeans:

1. Open the NetBeans project.
2. Select **Tools > Servers**.
3. Select the server to which you want to add Contrast (for example, JBoss), and click on the **Platform** tab.
4. Add Contrast's JVM options to the **VM Options** field: `-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>`. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file.
5. Select **Run > Run Main Project**, or right-click on the project and select **Run**.
6. A Contrast startup message should appear in the **Server** console. (Allow one to two extra minutes for server startup.)
7. Navigate to your application, and allow an extra minute for it to start up.

## Run Contrast on GlassFish with NetBeans

To run Contrast on GlassFish with NetBeans:

1. In GlassFish, select the **Services** tab.
2. Under **Servers**, right-click on the GlassFish Server and select **Start**.
3. Wait for the server to finish launching.
4. Navigate to the GlassFish Server Administration Console (usually <http://localhost:4848/>).
5. After the console has finished loading, select **Configurations > server-config**.
6. Select **JVM Settings**.
7. Select the tab for **JVM Options**.
8. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file and add the following JVM options:

```
-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>
```

9. Select **Save**.
10. In NetBeans, right-click on the GlassFish Server and select **Stop**.
11. After the server has finished shutting down, right click on the project and select **Run**.
12. A Contrast startup message should appear in the GlassFish server log console. (Allow one to two extra minutes for server startup.) After GlassFish has finished the startup process, NetBeans will switch to the HTTP Server Monitor mode and open a new web browser.
13. Navigate to your application, and allow an extra minute for it to start up.

## Integrate with PagerDuty

Integrate with PagerDuty incident management to receive attack notifications from Contrast.

To connect PagerDuty:

1. In the **user menu**, go to **Organization Settings > Integrations**.
2. Select **Connect** in the PagerDuty row.
3. In the window, enter a **Name** for the integration. This name will be displayed in notifications from Contrast.
4. In the **Message Severity** drop-down menu, choose the behavior of the alert. The default selection is "Critical." For more information about message severity, see the [PagerDuty documentation](#).
5. Enter an **Integration key**. To find your integration key to enter in this field, follow the steps in the [PagerDuty documentation](#).
6. In **Applications**, select the applications in your portfolio that you want Contrast to automatically generate incidents for within PagerDuty. The default selection is "All Applications."
7. Once you complete all of the fields, select **Test connection**. This process may take a few minutes, depending on the number of your PagerDuty projects. The test verifies that Contrast can reach the PagerDuty instance and that a message can be sent.

Manage notifications from your PagerDuty integration in [organization notifications \(page 340\)](#).



### IMPORTANT

Contrast will disconnect this integration if it fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts.

## Integrate with Solutions Business Manager

Integrate with Solutions Business Manager to receive notifications from Contrast.

Before you start, you must have:

- Solutions Business Manager account credentials (username and password)
- A running Solutions Business Manager instance accessible via HTTP to Contrast
- A project to associate the application instrumented by Contrast

To connect Solutions Business Manager:

1. Go to **Organization settings > Integrations** in the **user menu**.
2. Click **Connect** in the Solutions Business Manager row.
3. In the **Connect with Serena** page, enter a name for the bugtracker entry. It will be displayed when sending findings to bugtrackers.
4. Enter a username for the account connected to the Solutions Business Manager instance.
5. Enter the password for the username specified.
6. In the **Host** field, enter the URL to the Solutions Business Manager instance.
7. Select the application you would like to map to the Solutions Business Manager instance.
8. Enter the **Solutions Business Manager Project ID** to associate with this application.
9. Select **Test** to verify communication. This ensures that Contrast can communicate and authenticate with the instance, as well as verify the existence of the specified project.

## Integrate with Slack

With the Slack integration, you can receive notifications from Contrast in your configured Slack instance using a format similar to in-app notifications.

To connect Slack:

1. In Slack, go to your team's **Build** settings.
2. Add a new **Incoming webhooks** custom integration.
3. Choose the appropriate channel to which to send messages.
4. Copy the **Webhook URL**.
5. In Contrast, in the **user menu**, go to **Organization settings > Integrations**.
6. Select **Connect** in the Slack row.
7. Name the integration and paste the URL.
8. Selection the application for which you want to enable notifications.
9. Select **Save**.

To test the integration:

1. Go to **Organization settings > Notifications**.
2. In the drop-down menu under **Integrations**, select the Slack integration name.
3. For each **Subscription** (event type) you want to be notified of, click the toggle in the **Integrations** column.

4. Cause an event type to occur, and confirm that you get a notification in the Slack channel you specified.



### IMPORTANT

Contrast will disconnect this integration if it fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts.

## Configure the Java agent for Tomcat

First, download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:

- [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
- [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
- [RPM \(page 34\)](#)

Use the guidelines below to configure the Java agent depending on how you run Contrast with Tomcat.

### Run from `setenv.bat`

If you have a `setenv.bat` or `setenv.sh` file as recommended by Tomcat, add the `-javaagent` configuration in that file in `CATALINA_OPTS`.

### Run from Windows on Unix

1. Create a new startup script. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file and substitute your Tomcat server for your environment.
  - **Windows:** Use `startup-with-contrast.bat`, for example:

```
set "CATALINA_OPTS=%CATALINA_OPTS% -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>"
call <TomcatDirectory>\bin\startup.bat
```

**Unix:** Use `startup-with-contrast.sh`, for example:

```
export CATALINA_OPTS="$CATALINA_OPTS -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>"
<TomcatDirectory>/bin/startup.sh
```

2. This should enable the Contrast JVM parameters and call the startup script. This new script will start up your server with Contrast.

### Run on the Tomcat service in Windows

1. If you run Tomcat as a service, open the Tomcat service manager and change the JVM options to add the agent.
2. Double-click the Tomcat icon in the system tray (or right-click and select **Configure**). (If the icon isn't there, you might have to start it manually by running `tomcat9w.exe` in the Tomcat bin directory.)
3. Switch to the **Java** tab to see where you need to add the `-javaagent` flag.

### Run Tomcat with Java 2 security

1. Create a `contrast.policy` file that contains this code (or append it to the `catalina.policy` file). Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

2. Append the *contrast.policy* file to the *\$CATALINA\_HOME/conf/catalina.policy* file. No additional configuration is needed. Run your Tomcat installation with command-line parameter `-security`.

## Integrate with VictorOps

Set up an integration with VictorOps incident management to receive attack notifications from Contrast.

To connect VictorOps:

1. In the **user menu**, go to **Organization settings > Integrations**.
2. Select **Connect** in the VictorOps row.
3. Enter a **Name** for the integration. This is displayed in notifications from Contrast.
4. Use the drop-down menu to choose the **Message type** of the alert. The default selection is "Critical." For more information about message types, see the VictorOps documentation on [incident fields](#).
5. Enter the **URL** for the connection. You can generate the URL in VictorOps through a REST API endpoint. To get a URL or more information, see the VictorOps documentation on [REST endpoint](#).
6. Select **Test connection**. This process may take a few minutes, depending on the number of your VictorOps projects. The test verifies that Contrast can reach the VictorOps instance and that the specified user can log in.
7. Once a connection is made, click in the multiselect field to choose the **Applications** for which you want to send notifications. The default selection is "All Applications."



### IMPORTANT

Contrast will disconnect this integration if it fails to return a successful response after 5 attempts.

## Contrast Visual Studio plugin

Use the Visual Studio plugin to see vulnerability information for instrumented applications from the Visual Studio IDE.

The plugin directs you to a line of code inside Visual Studio, and you can view related details in the Contrast application. This way developers can get application security feedback at the time of development for faster remediation.

The plugin supports Visual Studio versions 2017 (15.0 and later) and 2019.

To install, configure and use the Visual Studio plugin:

1. In Visual Studio, go to **Tools** and select **Extensions and Updates**.
2. In the new window, select **Online** from the left navigation panel.
3. Search for "Contrast", and select **Download**.
4. After you finish the download, restart the IDE.
5. In Visual Studio, go to **Tools > Options**.
6. In the search, enter "Contrast Security" and select **Contrast Security - Connection**.
7. In the **Contrast Connection** form, add the **Contrast URL**, **Username**, **Service key**, **API key** and **Organization ID** in the appropriate fields. You can find these in your [profile \(page 191\)](#).



### NOTE

The API key must belong to the organization you want to access or you'll get authorization errors. After many failed attempts, this will lock your account.

8. Select **Add**. Visual Studio automatically tests the connection as it attempts to retrieve the organization from Contrast.
9. Select the organization in the **Organizations** field, and select **OK**.
10. In Visual Studio, go to **View > Other Windows > Contrast Security Integration**. You can also search for "Contrast Security Integration". This view shows a list of all the vulnerabilities from Contrast.
11. To filter the list, click the **Filter** icon at the top-left corner of the page.
12. In the window that appears, choose from multiple filters, including servers, applications, severity levels, states and last detected dates.
13. If you can't see your vulnerabilities list, select **Refresh**. To clear all selected filters, click the Clear icon. This also applies for Server and Application lists.



#### NOTE

If you can't see your vulnerabilities even after refreshing the list, you must filter your vulnerabilities. You must repeat this process after selecting a different organization in the **Connection** settings so that filters and vulnerabilities are refreshed correctly.

14. Under the **Actions** column, you can click the magnifying glass icon to see more information about the vulnerability. Use the icon to go to the **Vulnerability** page in Contrast.

## Contrast Visual Studio Code plugin

Use the Visual Studio Code plugin to see vulnerability information for instrumented applications from Visual Studio Code environments when Contrast discovers security problems during functional tests.

The plugin shows you an overview of all vulnerabilities found in the application, as well as details for each vulnerability, like the HTTP request that exposed the vulnerability to Contrast.

The plugin supports Visual Studio Code versions 1.42.1 and later.

To install, configure and use the Visual Studio Code plugin:

1. In Visual Studio Code, go to the **Extensions** view and search "Contrast Security".
2. Select **Install**. After installation, restart Visual Studio Code.
3. To authenticate to your Contrast account, select the **Settings** icon in the **Contrast Security** view.
4. Select **Workspace** and enter your **API key**, **Organization ID**, **Contrast URL**, and **Authorization header**. You can find these values in your [profile \(page 191\)](#).
5. Select **Test Contrast connection** to validate your credentials. You will see a message that confirms either a successful connection or invalid credentials.
6. Select the **Refresh** icon to update vulnerability information. Under **Contrast Security**, you can see vulnerabilities grouped by **Severity** and ordered by **Status**. Select a vulnerability to view more details like **How to Fix**, **HTTP Information**, **Details**, and **Overview**. You can also see when the vulnerability was last detected and the current status. Vulnerability details display in the code editor under **Output**.

**TIP**

With the plugin, you can filter vulnerabilities by:

- Vulnerability metadata:
  - Application name
  - Status (such as Reported, Not a Problem, Remediated)
  - Environment (development, test, or production)
  - Tags (custom labels applied to vulnerabilities)
  - Detection date (specifically, First and Last detected)
- Session metadata:
  - Committer
  - Commit hash
  - Branch name
  - Git tag
  - Repository
  - Test run
  - Version
  - Build number

For example, you can choose to display only those vulnerabilities found on a specific feature branch (Branch Name) and committed directly by you (Committer), filtering out vulnerabilities introduced by a different developer on a separate feature branch.

Someone else can choose to filter vulnerabilities so that they only see results from a specific build (Build Number) that was blocked by their security team. They can immediately pinpoint the subset of vulnerabilities that need to be resolved before deploying the merged feature branch.

## Contrast Visual Studio for Mac plugin

Use the Visual Studio for Mac plugin to see vulnerability information for instrumented applications from the Visual Studio for Mac IDE.

The plugin directs you to the line of code and you can view more details in the Contrast Security pad. This way, developers can get application security feedback at the time of development for faster remediation.

The plugin supports Visual Studio for Mac versions 8.3.0 and later.

To install, configure and use the Visual Studio for Mac plugin:

1. From the [Contrast distribution repository](#), download the Visual Studio for Mac plugin file (*.mpack*).
2. In Visual Studio for Mac, go to **Visual Studio > Extensions**.
3. Click **Install from file...** and select the downloaded *.mpack* file. Allow the plugin to install, and restart Visual Studio for Mac.
4. Select **View > Pads > Contrast**. Then select **Configure** and add your **Contrast URL**, **Username**, **Service key**, **API key** and **Organization ID** in the given fields. You can find these in your [profile \(page 191\)](#).
5. Select **Test connection** to test your connection with Contrast. If the connection is successful, select **Save**.
6. Once the plugin is installed, you can return to **View > Pads > Contrast**, select the magnifying glass icon and then select an application. This will load vulnerabilities that Contrast has found for the



application. Select **Refresh** if you don't see the vulnerabilities list. Under each section, vulnerabilities display in order by severity, then by status.

You can select a vulnerability to see general or more detailed information. The **General Information** section includes severity, application, status, and history. The **Details** section includes information pulled from Contrast, such as details, notes, and activity for that vulnerability.

To clear all selected filters, select the broom icon. You can also view **Server** and **Application** lists in this way.

## Configure the Java agent for WebLogic

First, download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:

- [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
- [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
- [RPM \(page 34\)](#)

Use the guidelines below to configure the Java agent depending on how you run Contrast with WebLogic.

### Unix

1. If you launch WebLogic yourself, you must add Contrast's JVM parameter to the *startWebLogic* file in your installation's *bin* directory. For UNIX-based operating systems, the path to this file looks like:

```
/path/to/appserver/userprojects/domains/base_domain/bin/startWebLogic.sh
```

2. In this file, add the Contrast engine as a `-javaagent` to the `JAVA_OPTIONS` environment variable before the Java execution step. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
export JAVA_OPTIONS="$JAVA_OPTIONS -javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath>"
```

### Windows

1. For Windows systems, the path looks like:

```
C:\Oracle\Middleware\userprojects\domains\base_domain\bin\startWebLogic.bat
```

2. At the beginning of the file, add the Contrast engine as a `-javaagent` to the `JAVA_OPTIONS` environment variable. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. Substitute the WebLogic server for your environment. For example:

```
set JAVA_OPTIONS="%JAVA_OPTIONS%" -javaagent:"<YourContrastJarPath>"
```

## Use Java 2 with WebLogic

1. Create a *contrast.policy* file that contains this code (or append it to the *catalina.policy* file). Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

2. WebLogic includes a template file under `@WL_HOME/server/lib/weblogic.policy` which contains the suggested starting point for booting a WebLogic server with the security manager enabled. Older versions of WebLogic (10 and prior) will require `@WL_HOME` in the template file replaced with the actual path to the root directory of the WebLogic install.
3. When the security manager is enabled, the policy `@WL_HOME/server/lib/weblogic.policy` file acts as the default. Otherwise, a custom policy file may be specified with –

`Djava.security.policy==<YourPath>` where `<YourPath>` is the path to your custom file. The `==` is important as it overrides the default path setting that WebLogic boots with.

**TIP**

For more information read about [using Java Security to protect WebLogic resources](#).

## Configure the Java agent for WebSphere

First, download the Java agent JAR from one of these repositories:

- [Maven Central \(page 33\)](#)
- [Debian \(page 33\)](#)
- [RPM \(page 34\)](#)

Use the guidelines below to configure the Java agent, depending on how you run Contrast with WebSphere.

**NOTE**

IBM J9 doesn't allow the Java Instrumentation API to alter core Java classes when using the [Shared Classes](#) feature. You must disable this feature by specifying `-Xshareclasses:none` in your JVM parameters, as shown above.

Similarly, if `-Dcom.ibm.oti.shared.enabled=true` is set, you may also run into problems in older J9 JREs.

## WebSphere trust and key store

WebSphere maintains its own trust and key store, separate from the trust store included as part of the Java JRE. The agent starts before WebSphere is initialized and so the WebSphere specific trust store is not configured. Therefore, the agent uses the default trust store located in the Java `JRE/lib/security/cacerts` file, unless extra configuration is provided to the JVM.

However, in some scenarios, (like requiring a proxy server that uses internal only or self-signed certificates) specific extra steps are necessary. You can either:

1. Install the required certs into both the JRE `cacerts` trust store and also the WebSphere specific trust store. This means the certificate chain can be validated by both the agent and also your web application.
2. Provide Java with the standard trust store system properties to change the trust store to be the same as the WebSphere trust store. This has the advantage of only requiring the certificate to be installed in one location: the WebSphere trust store. For example:

```
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStore=opt/IBM/WebSphere/AppServer/profiles/AppSrv01/  
config/cells/DefaultCell01/nodes/DefaultNode01/trust.p12  
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStoreType=PKCS12  
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword=secret
```

WebSphere itself supports methods of encoding the password but these are not available when setting the trust store password for the agent, as it is executing before WebSphere starts.

## Add Contrast with Websphere

If you launch WebSphere yourself, add Contrast's JVM parameter to the *server.xml* file in your cell directory. Replace `<CellName>` and `<NodeName>` with the name of the cell and node. Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
<WebSphereDirectory>\AppServer\profiles\AppSrv01\config\cells\<CellName>
\nodes\<NodeName>\servers\server1\server.xml

<jvmEntries genericJvmArguments="-javaagent:<YourContrastJarPath> -
Xshareclasses:none">
...
</jvmEntries>
```

## Add Contrast with the WebSphere Administration Console

You can also add Contrast through the WebSphere administration console by following instructions from the [WebSphere support site](#).

## Use Java 2 with WebSphere

1. Create a *contrast.policy* file that contains this code (or append it to the *server.policy* file). Replace `<YourContrastJarPath>` with the path to your [Contrast JAR \(page 31\)](#) file. For example:

```
grant codeBase "file:<YourContrastJarPath>" {
    permission java.security.AllPermission;
};
```

2. Append the *contrast.policy* file to the `$WEBSPPHERE_HOME/AppServer/profiles/AppSrv01/properties/server.policy`.
3. Enable the security manager with the `wsadmin` tool:
  - **Jacl:** `$AdminTask setAdminActiveSecuritySettings {-enforceJava2Security true}`
  - **Jython:** `AdminTask.setAdminActiveSecuritySettings(' -enforceJava2Security true')`



### TIP

Learn more about [Java security manager](#) and [enabling and disabling Java 2 security manager using scripting](#).

# Administration

Users with different [roles and permissions \(page 387\)](#) have different levels of access in Contrast. This allows different individuals and teams in your business to best use Contrast for their responsibilities:

- [Rules and policy administration: \(page 308\)](#) RulesAdmins can create and edit policies. Editors can add applications and manage some content details like scores and notifications.
- [Organization administration: \(page 330\)](#) Organization Administrators can configure settings for a particular organization.
- [System administration: \(page 343\)](#) For on-premises customers, SuperAdmins can install, configure and maintain Contrast at a system level. ServerAdmins and System Administrators can also help with this responsibility.

## Rules and policy administration

Maintaining your applications in Contrast requires different roles and permissions depending on what you'd like to do.

As a RulesAdmin, select **Policy management** in the **user menu**.

Here you can manage:

- [Assess rules \(page 308\)](#)
- [Security controls \(page 310\)](#)
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A user with RulesAdmin permissions can also:

- [Instrument an application \(page 27\)](#)
- [Enable Protect \(page 332\)](#)
- [Approve or deny pending vulnerability status changes \(page 246\)](#)
- [Enable notifications \(page 330\)](#)
- [Set default scoring \(page 342\)](#)

## Set Assess rules

To view a list of all rules applied, select **Applications > Your application name > Policy > Assess** or under the user menu, select **Policy management > Assess rules**. Each rule is listed with a severity and description, as well as an indicator of which environments it applies to.

You can also [set the default Assess rules for an organization \(page 309\)](#).


## Before you begin

- Ensure that you have an Organization Administrator or RulesAdmin role.

- Log in and select the correct organization.
- If you need more advanced rules, contact [Support](#).

## Steps

Apply Assess rules and settings:

1. To apply Assess rules to particular environments for applications:
  - a. When viewing the list of rules under **Applications**, use the toggles to turn each rule on or off for each environment. You can also use the checkboxes in the left column to select multiple rules, then select **Change Mode** to apply them. In the window that appears, toggle the rules on or off for each environment and select **Done**.
  - b. Alternatively, under **Policy management > Assess rules**, select a rule to see a list of applications that are associated with that rule. Use the toggles to turn rules on or off for each application.
2. To update settings for individual Assess rules:
  - a. Under **Policy management**, select the name of rule to show a list of applications associated with the rule.
  - b. To select one or more applications, select the check box next to each application.  
To select all applications, select the **Application** check box.
  - c. Select the **settings** icon (  ) in the top right.
  - d. In the window that appears, select the **Likelihood**, **Impact** and **Confidence Level** of the vulnerabilities for which this rule is intended.
  - e. Optionally, select the checkbox to **Override** to enable this option to update these fields after the configuration is saved.
  - f. In the **Risk Description** field, enter additional information regarding potential consequences of exposure to this vulnerability. You can also provide a **Recommendation**
  - g. In the **References** field, enter a link to an external reference related to the specific vulnerability to provide more context for the rule.
  - h. Select **Save**.

## Set Assess rules for organizations

When you add and configure an agent for an application or create a new organization, Contrast applies a set of default Assess rules.

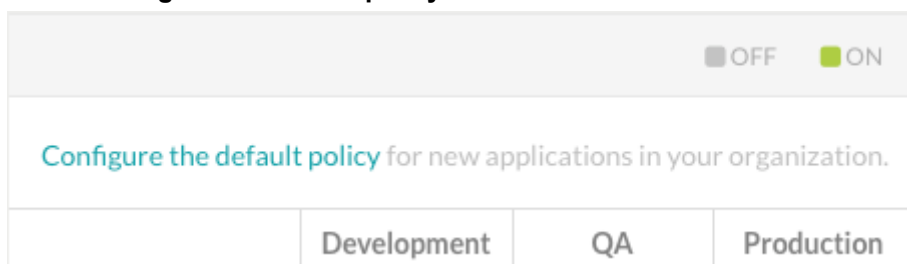
Use this procedure to change the default settings for Assess rules at an organization level. These settings apply to any new application that you add to a Contrast organization. These changes have no affect on existing applications in the organization.

## Before you begin

- Ensure that you have an Organization Administrator or Organization RulesAdmin role.
- Log in and select the correct organization.




## Steps

1. Under the user menu, select **Policy management**.
2. Select **Configure the default policy**.



	Development	QA	Production

- For each Assess rule, use the toggles to turn each rule on or off for each environment.

Rule	Severity	Description	Development	QA	Production
Anti-Caching Controls Missing All application languages	NOTE	Verifies that caching controls are used to protect application content.			

## Security controls

Security controls are methods in your code that make sure data is safe to use. Only users assigned an organizational role of RulesAdmin or higher can [view or modify security controls \(page 310\)](#).

Security controls apply to Java, .NET Framework, and .NET Core languages only.

There are two types of security controls:

- Input Validators** are methods that accept user input and take corrective action if unsafe data is received.
- Sanitizers** are methods that clean the data that is passed in, making it safe for consumption by any interpreter. Many sanitizers prevent one type of attack, but not another.

## Add, edit or delete security controls

Security controls apply to Java, .NET Framework, and .NET Core languages only.

To add, edit or delete [security controls \(page 310\)](#):

- Select **User Menu > Policy Management**, select **Security controls**.  
The Security Controls grid shows a list existing security controls, if there are any.
- Select the name of an existing security control to edit, or select **Add security control** to create one.
- In the panel that opens, enter the:
  - Name**
  - Language**: Select Java , .NET Framework, or .NET Core.
  - Type**: Select either one of these methods:
    - Input validators** accept user input and take corrective action if unsafe data is received.
    - Sanitizers** clean the data that is passed in, making it safe for consumption by any interpreter. Many sanitizers prevent one type of attack, but not another.
  - API**: When specifying the API, consider these conventions:
    - Java must include method name and parameters. Use fully qualified types, intended to target only `java.lang.String` parameters (not boolean, int, long, short double, float, etc.).
    - .NET Framework or .NET Core** must include return type (or void), method name and parameters. Use fully qualified types, intended to target only `System.String` parameters.
    - Mark the parameters that are going to be validated or sanitized with an asterisk ( \* ).
  - Applicable vulnerability rules**: You can choose **All**, or select one or more individual vulnerabilities.
- Select **Save** to create a new security control. If you are editing an existing security control, you also have the option to delete the security control from this panel with the **Delete** icon.
- At the bottom of the table, you will see **Suggestions** for potential security controls that Contrast detects, along with their class and method. (You can hide the section by clicking on the caret in the header row.)

If a security control is automatically discovered for the first time, a notification is sent to all users with at least Viewer permissions for the corresponding applications.

Hover over the API to see where this suggestion was discovered, and optionally, select the name of the application to see the vulnerabilities in context of that application.

Use the **plus** icon at the end of the suggestion row, to add the suggestion as a new security control and include it in the table above. You can edit the Name, API and Type fields inline before adding it.

Use the **Delete** icon to delete the suggestion. Contrast doesn't repeat suggestions, so once it's deleted, an API is never suggested again. There is no way to view historical suggestions or get them back.



#### NOTE

Servers may require restart. Contrast provides a list of servers affected by your selection.



#### TIP

You can also create security controls in the context of a particular vulnerability with a tag event.

If Contrast has captured runtime data flow for a vulnerability, you can select **Vulnerabilities > Vulnerability name > Details** to see more information about that vulnerability. Potential security controls that are detected trigger a tag event and this is shown as a low severity (green) event. Expand the event and you can select **Add a security control**.

Also, if you mark a vulnerability as **Not A Problem** with the reason "Goes through an internal security control," you can define that security control at that time.

## Vulnerability management policy

Either policy can be set to be triggered based on time or route.

For Assess users, an Organization Administrator can [set vulnerability policy \(page 312\)](#) to require status change approval based on [vulnerability severity \(page 247\)](#), or set the policy so that vulnerabilities are closed automatically.

You can [set in-app notifications \(page 340\)](#) when vulnerabilities violate these policies. Administrators are notified of violations in-app and by email.

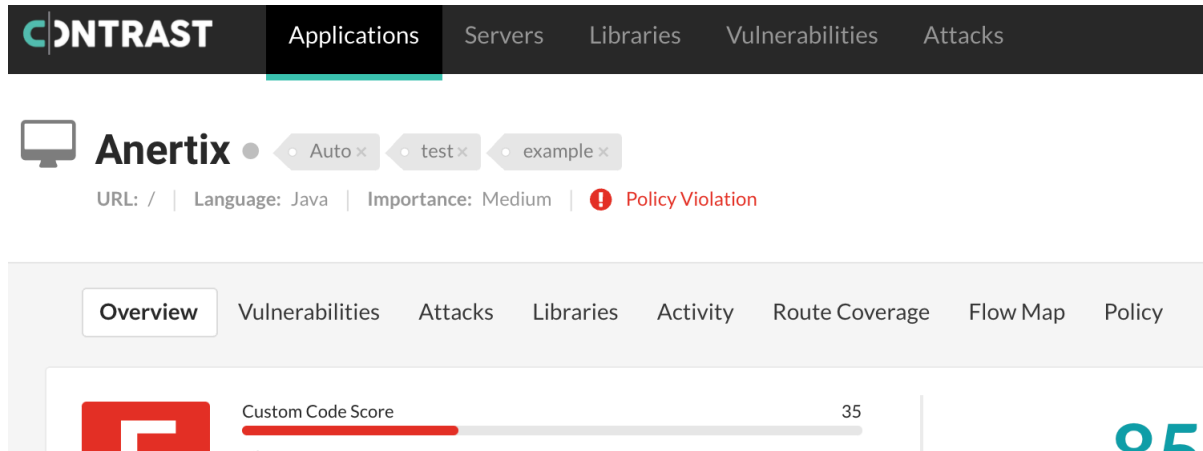


#### NOTE

You can [set vulnerability policies \(page 312\)](#) and [review pending changes \(page 246\)](#), if you are an Organization RulesAdmin with RulesAdmin permissions for the target application. You must be an Organization Administrator to [require vulnerability approval \(page 343\)](#).

There are two types of vulnerability policy:

- **Auto-verification policies** automatically change the status of a vulnerability to **Remediated - Auto-verified**. Hover over the status, or select the vulnerability name, then select the **Activity** tab for more information.
- **Violation policies** mark a vulnerability as being in violation of a policy. When this is triggered, you will see a **Policy violation** notice on the thermometer on the vulnerabilities section of the dashboard.



## Set vulnerability policy

Administrators can define requirements for vulnerability policy based on any vulnerability rule, severity, application(s) and route which should comply.

To create a new policy:

1. Under [policy management \(page 308\)](#), select **Vulnerability management**.
2. In the grid, select the **Auto-verification** or **Violation** tab, and then **Add policy**.
3. In the panel that opens, enter:
  - **Name** (required)
  - **Vulnerability rules**: Select individual rules, all rules, or rules for vulnerabilities of a particular severity.
  - **Applications**: Select individual applications, all applications, or applications affected by vulnerabilities of a particular severity.
  - **Environment**: Select all environments, or just development, test or production.
4. To add a time-based trigger, select the box next to **Auto-verify any existing vulnerability after:** and enter a time limit, to add a time based trigger.  
Route-based triggers only work for certain technologies with identifiable routes. If this is available, you can also select a route-based trigger.



### NOTE

When using a policy with a route-based trigger, it is recommended to also use define a time-based trigger to account for those vulnerabilities which have been remediated in such a way that cannot be associated back to the original finding in Contrast. Typically, these cases only arise when the code was deleted, and therefore cannot be re-exercised, or redefined such that it occurs on a different route.

5. Select **Save**.





## IMPORTANT

If multiple policies affect the same vulnerability, the following rules determine Contrast's course of action:

- Between two time-based triggers, the action with the closest deadline applies first. For example, if a violation deadline applies first, the vulnerability is flagged and then auto-verified when the later deadline applies.
- Auto-verification policies take precedence over violation policies. For example, if an auto-verification deadline applies first, the vulnerability is closed and never flagged.



## NOTE

If Contrast rediscovers a legitimate vulnerability that was auto-verified, Contrast will [reopen the vulnerability \(page 240\)](#) as usual.

## Protect rules

Apply Protect rules to monitor or block specific kinds of cyber-attacks in application environments. Every rule represents a type of attack that exploits vulnerabilities in either custom code or open-source libraries, such as SQL injection or cross site scripting.

Contrast includes many Protect rules you can use to monitor or block attacks, like these:

- **Command injection:** Carefully crafted inputs can execute tainted commands.
- **Cross-site scripting:** A web application vulnerability that can allow users to run arbitrary JavaScript in other user's browsers.
- **Expression language injection:** A vulnerability type for many frameworks and custom code that happens when an application mistakenly evaluates user inputs as expression languages like OGNL, SpEL, or JSP EL.
- **Method tampering:** An attack against authentication or authorization systems that have implicit "allow all" settings in their security configuration.
- **Path traversal / Local file include:** A vulnerability that allows users to control which files an application opens and reads.
- **SQL and NoSQL injection:** Carefully crafted inputs to the application that alter SQL or NoSQL queries in order to steal data or execute code.
- **Untrusted deserialization:** A web application vulnerability that allows users to pass arbitrary objects to a deserializer and execute remote code.
- **XML external entity processing:** A vulnerability in XML processing that allows users to read, write, and execute remote code to a file.

## Set Protect rules

[Protect rules \(page 313\)](#) monitor applications for attacks. If you have RulesAdmin permissions and Protect is enabled, you can set these rules.

You can also [configure default Protect rules for an organization \(page 316\)](#).

To set rules:

1. Select **Applications** in the header, then select an **application name > Policy > Protect**.

The screenshot shows the Contrast Security web interface. At the top, the 'Applications' tab is selected. Below it, the application 'activeandfit (CODE)' is shown with details like 'Public Facing', 'java', and 'Missing field'. The 'Policy' tab is active, displaying a table of rules under the 'PROTECT' filter. The first rule, 'SQL Injection', has a dropdown menu open for its 'BLOCK' button, showing options: 'OFF', 'MONITOR', 'BLOCK' (highlighted), and 'BLOCK AT PERIMETER'. Other rules like 'Dangerous Functions - SQL Injection', 'Tautologies - SQL Injection', 'Suspicious Unions - SQL Injection', and 'Chained Queries - SQL Injection' are listed with 'MONITOR' buttons.

- To filter the policies to just see Protect rules, select **Protect rules** from the filtering menu above the policy results. You can also enter a Protect rule by name in the search field.
- For each rule, you can turn Protect on and set the mode it uses in different environments. Select the drop-down menu for each environment to set how you want Protect to either block or monitor attacks. Choose one of these modes:
  - **Off:** This disables the rule altogether.
  - **Monitor:** The agent will identify and report attacks.
  - **Block:** The agent will identify, report and block attacks.



### WARNING

If an attack matches a rule, and that rule is set to "Block" mode, the `AttackBlockedException` is thrown.

To keep your application from crashing, make sure it's configured to catch the `AttackBlockedException`.

- **Block at perimeter:** The agent will block a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all rules.
- **Monitor at perimeter:** The agent will attempt to identify and report a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all rules.



### NOTE

If you block or monitor at the perimeter, the agent doesn't verify the attack at the sink. This may lead to more false positive results.



### TIP

You can test policies by setting a different mode for a Protect rule in each environment. This lets you see how various options work in pre-production and won't disrupt production defenses.

- To apply the same settings to multiple rules, select the checkbox for each rule you want to change. You can also use the **Rule** checkbox to select all rules. Select **Change mode**. In the window that appears, set the Protect mode for each environment you want to change. Select **Save** to complete the action.

**Change Mode**
✕

**Development**

MODE ▲

OFF  
MONITOR  
BLOCK

**QA**

MODE ▼

**Production**

MODE ▼

Cancel

Save

- You can also set Protect rules for each environment across applications. To do this, go to **user menu > Policy management > Protect rules**.

PROTECT RULES				
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span>■ OFF ■ MONITOR/MONITOR AT PERIMETER ■ BLOCK ■ BLOCK AT PERIMETER</span> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> <span style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 2px;">.NET Framework (15) ▼</span> <input style="border: 1px solid #ccc; width: 100px;" type="text" value="Find Rule"/> </div>				
Rule	Description	Development	QA	Production
<b>COMMAND INJECTION</b>				
<b>Command Injection</b> <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Java, Node, Python, Ruby</small>	Carefully crafted inputs can execute tainted commands.	2		1
Chained Commands - Command Injection <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Node</small>	Detects chained commands as potential attacks since command chaining is often used by attackers to invoke sensitive system commands.			
Command Backdoors - Command Injection <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Node</small>	Detects when user input is executed as a system command or is passed as a command parameter to common shell programs (e.g. /bin/sh -c "some user input").			
Dangerous Paths - Command Injection <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Node</small>	Detects dangerous paths as part of system commands as attackers often try to get access to sensitive paths or files.			
Cross-Site Scripting <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Java, Node, Python, Ruby</small>	A web application vulnerability that allows users to run arbitrary JavaScript in other's browsers.	2		1
HTTP Method Tampering <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Java, Node, Python, Ruby</small>	Providing unexpected HTTP methods can bypass authentication, authorization or other security mechanisms.	2		1
Path Traversal <small>.NET Framework, .NET Core, Java, Node, Python, Ruby</small>	A vulnerability that allows users to control which files get opened and read by an application.	1 1		1

Use the drop-down menu to filter the rules by language or the search field to find a rule by name. Select a rule name to manage settings for all applications that currently use the rule. Use the drop-down menus to set the Protect mode for each environment.

**Command Injection**
Carefully crafted inputs can execute tainted commands.

All (3)
Find Application

Change Mode

<input type="checkbox"/> Application	Importance	Development	QA	Production
<input type="checkbox"/> My Application 2	Medium	BLOCK	MONITOR	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Pet Clinic	Medium	BLOCK	MONITOR	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Web goat	Medium	BLOCK	MONITOR	BLOCK

Done

## Set Protect rules for organizations

When you add and configure an agent for an application or create a new organization, Contrast applies a set of default Protect rules.



### NOTE

Starting in August 2021, new organizations include an optimized set of Protect rules. This configuration is designed to provide the highest value to users, including enhanced performance.

Use this procedure to change the default settings for Protect rules at an organization level. Changing these settings affects new application that you add to a Contrast organization. These changes have no affect on existing applications in the organization.

## Before you begin

- Ensure that you have an Organization Administrator or Organization RulesAdmin role.
- Log in and select the correct organization.

## Steps

1. Under the user menu, select **Policy management**.
2. Select **Protect rules**.
3. Select **Configure the default policy**.

☒ MONITOR/MONITOR AT PERIMETER
☐ BLOCK
☐ BLOCK AT PERIMETER

Configure the default policy for new applications in your organization.

	Development	QA	Production

4. For each Protect rule, select the dropdown for the environment where the application is hosted (Development, QA, and Production).
5. Select one of the following modes:
  - **Off:** This mode disables the rule.
  - **Monitor:** The agent identifies and monitors attacks.
  - **Block:** The agent identifies, reports, and blocks attacks.
  - **Block at perimeter:** The agent blocks a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all rules.
  - **Monitor at perimeter:** The agent attempts to identify and report a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all rules.

## CVE shields

Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) provide a standardized identifier for a given vulnerability or exposure. They also provide a baseline for evaluating the coverage of your tools.

Contrast provides several CVE shields to help protect your applications that contain CVEs. CVE shields are useful for legacy applications that use vulnerable libraries that are difficult to update.

You only need CVE shields when the vulnerability isn't a common attack class like SQL injection or untrusted deserialization. In some cases, Contrast creates a CVE shield to get more data that is specific to a particular threat, even if there's an existing Protect rule that prevents the attack from occurring. This action helps provide more context into exploitation. It helps organizations map ongoing attacks to trends in the overall security ecosystem.

[View CVE shields \(page 317\)](#)

[Set modes for CVE shields \(page 318\)](#)

## View CVE shields

The CVE shields list displays the following information:

### Policy management

ASSESS

Assess Rules

Security Controls

Vulnerability Management

PROTECT

Protect Rules

**CVE Shields**

Virtual Patches

Log Enhancers

IP Management

GENERAL

Application Exclusions

#### CVE SHIELDS

Find CVE Shield

CVE Shield (ID)	Description	Development	QA	Production
Apache Tomcat Arbitrary Code Execution CVE-2017-12617 <span>BETA</span>	A remote code execution vulnerability in Tomcat 7.0.0 through 7.0.81, 8.0.0.RC1 through 8.0.46, 8.5.0 through 8.5.22, and 9.0.0.M1 through 9.0.0	1		
Apache Tomcat VirtualDirContext File Browsing Vulnerability CVE-2017-12616 <span>BETA</span>	A flaw in VirtualDirContext in Tomcat 7.0.0 through 7.0.80, allows an attacker to view sourcecode and other files on the system.	1		

OFF

MONITOR/MONITOR AT PERIMETER

BLOCK

- The CVE shields that Contrast provides for specific CVEs.
- A description of the CVE.
- The environments in which the servers hosting an application are running.
- The mode configured for the CVE shield:
  - **Off:** This mode disables the CVE shield entirely.

- **Monitor:** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies and reports attacks.
- **Monitor at perimeter:** In this mode, the CVE shield tries to identify and report a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all CVE shields.
- **Block:** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies, reports, and blocks attacks.
- The applications, if any, that contain a specific CVE.  
The CVE shield defends this vulnerability against attack.

## Steps

To view CVE shields:

1. From the user menu, select **Policy management**.
2. Under Protect, select **CVE shields**.
3. To find a specific CVE, enter a full or partial name in the search box.
4. To view details about a specific CVE, click the link below the CVE name.

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### Policy management

ASSESS

- Assess Rules
- Security Controls
- Vulnerability Management

PROTECT

- Protect Rules
- CVE Shields**
- Virtual Patches
- Log Enhancers

**CVE SHIELDS**

Find CVE Shield

CVE Shield (ID)

- Apache Tomcat Arbitrary Execution  
[CVE-2017-12617](#) **BETA**
- Apache Tomcat VirtualDirContext File Browsing Vulnerability  
[CVE-2017-12616](#) **BETA**
- Bean Introspection RCE V  
[CVE-2010-1432](#)

**CVE-2017-12617** **MEDIUM** (CVSS 6.8)

When running Apache Tomcat versions 9.0.0.M1 to 9.0.0, 8.5.0 to 8.5.22, 8.0.0.RC1 to 8.0.46 and 7.0.0 to 7.0.81 with HTTP PUTs enabled (e.g. via setting the readonly initialisation parameter of the Default servlet to false) it was possible to upload a JSP file to the server via a specially crafted request. This JSP could then be requested and any code it contained would be executed by the server.

Confidentiality Impact	Partial
Integrity Impact	Partial
Availability Impact	Partial
Authentication Required	None
Access Vector	Network
Access Complexity	Medium

Done

5. To view which applications contain a CVE, in one of the environment columns, hover over the number. The tooltip lists the applications that the CVE shield is defending. The number indicates the number of applications that contain the CVE. The mode indicates how the CVE shield is configured.

### Policy management

ASSESS

- Assess Rules
- Security Controls
- Vulnerability Management

PROTECT

- Protect Rules
- CVE Shields**
- Virtual Patches
- Log Enhancers
- IP Management

**CVE SHIELDS** OFF MONITOR/MONITOR AT PERIMETER BLOCK

Find CVE Shield

CVE Shield (ID)	Description	Development	QA	Production
Apache Tomcat Arbitrary Code Execution <a href="#">CVE-2017-12617</a> <b>BETA</b>	A remote code execution vulnerability in Tomcat 7.0.0 through 7.0.81, 8.0.0.RC1 through 8.0.46, 8.5.0 through 8.5.22, and 9.0.0.M1 through 9.0.0	1		
Apache Tomcat VirtualDirContext File Browsing Vulnerability <a href="#">CVE-2017-12616</a> <b>BETA</b>	A flaw in VirtualDirContext in Tomcat 7.0.0 through 7.0.80, allows an attacker to view sourcecode and other files on the system.	1		

Applications Monitoring  
VikasWebGoatApp3

## Set modes for CVE shields

Instead of detecting categories of attacks, CVE shields defend specific CVEs in applications from attacks.

Set one of the following modes for applications hosted on servers running in a Development, QA, or Production environment:

- **Off:** This mode disables the CVE shield entirely.
- **Monitor:** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies and reports attacks.
- **Monitor at perimeter** In this mode, the CVE shield tries to identify and report a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all CVE shields.
- **Block:** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies, reports, and blocks attacks.

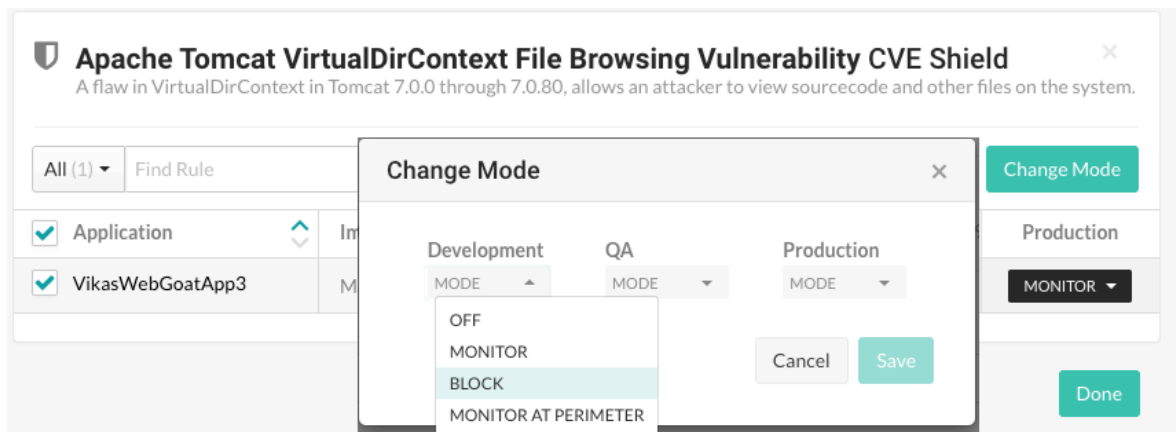
## Before you begin

- **Required:** Check that you have Organization or Rules Admin permissions.
- Check that [settings \(page 215\)](#) for servers hosting your applications are configured to use the correct environments.

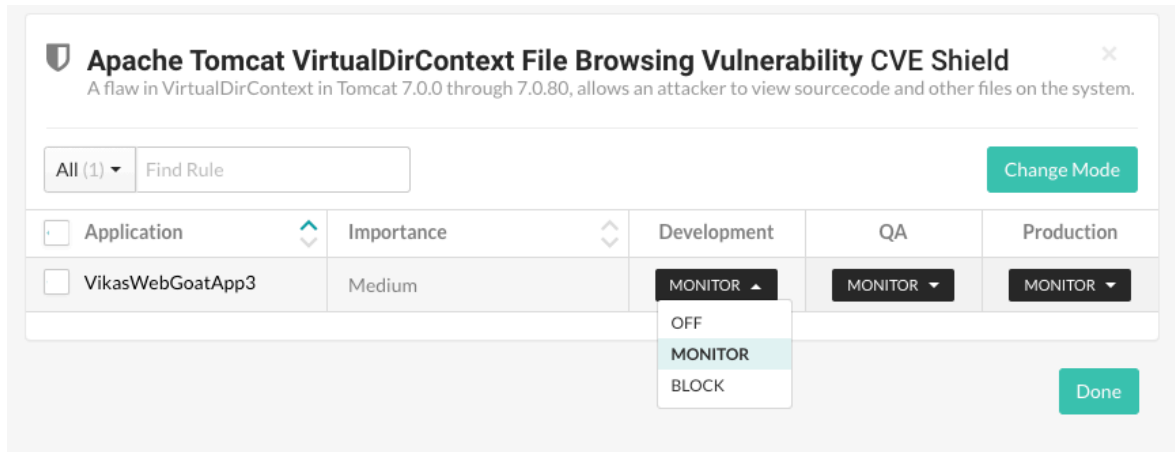
## Steps

To view CVE Shields.

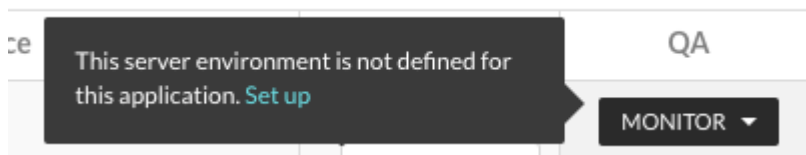
1. From the user menu, select **Policy management**.
2. Select **CVE shields**, and click the name of a CVE shield.  
To find a specific CVE shield, enter a partial or full name in the search box.
3. To set the mode for all or multiple applications:



- a. To select all applications, select the **Application** checkbox. To select multiple applications, select the checkbox for each application.
  - b. Click **Change mode**.
  - c. In the Change Mode window, select the CVE shield mode for the selected applications in a one or more environments.
  - d. Click **Done**.
4. To set the mode for a single application:



- a. At the end of the row for an application, select the menu in an environment column.  
If an environment is not defined for the server hosting the application, when you hover on that environment, a tooltip appears. To configure the server for that environment, click **Set up** and select the settings icon (⚙️) at the end of the server row.



- b. Select a CVE shield mode for the application in the selected environment.
- c. Click **Done**.

## Set modes for CVE shields for organizations

When you add and configure an agent for an application in a Contrast organization, Contrast applies a set of default CVE shields.



### NOTE

Starting in August 2021, new organizations include an optimized set of CVE shields. This configuration is designed to provide the highest value to users, including enhanced performance.

Use this procedure to change the default settings for CVE shields at an organization level. These settings apply to any new application that you add to a Contrast organization. These changes have no affect on existing applications in the organization.

## Before you begin

- Ensure that you have an Organization Administrator or Organization RulesAdmin role.
- Log in to or select the correct organization.

## Steps

To change modes for CVE shields:

1. Under the user menu, select **Policy management**.



2. Select **CVE shields**.
3. Select **Configure the default policy**.

4. For each CVE shield, select the dropdown for the environment where the application is hosted (Development, QA, and Production).
5. Select one of the following modes:
  - **Off:** This mode disables the CVE shield entirely.
  - **Monitor:** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies and reports attacks.
  - **Monitor at perimeter:** In this mode, the CVE shield tries to identify and report a possible attack before the application can process it. This option is not available for all CVE shields.
  - **Block** In this mode, the CVE shield identifies, reports, and blocks attacks.

## Manage virtual patches

Virtual patches are custom, short-term rules that block HTTP requests matching specific criteria (for example, URL, parameter keys or values, etc.) before an application can process them.

Organization Administrators and RulesAdmins can view and manage virtual patches.

To add a virtual patch:

1. In the **user menu**, under **Policy management**, select **Virtual patches**.
2. Find virtual patches by using the language filters or the search field above the grid.

VIRTUAL PATCHES						
All (4) ▾	Find Virtual Patch		+ Add Virtual Patch			
All (4)		Description	Development	QA	Production	
Java (4)	Anertix on E	Autogenerated patch for Anertix on ErikTomcatEclipse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
.NET Framework (0)						
.NET Core (0)		Blocks Klein for Acct Name	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Node (0)						
Ruby (0)						
spring cmd injection	spring cmd injection		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
struts-content-type-header	Struts2 S2-045 Remote Command Execution Patch		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

3. Click on the name of a patch to edit the rule configuration, or select **Add virtual patch** to add a new one.  
You can also select the **Delete** icon to delete a rule or use the toggles in the grid to enable or disable each environment.
4. In the window that appears, add a **Name** and **Description**.

Add Virtual Patch

Name

Name this virtual patch

Description

Describe this virtual patch

Apply To

☒ Applications

All applications (155)

☐ Application language
☐ Application technology

Conditions

User Agent
matches
Value

User Agent
matches
Value

+ Add Condition

Cancel

Add

- Under **Apply to**, use the radio button to choose whether the rule applies to specific **Applications**, an **Application language** or an **Application technology**. After clicking the appropriate button, use the multiselect field that appears to further refine your choice.
- Under **Conditions**, use the drop-down menus to select the conditions under which the patch should apply to the application(s). Select **Add another condition** in a separate row, if necessary.
- Select **Add** to save the configuration.

## Add or edit log enhancers

Log enhancers are instrumentation instructions that allow the Contrast agent to log additional parameters and data in the application, without requiring any source code changes.

By using these deep security instrumentation techniques, a user can specify the API and parameter to log, and the Contrast agent adds this information to the *security.log* file as part of RASP logging.

### NOTE

Starting in August 2021, new organizations include an optimized set of log enhancers. This configuration is designed to provide the highest value to users, including enhanced performance.

To add, edit or delete a log enhancer:

- Under [policy management \(page 308\)](#), select **Log enhancers**.
- Filter by language, or use the search to find the existing log enhancer you want to edit and select the name, or select **Add log enhancer**. Use the toggles in the grid row to enable or disable the rule in each environment.

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LOG ENHANCERS					
All (18) Find Log Enhancer		+ Add Log Enhancer			
Log Enhancer	Description	Development	QA	Production	
Apache SSL HostName Verifier Changed <small>Java</small>	The SSL hostname verifier changed after the SSLSocketFactory object was created	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ESAPI Default Login <small>Java</small>	ESAPI login using current request	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ESAPI Exception <small>Java</small>	ESAPI threw a runtime security exception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
ESAPI Exception with cause <small>Java</small>	ESAPI threw a runtime security exception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

- In the window that appears, enter a **Name** and **Description**.

### Add Log Enhancer

Name

Name this log enhancer

Description

Describe this log enhancer

Log Level

Info

Log Type

Security

API to Log

Language

Java

API

org.springframework.webmvc.DefaultController.onSuc

Format

The user " logged in to the .

Cancel Add

- Enter a **Log level** (page 391) and **Log type**.
- Under **API to log**, enter:
  - Language**
  - API:** Use the structure `<class_name>.<method_name>(<argument_types>)`. For example:
 

```
public boolean com.acme.Authenticator.authenticate(String user, \
String password)
```
  - Format:** Enter the log description, including relevant data from the function call. You can include any of the following placeholders in your message:
    - `{{O}}`: Print the string representation of the object on which this call is made. If the method is static, this may be null or empty.
    - `{{Pn}}`: Print the given parameter at index n. Note that n starts at 1.
    - `{{P1}}`: Print the first parameter into the message.
    - `{{R}}`: Print the return value of the function.
- Select **Add** to save the rule.

## Application exclusions

Exclusions are used to suppress events. You might want to suppress events if you are using an external security control outside of the scope of Contrast's agent instrumentation. For example:

- As an administrator, you need to change the HTML that shows up on your web page, even though this qualifies as a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability. In this case, you can create an exclusion that prevents these changes from being reported.
- You use an edge device to place the correct headers on outbound HTTP responses to stop clickjacking attacks. However, the issue might be appropriately reported because the application never provided the required protection.
- When you test beta rules, you can use exclusions to suppress false positives.

If you are using Java, Node.js or .NET agents, you can [add an application exclusion \(page 324\)](#) under policy management, or from the list of attack events.

You can view a list of existing exclusions either at **Applications > Your application name > Policy > Exclusions** or in the **user menu > Policy management > Application exclusions**.

## Add application exclusions

Java, .NET Framework, .NET Core and Node.js agents let you use an [application exclusion \(page 324\)](#) to exclude certain applications, or parts of them, from security analysis.

To create application exclusions:

1. Log in as an Administrator or RulesAdmin.
2. Select **Applications** in the header and select the name of your application to open it. Select the **Policy** tab, then **Exclusions**.



### NOTE

Exclusions only apply to the application for which they were created.

3. Select **Add Exclusion**.
4. In the window that appears, enter a **Name** for this exclusion (something you'll remember easily).
5. Enter the **Exclusion type**. Input and URL-based exclusion definitions accept Perl Compatible Regular Expressions (PCRE). You can use these [regex examples \(page 326\)](#) to guide you. There are three options:
  - **Code:** Enter the method signatures you want to be suppressed. For example, if you have a method called `doLegacySecurity()` inside a class called `com.Acme.OldSecurity` that is being reported for using insecure cryptographic algorithms, you can ignore it by entering:

```
Com.Acme.OldSecurity.DoLegacySecurity
```

Be sure to include the entire method signature without a trailing parameter definition or any other extra characters. Contrast matches this method signature against the stack trace for any vulnerabilities found. Contrast suppresses any method signatures containing a match.



### NOTE

The Node.js agent does not support code exclusions.

- **Input:** Enter an input type and an input name. Any findings using this input will be suppressed.
- For **Parameter**, **Header** and **Cookie**: You must specify the name of the particular input for which you wish to suppress findings. You can use wildcard `*` to suppress all findings from the selected input type.

- **QueryString** and **Body**: These will suppress findings from the entire QueryString and Body, respectively. The QueryString and Body may only be excluded in conjunction with the URL exclusion pattern defined below.

For the input type, you must also choose how to apply URLs:

- **All URLs**: Findings using the specified input type and name will be suppressed regardless of where they've come from.

This table includes example input regular expressions:

Type	Desired effect	Regular expression	Example
Cookie	Exclude cookies names starting with a value	<code>^App</code>	Excludes all cookie names starting with <code>App</code>
Parameter	Exclude parameter names ending with a value	<code>testing\$</code>	Excludes all parameter names ending with <code>testing</code>
Header	Exclude explicitly named header	<code>ignore</code>	Excludes the header <code>ignore</code> only

- **These URLs**: Specify a set of paths to which to apply the exclusion. This option allows regex.



### TIP

Slash followed by wildcard is an acceptable substitute for listing all URLs. `/ *`

- **URL**: Designate URLs that should be ignored by certain rules. List the URL paths to be excluded, one per line.



### IMPORTANT

Do not include protocol schemes (`http://` or `https://`) or hostnames; only use path names.

For .NET framework and .NET core, use the `.` and the `*` to build PCREs. For example:

Desired effect	Regular expression	Example
Exclude all subpaths	<code>/myapp/*</code>	Excludes all paths with the initial URL of <code>/myapp/</code>
Exclude one subpath explicitly	<code>^/myapp/thispath\$</code>	Excludes only <code>/myapp/thispath</code>
Exclude path ending	<code>.*ignore\$</code>	Excludes all path ending in <code>ignore</code>
Exclude paths containing	<code>.*value*</code>	Excludes all paths containing <code>value</code>
Exclude paths containing digits	<code>/myapp/\d+</code>	Excludes all paths like <code>/myapp/1234</code>
Exclude paths containing non-digits	<code>/myapp/\D+</code>	Excludes all paths like <code>/myapp/word</code>

The Java agent will not recognize `.` `*` wildcards. Use `*` instead.

- Under **Applicable rules**, specify the scope of rules affected by the exclusion. All rules is the default, or you can click in the box to add other options:
  - **All rules** applies the exclusion to all vulnerabilities found in both Assess and Protect mode.
  - **All Assess rules** applies to all vulnerabilities found when Assess is enabled.
  - **All Protect rules** applies to all attack events when Protect is enabled.
  - Select one or more Protect or Assess rules to apply the exclusion to specific rules.

Select individual Assess or Protect rules to further narrow the focus. Exclusions are only applied to vulnerabilities found by the selected rules.
- Select the box next to **Suppress all events that match this exclusion** if you want Contrast to suppress historical events that have already been reported.
- Select **Save**. The exclusion will be added to the list of exclusions. Any inputs that match the criteria you entered won't be processed with the rules you've applied. You can view this list either at **Applications > Your application name > Policy > Exclusions** or in the **user menu > Policy**

**management > Application exclusions.** From the list, you can use the toggles to enable or disable the exclusion for Assess or Protect.



### TIP

You can also create a new exclusion from an existing attack event. When viewing the list of attack events, **Attacks > Attack events**, select the triangle in the far right column, then select **Add exclusion**. Selecting this button pre-populates the exclusion fields based on the details of this specific event.

Once created, this exclusion is visible in the list of exclusions.

## Regular expression reference for application exclusions

Use this table, and the examples below, for reference when [adding application exclusions \(page 324\)](#).

Effect	Pattern	Example pattern	Example match
Start of a string	<code>^</code>	<code>^w+</code>	Start of a string
End of a string	<code>\$</code>	<code>w+\$</code>	End of a string
A single character of: a, b or c	<code>[abc]</code>	<code>[abc]+</code>	a bb ccc
A character except: a, b or c	<code>[^abc]</code>	<code>[^abc]+</code>	Anythingbutabc.
A character in the range: a-z	<code>[a-z]</code>	<code>[a-z]+</code>	Only a-z
A character not in the range: a-z	<code>[^a-z]</code>	<code>[^a-z]+</code>	Anythingbuta-z.
A character in the range of: a-z or A-Z	<code>[a-zA-Z]</code>	<code>[a-zA-Z]+</code>	abc123DEF
Any single character	<code>.</code>	<code>.+</code>	a b c
Any whitespace character	<code>\s</code>	<code>\s</code>	anywhitespacecharacter
Any non-whitespace character	<code>\S</code>	<code>\S+</code>	any non-whitespace
Any digit	<code>\d</code>	<code>\d</code>	not 1 not 2
Any non-digit	<code>\D</code>	<code>\D+</code>	not 1 not 2
Matches either a or b	<code>(a b)</code>	<code>(a b)</code>	beach
Zero or one of a	<code>a?</code>	<code>ba?</code>	ba b a
Zero or more of a	<code>a*</code>	<code>ba*</code>	a ba baa aaa ba b
One or more of a	<code>a+</code>	<code>a+</code>	a aa aaa aaaa bab baab
Exactly 3 of a	<code>a{3}</code>	<code>a{3}</code>	a aa aaa aaaa
3 or more of a	<code>a{3,}</code>	<code>a{3,}</code>	a aa aaa aaaa aaaaaa
Between 3 and 6 of a	<code>a{3,6}</code>	<code>a{3,6}</code>	a aa aaa aaaa aaaaaa aaaa

## Set compliance policy

You can define compliance policies for application compliance within your organization. If any designated applications violate this policy, Contrast marks them so you can quickly find them and fix them. (Administrators are also notified of violations by email.)

To set compliance policy:

1. Under [policy management \(page 308\)](#), select **Compliance policy**.
2. You will see a list of existing compliance policies if there are any. You can enable or disable policies using the toggles, or delete them with the **Delete** icon.
3. Select the name of any policy to edit, or select **Add policy** at the top of the grid to create a new compliance policy.
4. In the panel that opens enter:
  - **Name:** Choose a name for the policy.

- **Policy criteria:** The default is **All rules**, or you can type ahead and select vulnerabilities by severity level(s), security standards or Assess rules.
- **Applications:** The default is All applications or you can type ahead and select applications by level(s) of importance and/or individual name.

5. Select **Add** or **Save**.



#### NOTE

For default policies, the **Name** and **Policy criteria** fields are locked, and you cannot delete them. However, you can modify application selections for default policies.



#### TIP

Enabled policies can be used to filter applications by compliance policy. To do this select Applications. In the Applications page, click the Advanced link to filter application by Compliance Policy.



#### NOTE

If an applicable vulnerability isn't remediated, or applicable Security Standards and Assess Rules are being violated, Contrast flags the corresponding applications in the Applications page. Hover over the warning icon in the Applications grid or go to the application's details page for a link to the violated policy.

## Deny or allow IP addresses

Manage IP policy in your organization with denylists, allowlists (trusted hosts) and source names. Organization Administrators and RulesAdmins can go to **User menu > Policy Management > IP Management** to create and manage your preferences.

- **IP denylists:** Set rules to block IP addresses. This is appropriate for immediate triage until you can put a more permanent Protect policy in place or conduct an investigation.
- **IP allowlists:** Mark trusted hosts conducting internal vulnerability scans as safe. Keep Contrast free from non-attack data. Allowing an IP disables the Protect features of Contrast for this IP (or range), including blocking and reporting. Assess features remain unaffected, and continue to function as normal. Data for allowlisted IP addresses does not appear in Contrast.
- **Source names:** (page 327) Label attack events caused by known sources, such as pen testers, based on one or more IP addresses or subnet masks. When you view attacks in the **Attacks > Monitor** and **Attack Details** pages, Contrast displays the source name instead of the attacker's IP information. This allows you to quickly identify and differentiate expected events from attack events that need your attention.

## Manage source names

Use source names to quickly identify non-threatening, internal traffic and testing, while monitoring attack events in your organization.

You can label one or more IP addresses and subnet masks with a source name of your choice. When the source name is saved, you can see the name (rather than user IP information) by selecting **Attacks**

> **Monitor** or looking on the **Attacks details** page. This can make it easier to identify the named attacker as a known source when assessing attack events.

To create source names:

1. Go to the **user menu > Policy management > IP management > Source names**.
2. Select **Add source name**.
3. Enter the **Name** you want to use to identify one or more IP addresses.
4. Add the **IP address/Subnet mask** to identify with this source name. Use the link to **Add** more IP addresses or subnet masks to the group, if necessary.
5. Use the drop-down menus to select the **Start** and **End** dates and times for the source name. You may choose to create a custom time span that starts on a past date; in this case, the source name applies retroactively to any attack events.
6. Once the fields are completed, select **Add** to save the source name.  
Once a source name is added in your organization, the source name appears for attacks that match the criteria on the **Monitor** and **Attack** details pages. This will help you [monitor attacks \(page 250\)](#).  
If the data reported for an attack event matches more than one source name, Contrast applies the name that you updated most recently.
7. To edit a source name later, select the source name. In the **Edit source name** form that opens, make changes and select **Save**.
8. To delete a source name, either select the **Delete** icon in the **Source names grid**, or below the **Edit source names** form. Once the name is deleted, all references to the name are replaced with the IP information.

## Set library policy



### IMPORTANT

License policy is available to OSS customers only. Contact your Organization Administrator to enable OSS.

Contrast can flag libraries that don't meet your organization's criteria to ensure your applications are secure.

If a library is restricted or used in an application that's below a specific version, it's marked as a policy violation by Contrast. You can also tell Contrast to automatically grade any library that violates the policy with the letter "F" to flag it in the Contrast interface. (Administrators are notified of violations in both the product and by email.)

To set a library policy:

1. In the user menu, select **Policy Management > Library Policy**.
2. Check the box to **Restrict libraries** and choose which libraries you want to exclude from your portfolio. You can select multiple.
3. Check the box to **Enable version requirements** and choose one or multiple libraries that must be within your given number of versions.
4. Click the **Add another requirement** link to create version requirements for additional library groupings.
5. Check the **Restrict licenses** box to set a policy on open-source licenses that you want to restrict. If an open-source license is restricted, then any libraries that use the restricted license will be marked as a policy violation.



The license policy lists open-source licenses in SPDX format, listed by short identifier and followed by the full name. Any license type that you want to restrict must be selected. Contrast includes any 'or later' licenses it identifies in your portfolio. For example, if you restrict by GPL-3.0-only, any licenses that are GPL-3.0-or-later will be included in that restriction.

6. Check the box next to **Fail libraries in violation of policy**, to automatically assign a failing score to any library that violates a set policy.

If a library fails to comply with a set policy, the name, a warning icon and the library score are highlighted in red in the **Libraries** page. Hover over the icon or go to the library's **Overview** page for more information about the violation.

If you choose to automatically fail libraries, Organization Administrators will be notified when [adjusting score settings \(page 342\)](#).

## Sensitive data masking

Sensitive data masking limits risk to your organization and helps meet compliance requirements.

Data masking protects sensitive data in your applications by redacting it in vulnerability and attack reports that are sent to Contrast, syslog or security log.

Contrast offers several categories of sensitive data, or data types, that are comprised of specific keywords that the agent automatically identifies and redacts in reports. A user with at least RulesAdmin permissions can [manage sensitive data \(page 330\)](#).

Contrast agents mask sensitive data in query parameters, request headers, cookies and body. Your agent identifies sensitive data by searching for specific keywords used in the input name. If the agent finds a match, it redacts the value for that input, and replaces it with a placeholder with the format `contrast-redacted-{datatype}`, where `datatype` is the category of sensitive data to which the keyword belongs.

Contrast agents do **not** mask individual fields in request bodies with a content type other than `application/x-www-form-urlencoded`; however, you can configure the agent to mask the entire request body. Contrast agents also do not mask data that appears in the data flow portion of a vulnerability report, if using Assess, or in the vector of an attack event, if using Protect.



### NOTE

Contrast agents make a "best effort" attempt to avoid printing sensitive data in Contrast log statements; however, it's possible that sensitive data could appear in the Contrast log, if the log level is set to DEBUG or lower. Whenever possible, you should avoid setting production systems to log at DEBUG or lower. If a system that deals with sensitive data is set to log at DEBUG or lower, you should take steps to ensure that those logs are not being sent to an external system to avoid leaking any sensitive data.

For example, this HTTP request sent by an agent as part of a vulnerability report shows two inputs that the agent identified as sensitive, as well as the placeholders it used to mask the values of the input before sending the report to Contrast, syslog server or security log.

```
PUT /employee/5 HTTP/1.1
Host: yourdomain.com
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 30
apikey: contrast-redacted-authentication-info
ssn=contrast-redacted-government-id&department=sales
```

In this case, the header value is masked because "apikey" matches a keyword in the "Authentication Info" data type, and the form parameter is redacted because "ssn" matches a keyword in the "Government ID" data type for your Contrast organization. (Keyword matches are case insensitive.)

## Manage sensitive data types

[Sensitive data masking \(page 329\)](#) limits risk to your organization and helps meet compliance requirements.

1. Under policy management, select **Sensitive data**.
2. Here you can see an alphabetical list of sensitive data types. Use the search field to find a particular type by name or keyword.
3. Check the box next to **Mask entire body** to enable redaction of the entire HTTP request body. This will apply to all applications in your organization.
4. Critical data types and keywords determined by Contrast apply to all applications in your organization by default, and can't be edited or disabled. For data types that Contrast has not determined to be critical, you may use the toggle in the grid to enable or disable them for the organization.
5. Click on the name of the data type in the grid to add custom keywords. In the **Edit sensitive data type** form, select **Add custom keywords** to add more keywords and specify the applications to which they apply. **Default keywords** aren't editable, and apply to all applications.
6. Select **Save**.

## Add and edit notifications as a RulesAdmin

Notification defaults are set by an Organization Administrator, but as a RulesAdmin you can enable or disable existing notifications or create new ones.

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Notifications**.
2. Use the toggles to enable or disable existing notifications.
3. To create a new notification, select **Create notification**.
4. In the window that appears, enter:
  - Name
  - Frequency
  - Description
  - Applications
  - Application tags
  - Users
5. Select **Save**.

## Organization administration

If you have Organization Administrator permissions you can do everything a [RulesAdmin \(page 308\)](#) or [Editor \(page 189\)](#) can do, plus, at an organization level you can:

- [Configure organization settings \(page 333\)](#)
- [Enable Assess \(page 331\)](#)
- [Enable Protect \(page 332\)](#)



## NOTE

Organization Administrators have the highest organization level permissions. Other [organization roles \(page 388\)](#) also have capabilities that span across their organization.

If [configured at a system level \(page 361\)](#), users can fill the Organization Administrator role across multiple organizations.

## Enable Assess

To enable Assess:

1. Log in to Contrast as an Organization or Application Administrator.
2. Select **Servers** in the header.
3. Either scroll or use the search at the top of the page to find the server(s) you want to analyze. Turn the Assess toggle on (green). There are three ways to do this:
  - Select the toggle in the Assess column of the list of servers.
  - Select the server name to view information about that Server, and use the toggle there.
  - Under organization settings, select **Server** and use the Assess toggle there.
4. Enabling Assess requires an Assess (application) license. To license an application, select **Applications** in the header. Select **Unlicensed** next to the application name and you'll be prompted to apply a license.



## NOTE

Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), with Organization selected in the left navigation, Organization Administrators can select the box next to **Automatically apply licenses to new applications** so this doesn't have to be done manually for every application.

5. [Restart the Contrast application \(page 349\)](#) for the Contrast agent to properly instrument your application with Assess capabilities. Once that's complete, Contrast begins to receive vulnerability analytics. The application no longer has **Unlicensed** next to it, which means there is an Assess license assigned to it.



## NOTE

Although you can see the types of vulnerabilities that Contrast discovers without an Assess license, you won't be able to retrieve any details unless you have a license.

## Enable Protect



### IMPORTANT

- Organization Administrators must have Protect enabled before they can enable Protect for other users. A SuperAdmin can enable Protect for Organization Administrators.
- Organization Administrators and RulesAdmins can automatically [apply Protect licenses for all new servers \(page 334\)](#).
- On-premises customers: SuperAdmin, ServerAdmin or System Administrator roles can enable Protect for an entire organization, as well as [set up who can access Protect data \(page 363\)](#).
- To use Protect for applications, ensure they are instrumented and the servers hosting them have a Protect license.

To enable Protect:

1. Log in to Contrast.
2. **Organization Administrators:** Ensure users can enable Protect. Use the following procedure to do this:
  - a. In the user menu, select **Organization Settings**.
  - b. In the left navigation, select **Users**.
  - c. For each user who needs to enable Protect for other users, turn on the Protect toggle (green).
  - d. To have the new setting take effect, tell users to log out of Contrast and log in again.
3. Select **Servers** in the header.
4. Either scroll or select the search icon at the top of the page to find the servers for which you want to enable Protect.  
Turn the toggle on (green) to enable Protect. Use any of the following methods to enable Protect:
  - Select the toggle in the **Protect** column of the list of servers.
  - Select the server name to view information about that Server, and use the toggle there.
  - Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Server** and use the Protect toggle there.
5. If your application isn't licensed, follow the prompts to apply a license.
6. Restart your application to have Protect take effect. Once that's complete, Contrast starts monitoring and blocking attacks.
7. To verify that Protect is enabled for all applications on a specific server, in the Servers tab, select the server and then select **Overview**.



### NOTE

A server can show it has Protect enabled, while an individual application that it hosts might have been manually configured to not be instrumented for Protect and is not covered.

If Protect is not enabled for one or more applications, a warning icon displays next to the Protect toggle. The Statistics section contains a list of application that the selected server is hosting. If one or more of the applications does not have Protect enabled, a warning icon displays next to the application.

8. To determine if Protect is enabled for a selected application on all servers that are hosting it, use the following procedure:

- a. Select **Applications** in the header.
- b. Select an application.
- c. In the Overview tab, find the Protect label.  
The number of hosting servers where Protect is enabled for the application displays as **n** of **n** (for example 1 of 2).
- d. To determine whether Protect is enabled for the application on a specific server, click the **Protect** status indicator. If Protect is not enabled for the application on a specific server, a warning icon displays next to the application name.  
To enable Protect for the application, update the application configuration files, [instrument an application \(page 27\)](#), and then [restart it \(page 349\)](#).

## Configure organization settings

If you have Organization Administrator permissions you can configure settings for your organization(s):

1. Log in to Contrast as Organization Administrator.
2. If you have multiple organizations, select the name of the organization you want to configure in the **user menu**.
3. Select **Organization settings** in the **user menu**. Here you can access settings for your:
  - Organization ([general information \(page 333\)](#), [license \(page 334\)](#), [diagnostics \(page 336\)](#))
  - [Users, groups and permissions \(page 334\)](#)
  - Security ([passwords \(page 336\)](#), [two-step authentication \(page 337\)](#), [IP range \(page 337\)](#), [email domain restrictions \(page 336\)](#))
  - API (view organization and agent keys)
  - [Single sign-on \(SSO\) \(page 337\)](#)
  - [Integrations \(page 258\)](#)
  - [Servers \(page 338\)](#)
  - [Applications \(page 339\)](#)
  - [Notifications \(page 340\)](#)
  - [Reports \(page 342\)](#)
  - [Scores \(page 342\)](#)

## Configure general organization information

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Organization** in the left navigation.
2. In the top right corner you can see the UUID for this organization. (This is helpful in [bulk adding users \(page 359\)](#).)
3. This panel also shows general information about the organization like:
  - Organization name
  - Default time and date formats for the organization
  - Default language settings for the organization such as Japanese (if enabled by a superadmin), English, or Spanish



### NOTE

Individual user settings override most general organization settings (time and date formats, for example) with the exception of language settings. User language settings override organization language settings for things specific to the user, such as user notifications or emails. However, user language settings will not override organization language settings for things specific to the organization, such as organization-level notifications.

4. Select **Edit** to change any of the information on this panel.
5. Make changes and select **Save**.

## Allocate licenses for organizations and applications



### NOTE

For on-premises customers, licenses can be [managed at a system level \(page 365\)](#).

For an overview of license usage within the organization:

- Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#) for your organization, with **Organizations** selected in the left navigation, under **Licensing** you can see the number of:
  - Available and used Assess (application) licenses, as well as how many applications are unlicensed.
  - Available and used Protect (server) licenses as well as how many servers are unlicensed.
- If [allowed at a system level \(page 365\)](#), you can also choose to automatically apply licenses to new applications or servers. For Protect, you can also choose the environments for which this applies.

To view, apply and remove Assess (application) and Protect (server) licenses:

- Log in to Contrast as an Organization Administrator, and be sure your organization is selected in the **user menu**.
- Select **Applications** or **Servers** in the header.
- Applications or servers that are not licensed will show **Unlicensed** after their name. Select **Unlicensed** to apply a license.



### NOTE

If your organization has consumed all allocated licenses, hosted customers will be asked to [contact Support](#). On-premises customers can contact the SuperAdmin to [make more licenses available at a system level \(page 365\)](#). To return a license to the pool of available licenses for the organization, you must remove it from a server or application.

- To remove licenses from an individual server, click the caret in the grid row and choose **Remove Protect License** from the row action drop-down menu. To remove Protect licenses from multiple servers, select the checkboxes in the appropriate grid rows, click the badge icon in the batch action menu above the grid, and choose Remove Protect License from the menu. Click the **Remove** button in the confirmation window.  
All licenses that you remove immediately return to the pool of available licenses for the organization.

## Manage users, groups and permissions at an organization level

If [allowed at a system level \(page 358\)](#), an Organization Administrator can manage user permissions for the organization by:

- [Adding a user or editing user settings \(page 334\)](#)
- Managing organization permissions with [access groups \(page 335\)](#)

### Add or edit a user at an organization level

If you add users within an organization, you can assign them to access groups for the applications within that organization. For most Contrast installations, the [default \(page 358\)](#) is to set roles and permissions at an organization level, however if you have users who need to access multiple organizations, [add those users at a system level \(page 358\)](#).

To add users:

1. Log in to Contrast with Organization Administrator permissions.
2. Select **Organization settings** in the **user menu**.
3. Select **Users** in the left navigation.
4. Select a user name from the list of users to edit their entry, or select **Add user** to add a new user.
5. For each user you can enter:
  - **Organization role:** Select one of the default [organization roles \(page 388\)](#) that apply to all applications in this organization or [create a custom access group \(page 335\)](#).
  - **Application access groups:** Select one of the default [application roles \(page 387\)](#) that apply to all applications in this organization or create a custom access group to grant specific permissions to certain applications.
  - **Access permissions:** You can allow users access to the API, to the Contrast web interface and to Protect data. (Protect permissions can also [be granted at a system level \(page 363\)](#).)



#### TIP

If you assign someone an administrator role, be sure to grant them both API and Contrast web interface access.

6. Select **Add** or **Save**.

### Add, edit or delete an organization access group

Use organization access groups to assign users permissions and capabilities by [role \(page 387\)](#). To add an organization access group:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Groups**.
2. Select an existing group to edit, or select **Add group** to create a new group.



#### TIP

To find groups you can use the quick filter drop-down menu or the search field in the top left, or use the up/down arrows at the top of each column to sort.

The default groups provided by Contrast, indicated with a lock icon, have fixed applications and roles, and can't be deleted. You can only add or remove users from these default groups.

3. Fill out the form with:
  - **Group name:** Choose something that reflects the purpose, permissions and capabilities you will assign to this group.
  - **Application access:** Select the application name here to associate this group with the application. You can also set a group name when you are setting up a new application.
  - **Role:** Select the application role you want the members of this group to have within the corresponding application.
  - Select **Add access** to add more applications and roles.
4. Next to **Members**, on the right, type ahead to select one or more users to assign to the group.
5. When you are finished, select **Add** to create the new group.
6. To delete a group, select **User menu > Organization settings > Groups**. Find the group you want to delete and select the Delete icon in that row.  
Once this is confirmed, the group is removed and any access provided by that group is revoked from all users assigned to the group.





### TIP

To assign a user a role for all applications in the organization, assign them both an organization role and an application role from the default role groups. (For example, set both the organization and application roles to "Administrator" and they will have administrator permissions for all applications in your organization.)

To give a user access to a particular application, create an access group for that application and add the user to that group. Users not assigned to any application access groups won't have access. A user can have various roles across applications within a single organization.

Most Contrast customers use single organization deployments. Groups created at an organization level impact the roles and permissions across that particular organization. Organization access groups can also be created [at a system level \(page 361\)](#) to allow users access to more than one organization

## Manage usage analytics

Contrast collects usage data to understand how to build a better product. Confidential customer data is not tracked, and all user data is anonymized for analytics performed on aggregate information.

As an Organization Administrator, you can enable or disable usage data collection for the organization:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Organization**.
2. Under **General settings**, use the toggle to disable or enable **Product usage analytics**. It is enabled by default.

Diagnostics are also [managed at a system level \(page 364\)](#).

## Set a password policy at an organization level

As long as it is [allowed at a system level \(page 365\)](#), as an Organization Administrator, you can regulate passwords within your organization by creating a password policy.

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Security**.
2. Enter the following settings for your policy:
  - Password Strength: This can be **Weak**, **Medium**, **Strong**, **Complex** or **Custom**. If you choose **Custom**, enter the minimum required number of **Uppercase letters**, **Lowercase letters**, **Numbers** and **Symbols**.
  - Enter the number of characters required in the **Minimum length** field.
  - Use the drop-down menu to choose the length of time allowed before **Password expiration**.
  - Enter the number of login attempts allowed before **Login logout**.
  - Choose the length of time allowed before **Inactive account expiration**.
  - Check the box to **Restrict password reuse**, and use the drop-down menu to choose the number of times each password may be reused.
  - Check the box to **Restrict password reset**, and use the drop-down menu to choose the number of days during which a user can reset their password after their reset request is sent.
  - Use the drop-down menus to select the amount of time that may pass before **Idle timeout** and **Session timeout**.
3. Select **Save**.

## Restrict email domains

Restrict which email address domains can receive Contrast information.



1. Under organization settings, select **Security**.
2. Under **Email domains**, enter comma delimited email domain names that should be allowed to receive information from Contrast. For example, `yourbusiness.com`.
3. Select **Save**.

## Set IP range

Restrict which IP addresses can access your Contrast account. This affects both browser and API access.

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Security**.
2. Enter the IP address for which you want to allow access. Select **Add IP address** to enter additional addresses. You can also specify a range of IP addresses by using Classless Inter Domain Routing (CIDR) notation `10.0.0.0/24`.
3. Select **Save**.

## Enable two-step authentication at an organization level

To enable or disable two-step authentication:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Security** in the left navigation.
2. Turn the toggle on (green) to enable two-step authentication.
3. Two-step verification is enabled and users can [choose how they want to receive two-step authentication notices. \(page 190\)](#)



### NOTE

For on-premises customers, this must be [allowed at a system level \(page 366\)](#).

If a user belongs to multiple organizations, their default organization determines their two-step authentication settings.

## Configure single sign-on (SSO) at an organization level

For on-premises customers, single sign-on can be [configured at a system level](#). For hosted customers, Contrast Security configures authentication; however, an Organization Administrator may be granted permissions to set up SSO for their organization.



### NOTE

If users are identified with a user ID rather than an email address, those accounts don't automatically transfer over to the SSO configuration and must be recreated.

1. Under organization settings, select **Single-sign-on** and click the link to **Get started**.
2. You may receive a warning window regarding the implications of changing authentication. Please read it carefully before proceeding.
3. Use the provided information to set up Contrast with your IdP.
4. Provide a name for your IdP as well as the associated metadata to connect to Contrast.
5. If you want to automatically create new user accounts when someone make a SAML request to log in to Contrast, check the box to **Enable user provisioning**.

- Use the drop-down menus to choose the **Default organization role** and **Default application access group** for the new users.
  - Add the **Accepted domains** that must be used to trigger user provisioning (for example, contrastsecurity.com)
6. Click **Test connection** button to test the configuration. If an error occurs, Contrast provides a debug log for troubleshooting. (This test only validates the metadata and Contrast's ability to connect to the IdP.)
  7. Once the test is successful, select **Save**.
  8. Open a **new** browser window, private browsing session or incognito window, and attempt the SSO login with your account. If you're unsuccessful, go back to the browser in which you're still logged in, disable SSO for the organization and then .

## Set server defaults at an organization level

Server settings provide default configurations to new servers (and their agents) are brought on board. Organization administrators can customize these configurations and set specific defaults for each environment.

To set server defaults:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Servers**.
2. Use the drop-down menu to choose the environment in which you want to apply the default (development, test or production). Check the box next to **Set as default environment** if you want to specify a default environment for future server configuration.
3. Use the drop-down menu to choose the **Log Level**. The default [log level \(page 368\)](#) selection is **ERROR**.
4. Under **Automatic server cleanup**, enter the length of time that you would like servers to be offline before they are automatically cleaned up.  
A background task runs every five minutes to check if there is an organization with automatic server cleanup enabled.  
If it is enabled, and there are one or more servers with no activity received within the configured timeframe, the servers are automatically disabled and no longer visible under **Servers**.  
Information on vulnerabilities and attacks related to these servers is still maintained even after they're disabled. Protect licenses from disabled servers will return to the pool of licenses.
5. Under **Assess**, select which stacktraces should be captured (all, some or none).
6. Select the check box to **Enable sampling for higher performance**. With sampling, Contrast selectively analyzes requests in order to avoid repeat analysis. Configure the following settings:
  - **Baseline**: The number of times that Contrast analyzes URLs to complete sampling. The default setting is **5**.
  - **Frequency**: The number of times that Contrast analyzes URLs after the Baseline is achieved. The default setting is **10**.
  - **Window**: The number of seconds that Contrast retains samples before reverting to the Baseline. The default setting is **180**.
7. Under **Protect**, use the green toggle to enable Protect.



### IMPORTANT

Turning Protect on by default requires that Protect licenses are automatically applied to servers.

Administrators receive emails each time a server is licensed. As servers go up and down frequently, you may want to setup an email filter for any unwanted traffic.

8. Select the check box to **Enable bot blocking**. Bot blocking blocks traffic from scrapers, attack tools and other unwanted automation.  
To view blocked bot activity, under **Attacks > Attack Events**, use the **Automated** filter option.



## NOTE

You can configure bot blocking in the [YAML files](#) (page 29) or Java, .NET Framework, .NET Core, Ruby, and Python.

9. Select the checkbox to **Enable output of Protect events to syslog**.
10. Enter the **IP Address** and **Port** in the given fields. Use the drop-down menu to choose the **Facility**.
11. Click on the event severity badges, and use the drop-down menu to choose a message **Severity** level for each one. The defaults are:
  - **1 - Alert** for Exploited
  - **4 - Warning** for Blocked
  - **5 - Notice** for Probe
12. If [allowed at a system level](#), (page 365) you can check the box to **Automatically apply licenses to new servers** for Protect.

## Set application defaults at an organization level

To choose default settings for applications at an organization level:

1. Under [organization settings](#) (page 333), select **Applications**.
2. Use the drop-down menu to choose an **Importance** level for applications. Your options are "Critical, High, Medium, Low, Unimportant". The default selection is "Medium".
3. Under **Policy**, click to select which remediation and [compliance policies](#) (page 326) you would like to automatically apply to applications. (You can still add applications to policies that aren't included in your default settings later.)
4. Check the box next to **Automatically apply licenses to new applications** for licenses to be applied automatically. A status bar shows you how many licenses have been used out of the total number available. Click through to understand the breakdown of your organization's licenses.
5. Use the **Custom Fields** section to [configure custom metadata](#) (page 339) that should be provided for each of the applications in your organization.
6. Select **Save**.

## Create custom fields to request application metadata

You can configure requests for custom metadata that is collected whenever you add a new application to Contrast.

When you [instrument a application](#) (page 27), users are prompted to enter metadata for the fields you create, and add the information in their configuration files. The metadata is then displayed in the **Applications** page grid, where you can also use it to filter applications, and the application's **Details** page in Contrast.



## NOTE

The following agent versions support custom metadata fields:

- Java 3.5.6.591 and later
- .NET 18.10.35 and later
- Node 1.35.0
- Python 1.2.0
- Ruby 2.0.8

To create custom fields:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Applications**.
2. Under Custom fields, for each field enter:
  - **Field type:** "Freeform", "Numeric" or "Point of contact". The type of field may determine the type of validation.
  - **Name:** Enter a label for this field.
  - **Value condition:** Use the checkbox to indicate whether the metadata value provided should be **Required** or **Unique**.
3. Select **Add field** to complete as many rows as you need.
4. As you provide information for each field, you will see the formatted property that you can copy and paste into your agent configuration files. You must do this for each key=value pair.
5. If you would like to fail applications that don't include all required fields, check the box to **Restrict applications missing required fields**. This may apply to new or new and existing applications in the organization.  
 If you choose not to restrict applications, any application missing a required field will be successfully added but flagged in Contrast. Contrast will also send an email alert to the designated point of contact, if provided.

## Manage notifications at an organization level

Notifications alert users in specific situations, such as the discovery of a vulnerability or an attack on an application. Organization Administrators can [set default settings \(page 341\)](#) for Contrast notifications for all users in their organization. Individual users can [choose how they want to receive these notifications \(page 192\)](#).

There are two primary channels available for notifications:

- **In Contrast:** Notifications are available directly in the Contrast application. Select the **Notification** icon in the top right header to view your notifications.
- **Email:** A System Administrator can [configure Contrast \(page 366\)](#) to communicate with an appropriate SMTP system to receive notifications by email.



### NOTE

For some features that require user notifications, Contrast automatically notifies the affected users when a Contrast administrator enables the feature. (You can't control these notifications in the **Notifications** page.) Contrast requires user and administrator notifications for features including [vulnerability status approval \(page 343\)](#) and other **Policy Management** settings.

## Set administrative notifications

Administrators automatically receive the following notifications for high-level events in their organization in the Contrast application and by email.

- **Application licensed:** A new application was [licensed \(page 334\)](#) in Contrast.
- **Application license expiring:** The license for an active application is expiring. (Contrast sends this notification two months, one month and one week prior to the expiration date).
- **Licenses expiring:** Existing license(s) with no associated applications is expiring. (Contrast sends this notification two months, one month and one week prior to the expiration date).
- **Remediation policy violation:** A vulnerability is in violation of an existing [remediation policy \(page 311\)](#).
- **Library policy violation:** A library is in violation of an existing [library policy \(page 328\)](#).
- **Compliance policy violation:** An application is in violation of an existing [compliance policy \(page 326\)](#).

Administrator and RulesAdmin users at the application and the organization level must receive policy violation notifications. You can [manage your notifications \(page 192\)](#) to minimize the number of notifications or consolidate them into a single email.

You can also receive notifications soliciting approval when a user requests to close certain vulnerabilities. This must be [configured \(page 343\)](#) by an Organization Administrator.

### Set default user notifications

As an Organization Administrator, you can define default notification settings for all users in your organization both for integrations and for email and in-app notifications in Contrast. Individual users can [choose how they receive those notifications \(page 192\)](#).

To configure default notification settings for an organization:

1. Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Notifications**.
2. Use the toggles to enable or disable the subscriptions listed on the left:
  - **Active attack:** There is an active attack on an application with Protect enabled.
  - **New vulnerability:** Contrast has detected a new vulnerability. Click in the field to enable notifications for specific severity levels or "Library"; the default selection is "All".
  - **Server offline:** Contrast can't reach a server.
  - **New comment:** A team member commented on a finding.
  - **New asset:** A new asset to which the user has access has been onboarded. Click in the field to set this notification for "Application" or "Server"; the default selection is "All".
  - **Email digest:** A daily summary of Contrast activities. (Email only)



#### NOTE

To enable subscriptions for a particular integration, select **Add integration** to add an integration, or select an existing integration from the drop-down menu at the top of the Integrations column.

### Create custom notifications

As an Organization Administrator, you can set notification defaults, or create custom notifications.

To create a custom notification:

Select **Organization settings > Notifications > Create notification** at the top of the **Custom notifications** list. In the window that appears, fill out the following form fields.

1. Use the radio buttons to choose **Vulnerability** or **Attack**.
2. Choose a **Name** for the notification.
3. Use the dropdown to set the notification **Interval** as **Daily**, **Weekly**, or **On Event**.
4. Enter a **Description** for the notification's purpose.
5. Click in the multiselect field to choose the **Applications** for which this notification applies.
6. Choose the **Application Tags** for which this notification applies.
7. Choose which organization **Users** should receive the notifications.
8. Use the dropdowns to choose your **Conditions**.

Click the **Add Condition** link to add a row.

Contrast supports these conditions for custom notifications:

Notification types	Condition	Description
Category	Is or Is Not	Categories are high-level groupings of rule types such as Authentication, Injection, Cryptography, etc. There are 11 categories within Contrast rule types.

Notification types	Condition	Description
Impact	Is, Is Lower Than, Is Higher Than	Impact is measured in High, Medium and Low ratings based on how a rule type affects a given organization. Every rule type has a default impact configuration setting which can be customized.
Likelihood	Is, Is Lower Than, Is Higher Than	Likelihood is measured in High, Medium and Low ratings based on how frequent a rule type may occur. Every rule type has a default likelihood configuration setting that can be customized.
URL	Is, Contains, Starts With	A specific URL from an application.
Class	Is, Contains, Starts With	A specific Java or .NET class.
Method	Is, Contains, Starts With	A specific Java or .NET method.



### IMPORTANT

If you choose multiple conditions, Contrast uses AND logic for the notifications. Contrast generates the notifications when all selected conditions apply to the situation.

## Set report defaults

Report settings offer a single interface for Organization Administrators to define the template of hard-copy [compliance reports \(page 254\)](#).

- Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Report Settings**.
- Define the default values for reports created within the organization:
  - **Report type:** Click to select a report type.
  - **Vulnerability status:** Confirmed, Not a problem, Remediated, Reported, Fixed
  - **Vulnerability tag:** This will apply to any vulnerability with the designated tag.
  - **Inclusions:** Select the box to include status of vulnerabilities or notes on the vulnerabilities in the report.
  - **Custom footer:** Add a custom footer you want to appear in the reports.
- You can run a report to see the results. The defaults will pre-populate the report generation window, but the user can still make any necessary changes.

## Customize score settings at an organization level

Contrasts designates an [application score \(page 389\)](#), which can optionally depend on a [library score \(page 228\)](#). To customize score settings at an organization level:

- Under [organization settings \(page 333\)](#), select **Score settings**.
- Under **Overall score**, choose how applications in this organization are scored:
  - **Default score** is the average of your application's library score and its custom code score.
  - **Custom code-only score** ignores library score when calculating the overall application score. If you select this option, you can click to select specific languages, or apply it to all languages.
- Under **Library score**, choose how libraries in this application are scored:
  - **Default score** uses an algorithm that includes vulnerabilities, as well as the age and versioning of a library.
  - **Vulnerability-only score** bases scoring solely on vulnerabilities present in the library.
- Select **Save**.



### TIP

A RulesAdmin can configure policy settings in **Policy Management** so that any library in violation automatically receives a failing score (F). Once these settings are chosen, you'll see an alert message in Score Settings. Clicking the policy link in the alert navigates you to Library Policy, where administrators may view and revise these settings.

## Require vulnerability approval

As an Organization Administrator, you can [require administrative approval when closing vulnerabilities \(page 311\)](#) in your organization. You must be an Organization RulesAdmin with RulesAdmin permissions for the target application in order to [approve or deny vulnerability closures \(page 246\)](#).

To configure this requirement:

1. In the **user menu**, select **Policy management > Vulnerability management > Vulnerability behavior**.
2. Select the box next to **Require administrator approval when closing vulnerabilities**.
3. Choose the statuses and severities of vulnerabilities that should automatically go into a **Pending** state when a user moves to close them.
4. When a user requests to close any qualifying vulnerabilities, Contrast sends an in-app notification to all Organization Administrators saying that a review is needed.  
Each vulnerability status will remain **Pending** until an Organization Administrator submits a review of the closure. To qualify for administrative approval, *both* a status and severity must be selected. If a reviewer denies the closure of a vulnerability, they must provide a reason for denial. Once confirmed, the reviewer's feedback appears in the vulnerability's **Activity** tab.  
If you disable the feature, any pending closures are automatically approved.



### NOTE

While in a **Pending** state, the vulnerability's previous status still applies for the purpose of organizational reports and statistics.

## System Administration

Only on-premises customers require system administration. System administration is handled by Contrast Security for hosted customers.

See an overview of how to [get started on-premises \(page 343\)](#) or decide how to [manage your system administration \(page 344\)](#).

### Get started on-premises

As an on-premises customer, you can set up your own instance of Contrast without connection to the internet. You only need to set this up once per organization.





## IMPORTANT

If you are able to use Contrast as a hosted solution, you don't have to complete the additional installation and maintenance of the Contrast application on-premises.

Contrast hosted is SOC-2 Type II compliant and continuously receives feature updates. To connect to Contrast hosted, use the credentials provided by your administrator to log in and continue to [install an agent \(page 27\)](#).

For on-premises customers, to use Assess, Protect or both, you must complete at least two installations:

- [Install Contrast \(page 345\)](#)
- [Install an agent for each application server \(page 27\)](#)

The Contrast installation contains all embedded components that make up the system configuration, including a Tomcat servlet container, MySQL database instance, and an AdoptOpenJDK Hotspot Java Virtual Machine. All of these components are embedded within the installation binary and deployed to a single server as part of the Contrast architecture.

Before installing the Contrast application, verify that your environment complies with the:

- [System requirements \(page 347\)](#)
- [Sizing recommendations \(page 348\)](#)

After installation, you can further configure:

- [Tomcat \(page 357\)](#)
- [JRE \(page 356\)](#)
- [HTTPS \(page 369\)](#)
- [Contrast settings \(page 363\)](#)

For the long term, make sure you have a plan to:

- [Manage system administration \(page 344\)](#)
- [Configure settings \(page 363\)](#)
- [Maintain the Contrast system \(page 375\)](#)

## Manage system administration

Depending on the size of your organization and how you manage your Contrast installation, you can set up [roles \(page 388\)](#) to best meet your system administration needs.

For a small organization, a single SuperAdmin can manage all system administration work. If you want to share the responsibilities, you can [designate additional SuperAdmins or ServerAdmins \(page 361\)](#).

- A **SuperAdmin** is responsible for the system administration of Contrast. This may be assigned to one or more individuals. They have access to the **SuperAdmin** option in the user menu, which allows them to configure organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities, users and groups.
- A **ServerAdmin** is identical to a SuperAdmin except without access to users or groups. They have access to the ServerAdmin option in the user menu, which allows them to configure organizations, applications, servers and vulnerabilities.

If you have a separate individual or group of individuals that manages end users and agent licenses, you can [add a system access group \(page 361\)](#) to designate users as **System Administrators** or **Observers**.



- A **System Administrator** is responsible for maintaining organizations and groups. They have access to the SuperAdmin option in the user menu, which allows them to configure organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities, users and groups. They can also impersonate administrators at an organization level.
- A **System Observer** has read-only access to organizations, users, applications, groups and traces. They have read-only access to the **Observer** option in the user menu, which allows them to view organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities and users.



#### NOTE

If a user is designated as **No Access**, they are blocked from system level access to the designated organization(s).

## Install Contrast on-premises



#### IMPORTANT

This installation is for on-premises use only.

If you are using the hosted version of Contrast, you can [instrument your applications \(page 27\)](#) without installing Contrast. Get started by [installing an agent \(page 27\)](#).

The Contrast installer includes a Tomcat servlet container, a MySQL database instance and an AdoptOpenJDK Hotspot Java Virtual Machine. All of these components are embedded within the installation binary and deployed to a single server as part of the Contrast architecture.

Before you begin:

- [Download the Contrast Installer \(page 347\)](#) from the [Contrast Hub](#).
- Review the [system requirements \(page 347\)](#) and [sizing recommendations \(page 348\)](#).

To run the installation:

1. To run Contrast, you must preconfigure your base operating system with a shared library for running MySQL. Additionally, the system package `fontconfig` is required on Linux to install fonts. Run the command for your operating system:

- **CentOS or RHEL:**


```
[contrast@myserver ~]# yum install -y libaio fontconfig
```

- **Ubuntu or Debian:**

```
[contrast@myserver ~]# apt-get install -y libaio1 libaio-dev fontconfig
```

- **Windows:** MySQL requires [Visual C++ Redistributable Packages for Visual Studio 2013](#).
2. Complete the run process as a privileged user. On Windows, right-click on the installer and select **Run As Administrator**. On Linux, use the `sudo` command to launch the installer.
  3. Respond to installer questions according to your situation. (For example, you can [create a MySQL backup \(page 375\)](#) or [configure the JRE \(page 356\)](#).)

You can further configure Contrast after startup. You can customize installer behavior using these command line arguments when you run the installation script:

Command line argument	Description
<code>-h -help</code>	Shows help for common command line arguments.
<code>-c</code>	Forces the installation to run in Console mode.
<code>-q</code>	Executes the installer in Unattended mode.
<code>-g</code>	Forces the installation to run in GUI mode. (Windows only)
<code>-console</code>	If the installer is executed in Unattended mode and the <code>-console</code> argument is passed on Windows, a second console shows the output of the installer.
<code>-overwrite</code>	Forces the installer to overwrite all files in Unattended mode regardless of the overwrite policy specified in the installer. <div>  <b>CAUTION</b>  This can cause your configuration to be overwritten back to default values. </div>
<code>-dir</code>	Only valid in Unattended mode; specifies the directory where Contrast should be installed.
<code>-Dinstall4j.debug</code>	By default, the installer catches all exceptions, creates a crash log and informs the user about the location of that log file. This might be inconvenient when debugging an installer; so, this system property switches off the default mechanism, and exceptions are printed to <code>stderr</code> .
<code>-Dinstall4j.keepLog=true -Dinstall4j.alternativeLogfile=[path]</code>	<p>The installer creates a log file prefixed <code>i4j_log</code> for all installations and uninstallation in your temp directory. This log file can be helpful for debugging purposes. If your installer contains an <b>Install files</b> action and terminates successfully, the log file is copied to <code>[installation dir]/install4j/installation.log</code>. Otherwise, the file is deleted after the installer or uninstaller terminates by default.</p> <p>When using the <code>-Dinstall4j.keepLog=true</code> option, the log file won't be deleted. With the <code>-Dinstall4j.alternativeLogfile=[path]</code> option, the log file is copied to the file specified with <code>[path]</code>. This should be an absolute path name. Neither option has any effect if the log file has already been copied to the installation directory.</p>
<code>-varfile (filename)</code>	Specifies a variable-file to be used. When installing in Unattended mode, this allows you to provide customizations to the default values set by the installer.
<code>--skip-preflight</code>	Skips preflight checks (current user is root, dependencies present). If using this parameter, it must be the first parameter passed on the command line.



## NOTE

If you're using a distributed setup for the Contrast application, you should use a distributed MySQL instance during setup.



## IMPORTANT

Client agents use the Contrast URL to communicate back to the application. Contrast makes the best attempt to determine the hostname and pre-populate this value; but, if the provided hostname isn't resolvable by clients on the network, they won't be able to communicate back to the server.

Please set this value to a Contrast host or load balancer that's reachable by your agent hosts.

- Installation completes and the Contrast application performs its initial configuration. To confirm it has finished, you can visit the URL you specified above.



## NOTE

If you're [upgrading your version of Contrast \(page 377\)](#), any required update tasks are included at this point.

- The first time the Contrast application starts after installation, there are [only two users that can log in \(page 350\)](#) to the user interface: the default SuperAdmin and the default Organization Administrator. Go to `http://<ContrastServer>:8080/Contrast` (where `<ContrastServer>` is either the IP address or hostname setup during installation), log in as both users and change the password for each.



## IMPORTANT

To keep your application secure, either disable these default logins and create new ones, or at very least change the default passwords.

- Once Contrast is installed, the next step is to [configure system settings \(page 363\)](#) (for example, allocate licenses, set up authentication, and allow users to receive notifications and run reports).

## Contrast system requirements

The following table lists the system requirements for installing the Contrast application. Please make sure your server is compatible.

Requirement	Recommended	Minimum	Notes
OS Architecture	64-bit	64-bit	Due to memory requirements, the Contrast application can only run on 64-bit architectures.
Operating system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CentOS 7</li> <li>Microsoft Windows 2019</li> <li>Ubuntu 18.04 LTS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microsoft Windows 2016</li> <li>Ubuntu 16.04 LTS</li> <li>Windows 2012 R2</li> </ul>	Support for CentOS 6 ended on December 1, 2020.
Java	11	1.8	
MySQL	5.7.23	5.7	Contrast currently runs 5.7.23 in AWS. Contrast doesn't anticipate any issues if you run a different build of MySQL 5.7; if you do experience an issue, please open a Support ticket. MySQL versions 8 and higher are currently <b>not</b> supported.

## Download the Contrast installer

When your license is provisioned you will get access to a Contrast Hub account where you can download installers and licenses. If you're unsure about who holds access for your company, [contact Support](#).

- Log in to the Contrast Hub with the credentials provided to you.
- Download the Contrast installer for your operating system. (This is under **Downloads > TeamServer > Installers**)
- Download your Contrast license file. The license file is configured with a SuperAdmin account and a regular user account. You'll need the license to complete the installation of the Contrast application.



## NOTE

You can download the installer with or without bundled Contrast cache data. If you are installing without internet connectivity (airgap), you should download the installer that has cache data bundled.

Otherwise, download the NO\_CACHE installer which requires internet connectivity to load the latest library data. Once you install Contrast, enable Hub connectivity in [system settings \(page 364\)](#) so that you continue to get the latest library data.

## Sizing recommendations for the Contrast application

The CPU and memory resources for Contrast can vary based on the number of agents connected and application traffic communicating back to the Contrast application. The recommendations on this page apply to the application service.

Two additional factors also impact performance:

- **Web traffic from consumers of Contrast reporting data.**

Contrast is a highly transactional system that presents calculated and real-time data sets back to consumers of the data. The more users interface with the system, the greater the demand for computing and memory.

- **Large amounts of data maintained in the application over extended periods of time.**

You can proactively purge data over time or choose to keep the data. With any transactional system, the larger the data set to query against, the greater the computing requirements.

Use these guidelines to choose the appropriate mix of resources to scale the requirements to your workload:

- **Small workload:** A small workload is about three to 30 agents communicating to Contrast, and about five to 25 web traffic end users who access the system multiple times a day and actively use alerts, reports and integrations.

The greater the number of connected agents, the greater the memory requirements are for Contrast to handle in-flight traces. Storage depends on the life of trace data and the preservation of log files by system administrators.

vCPUs	Clock speed	RAM	Storage
~4 to ~8	2.5 GHz to 3.3 GHz	16 GB to 24 GB	100 GB to 200 GB

- **Large workload:** A large workload is about 30 to 100 agents communicating to Contrast, and more than 25 web traffic users for full-scale enterprise deployments. End users access the system multiple times of day, and actively engage in Contrast features such as alerts, reports and integrations. The greater the number of connected agents and end users, the greater the memory requirements for Contrast to handle in-flight traces. Storage depends on the life of trace data and the preservation of log files by system administrators.

vCPUs	Clock speed	RAM	Storage
~8 to ~16	2.5 GHz to 3.3 GHz	24 GB to 48 GB	200 GB to 500 GB



## IMPORTANT

Regardless of your workload size, at least 16 GB of RAM must be allocated to the Contrast application.

**TIP**

Follow the large workload guidelines if you are using the Contrast REST API architecture for automation or data extraction purposes and for continuous integration of agents with large automated regression suites.

## Restart Contrast

To restart Contrast:

1. Use the following command(s):

- **Windows:**

```
net stop "Contrast Server"
```

Once the service is completely shut down:

```
net start "Contrast Server"
```

- **Linux:**

```
sudo service contrast-server restart
```

2. At this point, it's helpful to tail the server logs:

```
$ tail -f $CONTRAST_HOME/logs/server.log
```

3. And then the application logs:

```
$ tail -f $CONTRAST_HOME/logs/contrast.log
```

4. If Contrast starts successfully, you will see this message in the server.log:

```
190116 21.22.15,703 {} {} {} INFO (ConnectionTester.java:50) Received \
code 200 from TeamServer
190116 21.22.15,707 {} {} {} INFO (ConnectionTester.java:60) Server \
start has been verified
190116 21.22.15,709 {} {} {} INFO (Server.java:319) Contrast \
TeamServer Ready - Took 208323ms
```

## Run Contrast

To run Contrast:

- **Windows:** In Windows, Contrast is installed as a system service. You can start and stop the service through the Windows Service Manager application.
- **Linux:** The Contrast daemon is registered as an `init.d` daemon. To start and stop the server use:

```
/etc/init.d/contrast-server <start|stop|restart|status>
```

Or

```
service contrast-server <start|stop|restart|status>
```

To start the Contrast server independently of the parent shell, execute:

```
nohup /path/to/installation/contrast/bin/contrast-server start >/dev/
null 2>1
```

At this point, it's helpful to tail the server logs:

```
$ tail -f $CONTRAST_HOME/logs/server.log
```

And then the application logs:

```
$ tail -f $CONTRAST_HOME/logs/contrast.log
```

If Contrast starts successfully, you will see this message in the server.log:

```
190116 21.22.15,703 {} {} {} INFO (ConnectionTester.java:50) Received \
code 200 from TeamServer
190116 21.22.15,707 {} {} {} INFO (ConnectionTester.java:60) Server start \
has been verified
190116 21.22.15,709 {} {} {} INFO (Server.java:319) Contrast TeamServer \
Ready - Took 208323ms
```

## Manage default and SuperAdmin credentials

For the system administrator who installs Contrast, there are three sets of credentials to manage:

- **Contrast Hub credentials:** New customers receive an email with the username and a link to set the password. You will need these credentials to [download the installer \(page 345\)](#) and to log in to [Contrast Hub](#).
  - **Username:** Contrast provides the username in the format *example@domain.com*. It is the same username as the Default Organization Administrator.
  - **Password:** Create this password when you select the link in the activation email.
- **Default SuperAdmin credentials:** These credentials are included in the license. They are used for managing the Contrast application in the [role of SuperAdmin \(page 388\)](#).
  - **Username:** Contrast provides the username in the format *contrast\_superadmin@domain.com*, where *domain* is the name of your company's email domain.
  - **Password:** The default password is: default1!.
- **Default Organization Administrator credentials:** The Organization Administrator can use these credentials to log in to Contrast after [installation \(page 345\)](#) and set up and maintain the organization.
  - **Username:** Contrast provides the username in the format *example@domain.com*. It is the same username as the Default Organization Administrator.
  - **Password:** The default password is: default1!.



### IMPORTANT

Be sure to change the supplied default passwords as soon as you have successfully logged in. You can reset the SuperAdmin password [in Contrast \(page 190\)](#) or by using command line on [Windows \(page 351\)](#) or [Linux \(page 350\)](#).

## Reset SuperAdmin password on Linux

To reset the SuperAdmin password in the Contrast application:

1. Shut down Contrast Server.
2. Open a command prompt and log in using the Contrast service account created during installation. For example:  

```
sudo -u contrast_service
```
3. Go to the `$CONTRAST_INSTALLATION` directory. (On most systems, this is `/opt/Contrast`.)
4. Type the following command:

```
export INSTALL4J_ADD_VM_PARAMS="$INSTALL4J_ADD_VM_PARAMS -
Dreset.superadmin=true -
```

```
Dsuperadmin.username=contrast_superadmin@<your.email.domain.com> -
Dsuperadmin.password=<new password>"
```

5. Start the Contrast server by running:

```
bin/contrast-server start
```

6. When the server comes up, use the password you specified in the command line.
7. Stop the server (`bin/contrast-server stop`), start it up as you normally would, and then exit the shell to clear the password from the `INSTALL4J_ADD_VM_PARAMS` environment variable.

## Reset SuperAdmin password on Windows

To reset the SuperAdmin password in the Contrast application.

1. Stop the Contrast Server service.
2. Launch a command prompt (`cmd.exe`) as an Administrator by right-clicking on **cmd.exe** and selecting **Run As Administrator**.
3. Go to the *Contrast\bin* directory. (On most systems, this is *C:\Program Files\Contrast\bin*.)
4. Use this command to edit the JVM options:

```
notepad contrast-server.vmoptions
```

5. Add the following options to the file. (Replace `youremaildomain.com` with your email domain.)

```
-Dreset.superadmin=true
-Dsuperadmin.username=contrast_superadmin@<your.email.domain.com>
-Dsuperadmin.password=<password>
```

6. Save the file and exit Notepad.
7. Use this command to start the Contrast service:

```
net start "Contrast Server"
```

8. Verify you are able to log in with the new password.
9. Enter the following command to stop the Contrast service:

```
net stop "Contrast Server"
```

10. Enter the following command to edit the JVM options:

```
notepad contrast-server.vmoptions
```

11. Remove the options added in step 5.
12. Save the file and exit Notepad.
13. Exit the command prompt.
14. Start the Contrast Server service as normal (from the Services control panel).

## Distributed deployment of Contrast



### IMPORTANT

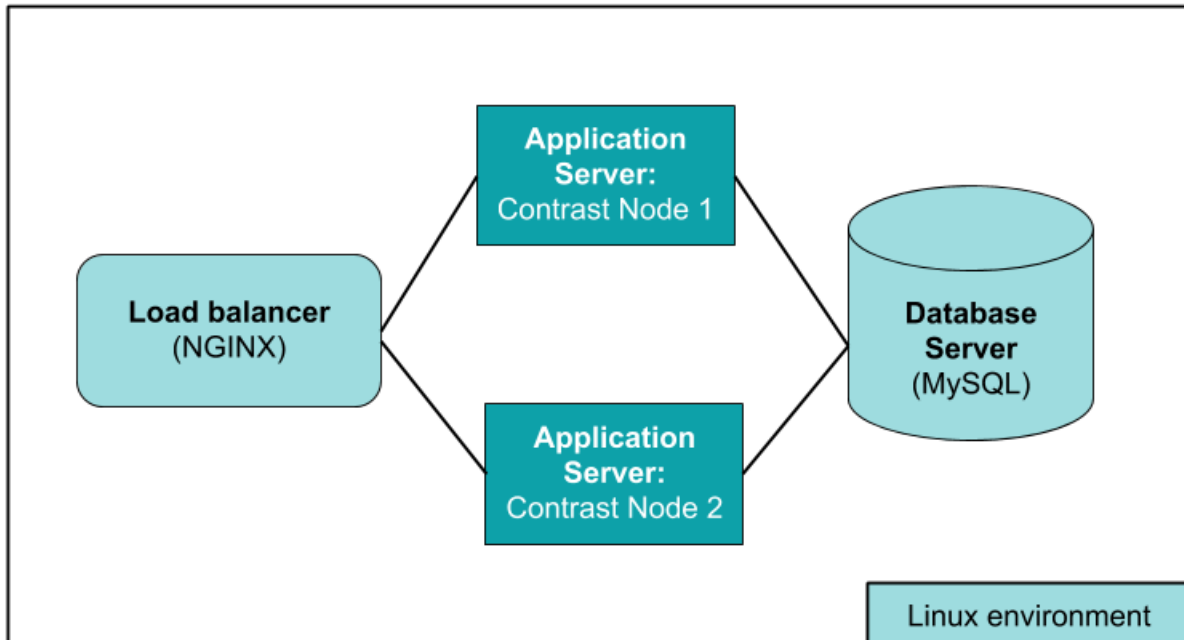
Distributed deployment requires an understanding of your environment and the loads it can easily handle.

Please [contact Support](#) to be sure a distributed deployment will work for you, or if a dedicated instance of Contrast would be better for your organization.

A distributed configuration of Contrast deploys the database and application server to separate servers. This is a good choice if you:

- Use more than 100 connected agents
- Want to improve load-balancing for better performance and scalability
- Require additional administration and management

Here is an example configuration using four servers: a load-balancer, a database server and two application servers running Contrast. (You can add more nodes using the same method.)



## NOTE

This example assumes you will install Contrast in a Linux environment at `/usr/local/contrast`. However, your organization may use different environments or have different guidelines on where to install third-party software.

## Prerequisites

If you are **already using Contrast**, use your existing instance as **Application Server 1** and be sure it uses a distributed database configuration. Before you continue, you should:

- If you don't already have one, [create a distributed MySQL environment \(page 354\)](#).
- Get Contrast application version numbers by looking in the `VERSION` file at `/usr/local/contrast/VERSION`. Get the Contrast database version using this command:

```
select `version` from schema_version ORDER BY `installed_on` DESC LIMIT 1;
```





### TIP

You will need this version to determine the order of tasks.

For example, if the application version is 3.3.2 and the database is version 3.3.2.012, you can say the versions are the same because it's safe to drop .012 from the database version number. Because of this, an existing application server A can run with a separate database B on version 3.3.2. If you want to install application version 3.4.2 onto a new application server C and connect it to database B, you will need to either stop or update server A before installing version 3.4.2 on server C.

If you are **new to Contrast**, you should:

- Install and configure MySQL on the database server according to [Contrast system requirements \(page 347\)](#). Create a MySQL user who has permissions to connect remotely. You will use these credentials to connect to Contrast.
- [Install Contrast \(page 345\)](#) on **Application Server 1** with a distributed database configuration. Select the option for a distributed MySQL instance. Point the database creation to the database server, for example:

```
Choose a MySQL database configuration.
Default [1, Enter], Distributed [2]2
Host
[localhost]
<enter hostname of Mysql server>

Port
[13306]
3306

Credentials
Username
contrast

Password
<enter mysql password for contrast account>
```

When installation is complete, Contrast begins an initial configuration. It can take two to three minutes to fully start up.

To check configuration progress, watch `server.log` and `contrast.log`. When the server successfully starts, you will see something like this in `server.log`:

```
260916 20.18.25,837 {} {} {} INFO (Server.java:303) Contrast TeamServer \
Ready - Took 119305ms
```

## Set up additional servers

1. Create a TAR from the **Application Server 1**'s configuration files:
  - `data/conf/`
  - `data/esapi/`
  - `data/contrast`
  - `data/initialized`
  - `data/contrast.lic`

- VERSION



### TIP

These Linux commands will compress configuration files as a TAR into your user's home directory, for example:

```
$ cd /usr/local/contrast
$ tar -czvf ~/ctdc.tar.gz data/conf data/contrast.lic data/
esapi/ data/.initialized data/.contrast VERSION
```

2. [Install Contrast \(page 345\)](#) on **Application Server 2**.



### IMPORTANT

Complete the run process as a privileged user. On Windows, right-click on the installer and select **Run as administrator**. On Linux, use the `sudo` command to launch the installer.

```
Full or Application Only Install
Choose the desired installation type:
Full install [1, Enter], Application Server Only [2]
2
```

Select **Application Server Only** and use the TAR file you created in the previous step. Do the same for any additional application servers you want to add to the distributed configuration.

3. Test the [default users \(page 350\)](#) created by the application to be sure they work with both Contrast **Application Servers (1 and 2)**.
4. Set up a load balancer (like NGINX) on the fourth server. If you choose NGINX, use the [basic installation instructions](#).



### NOTE

Contrast requires sticky or persistent sessions for better performance. For example, with an NGINX load balancer, use the Ip Hash method to guarantee that requests from the same address get to the same server if it's available.

5. Once you set up the server, you must configure Contrast to point to your load balancer. To do this, edit the `/data/conf/general.properties` file on each node. Change the `teamserver.url` value in the YAML config file, to that of the load balancer and restart the Contrast application server.



### IMPORTANT

Agents use the Contrast URL to communicate back to the application. Contrast attempts to determine the hostname and pre-populate this value. If clients on the network can't resolve the hostname you provide, they won't communicate back to the server. Please set this value to a Contrast host or load balancer that the agent hosts can reach.

## Create a distributed MySQL environment

You can use an external MySQL database (an open-source database that runs on both Windows and Linux) with your existing on-premises installation. For example, this is necessary if you are using a [distributed deployment of Contrast \(page 351\)](#).

1. Install and configure a [supported version \(page 347\)](#) of MySQL on the database server host.
2. Create a maintenance window for Contrast downtime.
3. [Back up the embedded MySQL database \(page 375\)](#).
4. Connect to MySQL. Replace <jdbc.host>, <jdbc.port>, <jdbc.user> and <jdbc.schema> with your host, port, user and schema.

- **Windows:**

```
mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema>
```

- **Linux:**

```
./mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema>
```

5. Create the Contrast database with `create database <jdbc.schema>;`.
6. Grant permissions to the Contrast user with `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* to 'contrast'@'%' ;`.
7. Exit from MySQL.
8. Restore the MySQL backup. Replace <backup\_location> with your backup location and <backup\_filename> with your backup filename.

- **Windows:**

```
mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema> < \<br><backup_location>/<backup_filename>
```

- **Linux:**

```
./mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema> \<br>< <backup_location>/<backup_filename>
```

9. Update the configuration in the [encrypted properties editor \(page 381\)](#). Edit the encrypted file `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/database.properties`. Look for `database.type`; if it doesn't exist, create a new property. Set this value to `distributed` and modify the database connection values to point to the distributed database you want to use.

```
user@ubuntu:/opt/contrast/bin$ ./edit-properties -e ../data/esapi/ -<br>f ../data/conf/database.properties<br>jdbc.type : MySQL<br>database.prod.dir : /opt/contrast/data/db<br>jdbc.debug : false<br>jdbc.pass : pass<br>jdbc.schema : contrast<br>jdbc.host : ubuntu<br>database.bk.time : 6:39:14<br>jdbc.port : 3306<br>database.bk.enabled : false<br>database.enabled : true<br>jdbc.url : jdbc:mysql://<br>ubuntu:3306/contrast<br>jdbc.user : contrast<br>database.bk.dir : /opt/contrast/data/<br>backups/db<br>jdbc.dialect : \<br>com.aspectsecurity.contrast.teamserver.persistence.CustomMySQL5Dialect<br>jdbc.driver : com.mysql.jdbc.Driver<br><br>Enter the name of the property to edit [q to Quit]: database.type<br>Create new Property [database.type](y/N): y<br>Enter a value for the property: distributed<br><br>jdbc.type : MySQL
```

```

database.prod.dir      : /opt/contrast/data/db
jdbc.debug             : false
jdbc.pass              : pass
jdbc.schema            : contrast
jdbc.host              : ubuntu
database.bk.time       : 6:39:14
jdbc.port              : 3306
database.bk.enabled    : false
database.enabled       : true
database.type          : distributed
jdbc.url               : jdbc:mysql://
ubuntu:3306/contrast
jdbc.user              : contrast
database.bk.dir        : /opt/contrast/data/
backups/db
jdbc.dialect           : \
com.aspectsecurity.contrast.teamserver.persistence.CustomMySQL5Dialect
jdbc.driver            : com.mysql.jdbc.Driver

Enter the name of the property to edit [q to Quit]:

```



#### NOTE

If you're converting from a default embedded database configuration to a distributed configuration, `database.bk.enabled` also needs to be set to `false`. It's your responsibility to configure your own backups when running a distributed database configuration with Contrast.

#### 10. [Restart Contrast \(page 349\)](#).



#### TIP

Work with your Operations and/or Database team to ensure a secure and durable installation.

You can use a [snippet of Ansible](#) that you can use to install the MySQL on Ubuntu 14.04.

You can also [download the gpg. keyfile](#) from MySQL. Contrast changes the bind address to "\*" above for illustration, but recommends binding your MySQL server to the IP of your application server. Create a user and grants that offer access to only the Contrast schema and limited to the host IP address or subnet.

## Configure the Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

During [installation \(page 345\)](#), you are given the option to use either an embedded JRE or a pre-installed JRE.

To configure the JRE:

1. Open `$CONTRAST_HOME/install4j/pref_jre.cfg` with a text editor.
2. Add the complete path to the Java version you would like to use. For example:

```
C:\Program Files\Java\jre7
```

## Configure Tomcat

During [installation \(page 345\)](#), you set some values for the memory used by the embedded Tomcat server on which Contrast runs.

As you add more applications or find more vulnerabilities, you may notice a degradation in performance which can indicate you have reached the maximum amount of memory allowed for this server.

To increase memory settings:

1. Stop the Contrast server by running the `contrast-server stop` command.
2. When the server is stopped and *Contrast/logs/contrast-stdout.log* ends with `[MysqldResource] shutdown complete`, it is safe to change memory settings.
3. In the Contrast bin directory, *c:/Program Files/Contrast/bin* or the default */opt/Contrast/bin*, open a file named *contrast-server.vmoptions*. It should look something like this:

```
-XX:+UseG1GC
-XX:+UseStringDeduplication
-XX:+PrintVMOptions
-XX:+PrintCommandLineFlags
-XX:+UseContainerSupport
-XX:InitialRAMPercentage=50.0
-XX:MaxRAMPercentage=50.0
-XX:MinRAMPercentage=50.0
-Dcontrast.data.dir=/opt/contrast-data
-Dcontrast.home=/opt/contrast-data
-XX:+HeapDumpOnOutOfMemoryError
-Xloggc:/opt/contrast-data/gc.out
-server
```

4. You can update the values for:
  - **Xms**: the amount of memory allocated to the server on start
  - **Xmx**: the maximum amount of memory the server can use
  - **MaxPermSize**

These values can change depending on the memory available on the machine hosting Contrast.
5. Save the file and start Contrast back up using the `contrast-server start` command.



### TIP

See [JVM documentation](#) for help with tuning.

## Uninstall Contrast

Each installation comes with a script for safely uninstalling Contrast plus all embedded components such as Java, Tomcat and MySQL. The script is packaged within the root directory of the Contrast installation. On Unix, the file is an executable script labeled *uninstall*. On Windows, a command file is packaged in the installation directory called *uninstall.cmd*.

Before uninstalling:

- [Create a backup of MySQL \(page 375\)](#) using the database backup tool provided with Contrast.
- Shut down Contrast using either the Windows or Unix service script.

To remove Contrast from your servers using **Windows**:

1. Open the Windows Explorer.
2. Navigate to the Contrast installation directory.
3. Click on the file *uninstall.exe* and run. Run the uninstall with the same privileges you ran the installation (as an administrator).
4. Follow the prompts to perform uninstallation.

To remove Contrast from your servers using **Unix**:

1. Open a Linux console.
2. Change directory (`cd`) to the Contrast installation directory.
3. Execute the command `uninstall`.
4. Follow the prompts to perform uninstallation.



## NOTE

You'll delete the vast majority of files when performing an uninstallation. However, an administrator may need to delete a few remaining files manually, such as:

- The *Contrast HOME* directory
- The *Contrast DATA* directory
- The *Contrast LOGS* directory
- The *Contrast MYSQL* directory

## Manage users and permissions at a system level

Before setting up Contrast and adding users, be familiar with Contrast settings for :

- **Users:** You can add users [one at a time \(page 358\)](#), or [bulk add multiple users \(page 359\)](#). In the **user menu** select **SuperAdmin**, then select **Users** in the header to see all users and their status (who's awaiting activation, active or inactive, or locked out of their account based on a security policy).
- **Authentication:** You can set up Contrast to use its own internal directory, or use an [external directory like LDAP or Active Directory](#).
- **Groups and permissions:** Access and permissions are determined by [roles \(page 387\)](#). Most roles are assigned with [access groups \(page 361\)](#). SuperAdmin and ServerAdmin roles are [designated differently \(page 361\)](#). You can also [grant Protect permissions \(page 363\)](#) at a system level or when [adding a new user \(page 358\)](#) or [bulk adding users \(page 359\)](#).

As a SuperAdmin or System Administrator, you can add users at a system or organization level.

Adding a user to a system group provides them access to the System Administration interface or allows them to perform activities across organizations in cross-organization groups.

You can also add users within a single organization with a defined role to determine their application access and privileges.

## Add or edit a user at a system level

System and Organization Administrators can create users individually, in groups, or through [Microsoft Active Directory \(AD\)](#) or [LDAP](#) integrations. All users are required to have a default organization and a default role within that organization.

To add a user:

1. Log in as a SuperAdmin or System Administrator.
2. Select **SuperAdmin** in the **user menu**.
3. Select **Users** in the header.
4. Select a **user name** to edit an existing user or select **Add user** to add a new user.
5. Enter the user's **First name**, **Last name** and **Email address** in the provided fields.
6. Check the box if you want to **Require email activation** instead of requiring a password.
7. Choose which of the **System roles (page 388)** should apply to the user in the drop-down menu. The default is **None**.
8. Choose the **Organization** to which the user belongs.
9. Choose the default **Organization role** in the drop-down menu as well as an **Application access group**.
10. Choose the **Date format**, **Time format** and **Time zone**.
11. Select **Use organization settings** to allow Organization Administrators to create user settings at an organization level. (The box is selected by default.)  
Uncheck the box to create user settings at a system level.
12. If you are creating settings at a system level, you can select the box to make the user an **API only** user, give the user **Access**, or use the toggle to enable Protect for the user. The toggle is off by default.



**TIP**

You can also [grant Protect permissions \(page 363\)](#) at an organization level.

13. Select **Add** or **Save** to save settings for this user.

## Add multiple users to an organization at a system level

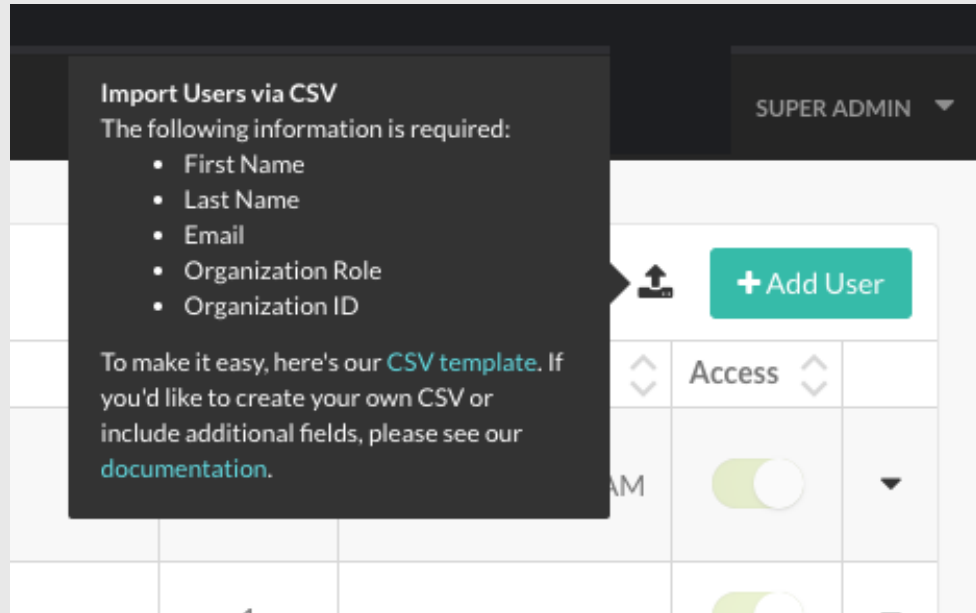
To bulk add users:

1. Under **SuperAdmin**, select **Users** in the header.
2. Create a spreadsheet with the recommended information and save it as a CSV. You must include the required fields for each user. All field headings and values in the spreadsheet must be formatted exactly as shown. You must add a new column for any optional fields.



## TIP

Hover over the **Upload** icon and select the link in the tooltip to download a CSV template to get started.



Field name	Required	Value
<b>First Name</b>	Required	User first name
<b>Last Name</b>	Required	User last name
<b>Email or Username</b>	Required	If you are using the Contrast's default internal directory, enter the user's email.  If you are using an <a href="#">external directory</a> change <b>Email</b> to <b>Username</b> in the CSV, and enter usernames that match those in your external directory exactly.
<b>Organization UUID</b>	Required	Get this value from the organization's <a href="#">general information settings (page 333)</a> .
<b>Organization Role</b>	Required	Values can be "View", "Edit", "Rules_admin" or "Admin".
<b>Date Format</b>	Optional	The default value is the organization setting, such as "MM/dd/YYYY".
<b>Time Format</b>	Optional	The default value is the organization setting, such as "hh:mm a".
<b>Timezone</b>	Optional	The default value is the organization time zone.
<b>Protect</b>	Optional	The default value is "Off".
<b>Groups</b>	Optional	Values can be "View", "Edit", "Rules Admin", "Admin" or custom group names. Format multiple group names as "GroupA&&GroupB&&GroupC".
<b>Language</b>	Optional	The default is the value <a href="#">configured for the organization (page 333)</a> .
<b>System Administration</b>	Optional	The default value is "Off".
<b>Email Activation</b>	Optional	If the value is "None", the default is "Required Password".
<b>Password</b>	Optional	This field is required if the Email Activation field is set to "false".
<b>Api Only</b>	Optional	The default value is "Off".
<b>Access</b>	Optional	The default value is "On".

3. Select the black **upload icon** next to **Add user**, then select the CSV you created.
4. Once the spreadsheet upload is in progress, you can leave the page and continue with other tasks in Contrast. If the upload is successful, you'll see a confirmation message that includes the number of users uploaded. If the upload failed, you'll see an error message that includes the source of the error in the spreadsheet.



## Designate SuperAdmins or ServerAdmins

The **SuperAdmin** has the highest level system administration permissions.

A **ServerAdmin** has the same permissions and capabilities as a SuperAdmin, except without access to users and groups.

You must have at least one person as SuperAdmin. If you want to designate more than one user as SuperAdmin, do not share a log in, instead:

1. Log in as SuperAdmin.
2. Select **User menu > SuperAdmin > Users**.
3. Find the user you want to designate as SuperAdmin. (You can search by name, email or organization, or find their name in the grid.)
4. Select the user name to open the **Edit user** window.
5. In the **System Administration** field, select **SuperAdmin** or **ServerAdmin**.
6. Select **Save**.



### TIP

Anyone designated as a SuperAdmin or ServerAdmin will be able to access **SuperAdmin** in the top right **User menu**. Also a small key icon will appear next to their name in the **SuperAdmin > Users** grid. Hover over the key to see the assigned role.

## Add, edit or delete a system access group



### NOTE

System access groups are only available to on-premises customers. You must be a SuperAdmin to add a system access group.

To add a system access group:

1. Select **User menu > SuperAdmin > Groups**.
2. Select an existing group to edit, or select **Add group** to create a new group.



### TIP

To find groups you can use the quick filter drop-down menu or the search field in the top left, or use the up/down arrows at the top of each column to sort.

3. Fill out the form with:
  - **Group name:** Choose something that reflects the purpose, permissions and capabilities you will assign to this group.
  - **Type:** Select **System**.



### TIP

You can also [add an access group at an organization level \(page 335\)](#). However, if you add access groups at a system level, you have the option of creating cross-organization groups.

Cross-organization groups might be helpful if you have a security team that supports multiple business units that each have their own organization.

Members of a cross-organization group are able to switch between organizations by selecting the name in the user menu.

- **System access:** Select the organization you want this group to access.
  - **Role:** Select the [system role \(page 388\)](#) you want the members of this group to have within the corresponding organization.
  - Select **Add system access** to add more organizations and roles.
4. Next to **Members**, on the right, type ahead to select one or more users to assign to the group. Select the X to delete members.



### NOTE

Users can belong to many groups. They don't have to be created within a particular organization in order to gain access to that organization.

5. When you are finished, select **Add** to create the new group, or select **Save** if you are editing an existing group. The members you added to this group will now have permissions that correspond to their role.



### IMPORTANT

If users are assigned to two groups with conflicting roles for all applications or organizations, the role that provides the most restrictive access applies.

Note that only organization and application level groups are [visible to a user \(page 192\)](#), if you are confused about your access level, it may be that stricter permissions have been imposed at a system level.

However, a role assigned to a specific application overrides a role assigned to all applications, even if the application-specific role is more permissive than the role given to all applications.

If a user is assigned to two custom groups that provide roles for the same application, the role with the least privilege applies.

[System \(page 388\)](#), [organization \(page 388\)](#) and [application \(page 387\)](#) roles are listed in order from most to least permissive.

In the following examples of conflicting role permissions, permissions in Group 2 take precedence.

Group 1	Group 2 (takes precedence)
<b>Application Editor</b> for all applications	<b>Application Viewer</b> for all applications
<b>Organization Viewer</b> for all applications	<b>Application Administrator</b> for the Red application
<b>RulesAdmin</b> for the Red application	<b>No Access</b> for the Red application



### TIP

To delete a group, select **User menu > SuperAdmin > Groups**. Find the group you want to delete and select the Delete icon in that row.

Once this is confirmed, the group is removed and any access provided by that group is revoked from all users assigned to the group.

## Grant Protect permissions

For on-premises customers with multiple organizations, you can grant permission that enable all users in an organization to access Protect data.

1. Log in as SuperAdmin.
2. Select **SuperAdmin** in the user menu.
3. Select **Organizations** in the header.
4. Find the organization for which you want to enable Protect. In the Protect column for that row, turn the toggle on (green).
5. In the window that appears, select the roles that will have permission to see and use Protect data (for example, for those who respond to security incidents).  
You can choose all users, or just Organization Administrators, RulesAdmins, Editors or Viewers.  
You can further adjust these settings at a user level.  
For more information, see [Add users \(page 334\)](#).
6. When you make this change, all applications in that organization will be granted Protect access.

## Configure system settings

For standard configuration of system settings:

1. Log in as SuperAdmin, ServerAdmin or System Administrator.
2. Select **SuperAdmin** in the **user menu**.
3. Select **System settings** in the **user menu**.  
Here you can access:
  - [General settings \(page 364\)](#)
  - [Licensing \(page 365\)](#)
  - [Security \(passwords \(page 365\), two-step authentication \(page 190\) and key management \(page 366\)\)](#)
  - [API](#)
  - [Authentication](#)
  - [Notifications \(page 366\)](#)
  - [Log level \(page 368\)](#)
  - [Score \(page 342\)](#)
  - [Send system messages \(page 372\)](#)
  - [Reporting storage \(page 367\)](#)

Additionally, you can:

- [Configure Tomcat \(page 357\)](#)
- [Configure Java Runtime Environment \(JRE\) \(page 356\)](#)
- [Configure HTTPS \(page 369\)](#)
- [Configure Policy settings \(page 373\)](#)
- [Add organizations \(page 373\)](#)

**NOTE**

Distributed deployment of Contrast requires different configuration.

## Configure general system settings

General settings is part of [system settings \(page 363\)](#). Here, you can configure these settings:

- **Default language:** Select the language for your user interface.
- **X-Forwarded-For header:** Check the box if you want to use this header for auditing.
- **Proxy:** Connect your internet bound traffic.
- **Hub:** Integrate with Hub for library and CVE updates.
- **Diagnostics:** Send Contrast health statistics to enable proactive support and resolve support cases faster.
- **Agent diagnostics:** Send Contrast agent data to improve rules, performance and to prioritize product improvements.
- **Heroku settings:** Enter your password and SSO salt for the Heroku integration.

## Manage diagnostics at a system level

Contrast collects diagnostics that measure customer product usage to help provide faster, more proactive support and guide delivery of new functionality.

Contrast periodically sends snapshots of relevant data elements and aggregations to a diagnostics service on Contrast's hosted platform. Data that could be used to identify a customer or organization is obscured using a one-way hash, and is encrypted both in transit and at rest. Due to privacy concerns, the data doesn't include application names, personally identifying information, code, vulnerability identities or customer network identifiers.

The data is then stored in a Contrast database, where it's made available to approved support and development users for analysis and reporting. Within the database, the data is attributed to customers to provide Customer Support insight into how to better assist Contrast customers.

Diagnostics improve customer support in three main ways:

- Customer Support analyzes diagnostics data for markers and reaches out proactively to customers to prevent problems.
- Data is used to quickly diagnose existing problems and reduce the cycle time for successfully resolving support cases.
- Deployment and usage insights help Contrast product development teams adjust and deliver new functionality that better address customer needs.

As a SuperAdmin, ServerAdmin or System Administrator, you can enable or disable diagnostics for your whole on-premises system:

1. In system settings, select **General settings** from the left navigation.
2. Under **Internet settings**, use the toggle to disable or enable it. Diagnostics are enabled by default.
3. Proxy settings apply to and diagnostics settings.

**TIP**

You can also use the [REST API](#) to preview the data that will be transmitted to Contrast in these diagnostics.

## Allocate licenses at a system level

There are four types of licenses in Contrast. On-premises customers require a license to [install \(page 345\)](#) and [upgrade \(page 377\)](#) Contrast. Both hosted and on-premises customers require specific licenses for Assess (application licenses), Protect (server licenses) and OSS (library licenses).

For on-premises customers, a SuperAdmin, ServerAdmin or System Administrator can allocate Assess and Protect licenses to a particular organization. (For hosted customers this is handled by Contrast Security.)

Organization Administrators and Application Administrators can then [license servers and applications where they have appropriate permissions \(page 334\)](#).

To allocate licenses at a system level:

1. Select **SuperAdmin** in the **user menu**.
2. With **Organizations** selected in the header, you will see a list of organizations. The **Licenses** column shows the total number of Assess and Protect licenses available for each organization (followed by the number of unused licenses in parentheses).  
If licenses are nearing expiration, you will see a red warning icon there. Hover over the icon to see the number of licenses expiring. Click the link to see which applications or servers that are in danger of expiration.
3. At the end of each organization row, in the last column on the right, select the triangle, then select **License summary** in the drop-down menu to see an overview of how many Assess and Protect licenses are available for each organization.
4. You can either select **Allocate more licenses** there, or from the previous triangle menu, select **Allocate licenses**.
5. In the window that appears, enter the number of Protect and Assess licenses you'd like to make available to this organization, along with an expiration date for each. (The total number available is shown along with the predetermined expiration dates for the licenses.)

Additionally users with the same permissions can further manage licenses under [system settings \(page 363\)](#):

1. Select **Licensing** in the left navigation.
2. Here you can see the number of:
  - Available and used Assess (application) licenses, as well as how many applications are unlicensed
  - Available and used Protect (server) licenses as well as how many servers are unlicensed.
 You can also see a list of applications and servers nearing expiration.  
 You also have the option to automatically apply licenses to new applications or server. Turn the toggle on (green) and you can select whether this applies to all servers/applications or only new ones.



### NOTE

SuperAdmins, ServerAdmins and System Administrators are also given the option to automatically apply licenses when [adding an organization \(page 373\)](#).

3. In the top right, you can select the box to **allow Organization Administrators to override** these settings (this defaults to enabled).

## Set a password policy at a system level

Regulate passwords at a system level by creating a password policy.

1. Under [system settings \(page 363\)](#), select **Security**.

2. Under **Default password policy**, select the box if you want to **Allow organization override**. This way organization administrators can [set password policy for their organizations \(page 336\)](#).
3. Enter the following settings for your policy:
  - Set the password strength. This can be **Weak**, **Medium**, **Strong**, **Complex** or **Custom**. If you choose **Custom**, enter the number of minimum **Uppercase letters**, **Lowercase letters**, **Numbers** and **Symbols** required.
  - Enter the number of characters required in the **Minimum length** field.
  - Use the drop-down menu to choose the length of time allowed before **Password expiration**.
  - Enter the number of login attempts allowed before **Login logout**.
  - Enter the length of time allowed before **Inactive account expiration**.
  - Check the box to **Restrict password reuse**, and use the drop-down menu to choose the number of times each password may be reused.
  - Check the box to **Restrict password reset**, and use the drop-down menu to choose the number of days during which a user can reset their password after their reset request is sent.
  - Use the drop-down menus to select the amount of time that may pass before **Idle timeout** and **Session timeout**.
4. Select **Save**.

## Enable two-step authentication at a system level

To enable or disable two-step authentication:

1. Under [system settings \(page 363\)](#), select **Security** in the left navigation.
2. Turn the toggle on (green) to enable two-step authentication.
3. Select the box next to **Allow organization override** to allow Organization Administrators to [choose whether or not to require the feature for users \(page 337\)](#).



### NOTE

If a user belongs to multiple organizations, their default organization determines their two-step authentication settings.

A user can also [choose how they want to receive two-step authentication notices \(page 190\)](#).

## Manage keys

As a System Administrator, you can set policies for the keys across all your organizations to make sure they always meet your security standards.

1. In [system settings \(page 363\)](#), select **Security**.
2. Under **Organization API key** choose the number of characters required as well as the minimum number of numerals, upper case characters and lower case characters required in the key. These standards will apply when anyone [rotates the Organization API key \(page 28\)](#).
3. Check the box at the top of the form if you want to **Mask invalid IPs on login**.
4. Select **Save**.

## Manage email notifications at a system level

System Administrators can enable or disable and configure Contrast to communicate with an appropriate SMTP system to receive these notifications.

Notifications allow Contrast users to receive alerts in specific situations, such as the discovery of a vulnerability or an attack on an application or when a password is reset.

Organization Administrators can [set default settings \(page 340\)](#) for Contrast notifications at an organization level. Individual users can [adjust their own settings \(page 192\)](#).

To configure notifications at a system level:

1. Under [system settings \(page 363\)](#), select **Mail** in the left navigation.
2. Configure these settings:
  - **Enable mail:** Use the toggle to enable or disable the feature.
  - **Mail protocol:** Values can be "SMTP" or "SMTPs".
  - **Mail host:** The fully qualified address of the SMTP server.
  - **Mail port:** The likely value is "25".
  - **Use SMTP auth:** Check the box to enable this setting.
  - **Mail user:** A user account for authentication purposes on the SMTP system.
  - **Mail password:** The password for the mail user associated with the SMTP system.
  - **Mail from:** Enter the email address you want system notifications to be sent from.
  - **Enable STARTTLS:** Check the box to enable this setting.
3. Select **Save**.

## Configure reporting storage for the system

As SuperAdmin, you can configure reporting storage options by adding the following properties to the `contrast/data/conf/general.properties` file:

- **reporting.storage.mode:** The value options are `DB` and `FILE_SYS`.
- **reporting.storage.path:** This is required when storage mode is set to `FILE_SYS`.

The recommended setting for `reporting.storage.mode` is `FILE_SYS`. When `DB` is configured, files are stored in the database, adding unnecessary contention on the database.

With the `FILE_SYS` option, you must set up a file-sharing service where all Contrast nodes are able to access the file path. Provide this path as the value for `reporting.storage.path`.



### NOTE

The path should be an absolute path, such as `/Users/user1/reporting`.

For Windows, be sure to escape the colon or the path will not work. For example, this path will fail:

```
reporting.storage.path=C:\Contrast\data\reports
```

You must use either forward slashes or two backslashes around the colon for it to work, like this:

```
reporting.storage.path=C\\:\\Contrast\\datareports
```

With the default configuration, 1,250 vulnerabilities can be exported from an attestation report. In some cases, a user may want to run a larger report containing more than 1,250 vulnerabilities. Depending on the size of the instance, Contrast may run into heap space issues.

To decrease or increase the limit, set the `reporting.generation.limit` property in the `general.properties` file, and then restart Contrast.

## Configure logs at a system level

Contrast collects [multiple log files that log events and messages \(page 368\)](#).

You can configure the `log4j2.xml` file used to host the Log4j configuration that is packaged in the Contrast application (and optionally apply [Log4j custom levels](#)).



### CAUTION

before making any changes to this file to ensure the formatting is syntactically correct. A server restart is not required *if the changes are entered correctly*.

1. Find the file under `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf`.
2. The first parameter of the file below is a monitor interval that refreshes the settings based on the variable defined. By default, Contrast checks every 60 seconds and refreshes the logging configuration.

```
<Configuration monitorInterval="60">
```

3. Edit the file as needed.



### TIP

Read more about appenders and delivering LogEvents in the [Log4j documentation](#). Contrast predominantly makes use of the [Rolling File Appender](#), which is an *OutputStreamAppender* that writes to the file named in the `fileName` parameter, and rolls the file over according to the *TriggeringPolicy* and the *RolloverPolicy*.

Here is a sample file of the appenders for `contrast.log`. It shows a daily appender with a 1 GB max file size policy and no more than 15 files of rollover. This appender also compresses the file and renames it daily.

```
<RollingFile name="DAILY" fileName="${contrast.logs.dir}/
logs/contrast.log"
    filePattern="${contrast.logs.dir}/logs/
contrast.%d.%i.log.gz" immediateFlush="true">
  <PatternLayout>
    <Pattern>%d{ddMMyy HH:mm:ss,SSS} {%X{session.id}} \
{%X{user.name}} {%X{remote.addr}} %-5p (%F:%L) %m%n
    </Pattern>
  </PatternLayout>
  <Policies>
    <TimeBasedTriggeringPolicy/>
    <SizeBasedTriggeringPolicy size="1 GB"/>
  </Policies>
  <DefaultRolloverStrategy max="15"/>
</RollingFile>
```

The logger section of the file defines which Java packages should log to a specific appender and at a given log level.

## Contrast logs

For the Contrast application, Log4j is used as the logging framework, which [allows for custom levels](#).



You can [configure logging thresholds \(page 368\)](#), control log file destinations, and see an overview of each log available in Contrast.

Find these logs under the `$CONTRAST_HOME/logs` directory:

- `server.log`
- `catalina.out`

Other logs, like these, can be found in `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/logs`:

- `contrast.log`
- `ldap_ad.log`
- `migration.log`
- `audit.log`
- `mysql_error.log`

This table shows all of the primary log files in Contrast.

Log file	Description
<code>audit.log</code>	<p>Logs audit events such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Logging in and out of the application</li> <li>• Impersonating another user</li> <li>• Switching organizations</li> <li>• Accessing the administrator portal</li> <li>• Changes to the configuration and settings of Contrast by a SuperAdmin account</li> <li>• User account service issues (locked accounts, password changed, etc.)</li> <li>• Deleting traces</li> <li>• Changes to a license or an expired license notification</li> <li>• API Key changes</li> </ul>
<code>console.log</code>	Default application event log
<code>contrast-error.log</code>	Logs messages printed to <code>stderr</code>
<code>contrast-stdout.log</code>	Logs messages printed to <code>stdout</code>
<code>contrast.log</code>	<p>Like Tomcat's <code>stdout</code> or <code>console</code> log, <code>contrast.log</code> shows most key events happening inside Contrast to inform or help with debugging. It includes information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• applications</li> <li>• servers</li> <li>• libraries</li> <li>• traces</li> <li>• users</li> <li>• Java stack traces for debugging purposes when a server exception takes place</li> </ul>
<code>security-events.log</code>	Formerly the <code>esapi.log</code> , this log file is used for capturing key events from Contrast, such as the loading of a given property file.
<code>migration.log</code>	Contains a summary of all database migrations that occur against the Contrast application between updates. It references the Contrast version, the migration script that ran and the status of the script.

## Configure HTTPS

By default, HTTP is used for connections between Contrast and the agents. You may need to add or replace HTTP with HTTPS for both Contrast and agent traffic, which you can do with Tomcat's built in connector functionality. There are two ways to do this:

- **Contrast HTTPS connector:** Configure Contrast to listen to HTTPS connections on a port that you specify by adding a certificate to a Java KeyStore.
- **Reverse proxy method:** Use a standard web server, such as Apache HTTPD or NGINX, in front of the Contrast server configured to reverse proxy requests using Contrast's AJP connector.

## Use the Contrast HTTPS Connector

Use these steps to create a Java KeyStore (JKS), with a signed certificate, that your on-premises Contrast application server will use at runtime.

1. Use the Java keytool command to create a Java KeyStore (JKS) (for example, `contrast.jks`) containing a private and public key for a certificate with an alias of `contrast-server`.

```
keytool -genkeypair -alias contrast-server -keyalg RSA -keystore \
contrast.jks
```

2. Generate a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) (`contrast.csr`). You can add DNS or IP fields as needed to include these as Subject Alternative Names on the certificate.

```
keytool -certreq -alias contrast-server -file contrast.csr -keystore \
contrast.jks -ext san=dns:your_hostname.your_company.com,ip:10.0.0.1
```

3. Send the resulting CSR file to your CA. The CA will provide you with either multiple PEM files or a single PCKS #7 file.
4. Import the file(s) into the Java KeyStore. Use these instructions depending on the file type you receive.



### NOTE

In order for Contrast to use the SSL Certificate, the certificate can't be protected with a passphrase.

- **Multiple PEM files:** These files have extensions of `.CRT` or `.PEM` (PEM files open as readable text). One file contains the certificate, while the others contain the root and possibly one or more intermediate certificates.

The certificates must be imported into the KeyStore in a top-down order, with the server certificate itself being imported last. The server certificate should have the same alias used when the KeyStore was created. For example, if you were provided with `root.cer`, `inter.cer` and `server.cer`, you should import them as:

```
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias root -file root.cer -keystore \
contrast.jks
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias intermediate -file inter.cer -
keystore contrast.jks
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias contrast-server -file server.cer -
keystore contrast.jks
```

- **Single PCKS #7 file:** This file has an extension of `.P7B`, `.CER` or possibly `.CRT`. This file contains the server certificate bundled with all necessary root and intermediate certificates. The server certificate should have the same alias used when the KeyStore was created. For example, for a file `certificate.p7b`, import it as:

```
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias contrast-server -file \
certificate.p7b -keystore contrast.jks
```



## NOTE

If you retrieve your certificates through another method, you may need to create a keystore differently. For example, if you end up with a:

- `server.crt`, `priv.key` and `inter.crt` files: Convert the files to a PKCS #12 and create a keystore using these commands.

```
openssl pkcs12 -export -out cert.pfx -inkey priv.key -in \
server.crt -certfile inter.crt -name "contrast-server"
keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore cert.pfx -
srcstoretype pkcs12 -destkeystore contrast.jks -
deststoretype jks
```

- PKCS #12 file: Create a keystore with this command.

```
keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore cert.pfx -
srcstoretype pkcs12 -destkeystore contrast.jks -
deststoretype jks
```

5. Once KeyStore setup is complete, open the `<YourPath>/data/conf/server.properties` file in your text editor, where `<YourPath>` is the path where Contrast is installed. Replace `<port>`, `<file>`, `<password>`, `<hostname>` with your port, JKS file path, password, and the hostname alias given in the keytool command.

```
https.enabled=true
https.port=<port>
https.keystore.file=<file>
https.keystore.pass=<password>
https.keystore.alias=<hostname>
```



## IMPORTANT

If using Windows, the full path to the JKS file must be escaped. For example:

```
https.keystore.file=C:\\Program\\ Files\\Contrast\\data\\conf
\\ssl\\contrast-server.jks
```

You may find it useful to set the `http.enabled` and `ajp.enabled` options to `false` to ensure that only connections made over HTTPS are allowed to the Contrast server.

6. Open the `<YourPath>/data/conf/general.properties` file, and change the value of the `teamserver.url` property to reflect your change. Agents must be updated manually the first time after you make this change. Future updates to the agent will be automatic.
7. Restart the Contrast server service, and ensure that it's now listening on the HTTPS port you configured.



## NOTE

It is also possible to use the HTTPS connector with a self-signed certificate.

## Use the reverse proxy method

To use Apache JServ Protocol (AJP) with the reverse proxy method:

1. Ensure that the Contrast server is configured to listen for connections using the AJP protocol. Open the `CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/server.properties` file in your text editor and verify that the following options are set:

```
ajp.enabled=true
ajp.port=8009
ajp.secretRequired=true | false
ajp.secret=somesecret
```

Choose the `ajp.port` setting to reflect the port on which you'd like the server to listen for incoming connections. If you want the AJP connector to be the only way to access the server, disable the `http.enabled` and `https.enabled` options.

If the `secretRequired` is configured to `true`, the `ajp.secret` setting should have a non-null, non-zero length value. Request workers are required to have the secret keyword; otherwise, the requests are rejected. The workers must provide a matching value, or the request will be rejected regardless of the setting of `secretRequired`.

2. After updating the `server.properties` file, restart the Contrast server service for the changes to take effect.
3. To configure the front-end server, refer to your server's documentation for instructions on how to configure it to use AJP. (For example, see [Apache](#) or [NGINX AJP](#) documentation.)

## Customize score settings at a system level

Contrast designates an [application score](#) (page 389), which can optionally depend on a [library score](#) (page 228). To customize score settings at a system level:

1. Under [system settings](#) (page 363), select **Score settings**.
2. Select an option for **Overall score** to determine how applications are scored in Contrast:
  - **Default score** is the average of your application's [library score](#) (page 228) and its custom code score.
  - **Custom code-only score** ignores library score when calculating the overall application score. If you select this option, you can click to select specific languages, or apply it to all languages.
3. Select an option for **Library score** to determine how libraries are scored in Contrast:
  - **Default score** uses an algorithm that includes vulnerabilities as well as the age and versioning of a library.
  - **Vulnerability-only score** bases scoring solely on vulnerabilities present in the library.
4. Select the box next to **Allow organization override** so that an Organization Administrator can [determine score settings at an organization level](#). (page 342)
5. Select **Save**.



### NOTE

A RulesAdmin can configure policy settings in **Policy Management** so that any library in violation automatically receives a failing score (F). Once these settings are chosen, you'll see an alert message in Score Settings. Clicking the policy link in the alert navigates you to Library Policy, where administrators may view and revise these settings.

## Send system messages

Use system messages to let users know about scheduled downtimes or newly applied updates. These messages alert all users in your organizations every time they log in to Contrast. Alerts remain active until your chosen expiration date.

To create a new system message:

1. In [system settings \(page 363\)](#), select **System messages** from the left navigation.
2. Select **Create a message**.
3. Set an expiration date and time, and enter the message text.
4. The message will display until you delete it (by selecting **Delete** here) or it reaches expiration. Users must manually acknowledge system messages before they can continue with their tasks.



**TIP**

You can also create [custom notifications \(page 340\)](#) for one or more users when a specific condition is observed in Contrast.

## Manage library compliance policy

You can manage library compliance policy at the system level. Library compliance policy allows you to restrict libraries that applications can safely use and set version requirements for specific libraries. Contrast can flag applications that use restricted libraries and flag or fail libraries that violate the compliance policy.

To manage library compliance policy:

1. Open the **user menu** (your name in the top right corner of Contrast) and select [System settings \(page 363\)](#).
2. Select **Policy**.
3. Set compliance requirements for your policy: libraries that are restricted from use, library version requirements, and whether Contrast should fail libraries that violate the policy.
4. Select **Allow organization override**, if you want Organization Administrators and RulesAdmins to [set compliance policy \(page 326\)](#) at an organization level.

## Add an organization

In Contrast, an organization is a group of associated users and applications with a shared business purpose. Contrast uses multi-tenant architecture: each Contrast customer is a tenant, represented as an organization.

Organizations can be created by a [System Administrator \(page 388\)](#). All organizations require a unique name as well as an [Organization Administrator \(page 388\)](#) to oversee the organization.

To add an organization:

1. In the **user menu**, select **SuperAdmin**.
2. Select **Organizations** in the header, then select **Add organization**.
3. In the window that appears:

Organization Name

Protect

OSS Licensing

Require Assess License

License Consumption

Require users to manually apply allocated licenses

Automatically apply allocated licenses

Assess (Application licenses)

Protect (Server licenses)

Language

English

Date Format

MM/dd/yyyy

Time Format

hh:mm a

Time Zone

(GMT-05:00) Eastern Time

Additional Options

Enable Duplicate Vulnerability Notification

Enable Route-Based Auto-Verification

Enable DISA STIG Checklist reporting

Allow beta language testing

Agent Diagnostics

Application Library Status

BETA

Admin Email

Admin First Name

Admin Last Name

Require Email Activation

Admin Password

Confirm Admin Password

Cancel

Add

- Enter the new **Organization name**.
  - Use the toggle to enable **Protect**, if appropriate.
  - Under **License consumption**, use the radio buttons to manually or automatically apply allocated licenses.
  - Select the default **Language** for the organization.
  - Use the drop-down menus to choose a **Time zone**, and **Date** and **Time** formats.
  - Select additional options for duplicate vulnerability notification, [route-based auto-verification \(page 312\)](#), [DISA STIG checklist reporting \(page 255\)](#), [diagnostics \(page 364\)](#) and any beta features.
  - Complete the profile information for the Organization Administrator, including their email, name and password.
  - Only check the box to **Require email activation** if you have a mail server set up with the Contrast application.
4. Select **Add** to create the organization. You may continue to create as many organizations as you need for multi-tenant support.

## Manage multiple organizations

On-premises users deploying in a multi-tenant environment can set up Contrast to support multiple organizations within the same system. During the installation process, a default organization is created. After that, users with SuperAdmin credentials can create additional organizations. To do this:

1. Log in to Contrast as SuperAdmin.
2. In the **user menu** select **SuperAdmin** to view system administration options.
3. Select **Organizations** in the header.
4. Select **Add organization**.

5. Supply valid information for the new organization and designate an Organization Administrator by entering credentials of the user who will fill this role.
6. When a user is granted access to the new organization (either in the above step, or by becoming a member of an [organization access group \(page 335\)](#)) they can move between organizations by selecting the organization name in the **user menu**.



### IMPORTANT

If you are an Organization Administrator and you want to change settings for a particular organization, you must first switch to that organization in the **user menu**, before selecting **Organization settings**. The active organization will show a green check next to its name in the **user menu**.

## Maintain Contrast on-premises

As a system administrator there are some ongoing tasks that are required for maintenance of the system. You may need to:

- [Create a MySQL backup \(page 375\)](#)
- [Improve performance \(page 23\)](#)
- [Upgrade Contrast \(page 377\)](#)
- [Upgrade the agents \(page 378\)](#)
- [Update library data \(page 379\)](#)
- [Update the Contrast license \(page 380\)](#)
- [Update the IP address \(page 381\)](#)
- [Manage SSL \(page 381\)](#)
- [Use the encrypted properties editor \(page 381\)](#)

## Create a MySQL backup

You can create a backup of the Contrast MySQL database on a regularly scheduled basis. During [installation \(page 345\)](#), you can select this option and define a time and location for storing database backups. If you skip this step during installation, you can still configure Contrast later to schedule database backups. You can also use the `backup_db` script included with Contrast to do this.

To create a MySQL backup:

1. Find Contrast database settings in `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/database.properties`.
2. [Use the encrypted properties editor \(page 381\)](#) to identify database settings. The example below shows a Contrast database with backups enabled, scheduled and in a specific location. You can edit these settings, if any options need to change.

```
contrast@TeamServer:~/contrast/bin$ ./edit-properties -e ../data/esapi/ -
f ../data/conf/database.properties

database.bk.time                : 4:0:0
database.bk.enabled             : true
database.bk.dir                 : /mnt/backups/mysql/
contrast
```

3. If you want to upgrade Contrast, you should capture any data created or changed since the last scheduled backup.

To do an unscheduled backup of the Contrast MySQL database:

1. Be sure you have permission to run the `backup_db` script. Typically, you must be the installation owner for a Contrast, root or Windows Administrator account to do this.
2. Be sure that Contrast is running and MySQL is available.
3. If you have not done so, configure the database backup location. Set a location for `database.bk.dir` by editing the `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/database.properties` file with the [encrypted editor \(page 381\)](#).
4. Run the backup command for your environment:
  - **Windows:** `$CONTRAST_HOME\bin\backup_db.cmd`
  - **Linux:** `$CONTRAST_HOME/bin/backup_db.sh`

You can also perform related backup tasks, depending on your situation:

- [Restore database backups \(page 376\)](#)
- [Disable automated backups \(page 376\)](#)

### Disable automated backups

You can stop automated backups of the Contrast MySQL database. Scheduled backups run through `schtasks` on Windows and `crontab` on Linux.

To disable automated backups:

For **Windows**, use Task Scheduler to disable or delete `ContrastBackup`.

For **Linux**:

1. Switch to the user under which you installed Contrast and run `crontab -l`.
2. This lists the scheduled job. You will see:

```
0 2 * * * /usr/local/contrast/bin/backup-db.sh
```

3. Run `crontab -e` to delete a single backup. Run `crontab -r` to delete all backups.



### CAUTION

The `-e` option allows edits with Vim to delete selected backups. The `-r` option deletes everything: be careful when you use it.

### Restore database backups

Database restoration should be performed by a MySQL Database Administrator. To restore database backups:

1. Use the [encrypted properties editor \(page 381\)](#) to identify the MySQL database settings.
2. Shut down Contrast.
3. Start up MySQL individually using the MySQL service packaged with Contrast. Replace `<YourPath>` with the path to your Contrast home.
  - **Windows:**

```
start /b "Contrast MySQL" mysqld.exe --no-defaults --
performance_schema=ON --slow_query_log_file="<YourPath>\data\logs
\mysql-slow.log" --max_allowed_packet=1024M --
innodb_buffer_pool_size=8192M --datadir="<YourPath>\data\db" --
general_log_file="<YourPath>\data\logs\mysql.log" --
log_error="<YourPath>\data\logs\mysql-error.log" --
collation_server=utf8_general_ci --general_log=OFF --
```



```
character_set_server=utf8 --basedir="<YourPath>\mysql" --
default_storage_engine=InnoDB --explicit_defaults_for_timestamp=ON --
sql_mode=NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES --port=13306 --
log_queries_not_using_indexes=OFF --innodb_file_per_table=ON --
socket=mysql.sock --verbose --log_output=FILE --long_query_time=2 --
pid-file="<YourPath>\data\db\mysqldresource.pid" --
slow_query_log=OFF --innodb_log_file_size=4096M
```

- **Linux:**

```
sudo -u contrast_service <YourPath>/mysql/bin/mysqld --no-defaults --
performance_schema=ON --slow_query_log_file=<YourPath>/data/logs/mysql-
slow.log --max_allowed_packet=1024M --innodb_buffer_pool_size=8192M --
datadir=<YourPath>/data/db --log_error=<YourPath>/data/logs/
mysql_error.log --general_log_file=<YourPath>/data/logs/mysql.log --
collation_server=utf8_general_ci --general_log=OFF --
character_set_server=utf8 --basedir=<YourPath>/mysql --
default_storage_engine=InnoDB --explicit_defaults_for_timestamp=ON --
sql_mode=NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION,STRICT_TRANS_TABLES --port=13306 --
log_queries_not_using_indexes=OFF --innodb_file_per_table=ON --
socket=mysql.sock --log_output=FILE --long_query_time=2 --pid-
file=<YourPath>/data/db/MysqldResource.pid --slow_query_log=OFF --
innodb_log_file_size=4096M
```

4. Connect to MySQL. Replace <jdbc.host>, <jdbc.port>, <jdbc.user> and <jdbc.schema> with your host, port, user and schema.

- **Windows:**

```
mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema>
```

- **Linux:**

```
./mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema>
```

5. Drop the Contrast database with `drop database <jdbc.schema>;`
6. Create the Contrast database with `create database <jdbc.schema>;`
7. Grant permissions to the Contrast user with `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON *.* to 'contrast'@'%' ;`
8. Exit from MySQL.
9. Restore the MySQL backup. Replace <backup\_location> with your backup location and <backup\_filename> with your backup filename.

- **Windows:**

```
mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema> < \
<backup_location>/<backup_filename>
```

- **Linux:**

```
./mysql -h <jdbc.host> -P <jdbc.port> -u <jdbc.user> -p <jdbc.schema> \
< <backup_location>/<backup_filename>
```

10. Shut down MySQL.
11. Restart the fully-restored Contrast and MySQL together.

## Upgrade Contrast

Contrast releases patches and upgrades as part of the embedded on-premises installer file, which you can download from the Contrast Hub. The installer intelligently determines that a previous version of Contrast exists on a given system. You can choose to run the updater portion of the process, or run an installation in a separate location. If a previous installation exists, you must configure a parallel installation to run on separate ports.

To upgrade Contrast:

1. [Create a MySQL backup \(page 375\)](#) and store the backup file on a separate file system or drive to avoid any issues with restoration. The installer attempts to create a database backup as part of the upgrade process, but to be safe, do this manually. Also, back up all configuration files located at `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf`.
2. Use [system messages \(page 372\)](#) to inform end-users that their system is being upgraded during a particular time.
3. Be sure the Contrast application is running when you start the installation process. Agents will continue to send vulnerability and library messages during this time. When the application initiates a shutdown on its own, the agents defer sending messages until it can reach the application.
4. The upgrade process is nearly identical to the original process to [install the Contrast application \(page 345\)](#); however, you will be asked to choose to update an existing installation or perform a new installation. You should choose to update an existing installation.
5. The upgrade will initially perform a database backup. Depending on the size of your database, this process can take a few seconds to a few minutes. During this operation, the application should be accessible to agents and end users.
6. The update then deploys a new file system under the installation directory. This primarily consists of deploying the `Contrast.war` file directory to the `$CONTRAST_HOME/webapps` directory. The application won't be accessible while the file system is updated.
7. Once a successful file system update is complete, the application starts up. While the application is starting up, you can follow along in the log files (*migration.log* and *contrast.log*, specifically). Log entries are written for both file system and database updates in a sequential manner.



#### NOTE

Configuration files and database components aren't updated until the initial startup step.

8. The first indicator of a successful update is that you can access the Contrast application by either logging in to the Contrast web interface or using an API request.



#### TIP

In the **user menu** you will see a link to the Release News for the version you are using.

9. Review the contents of the *migration.log* immediately after the upgrade. This log will reveal any issues experienced as part of the update process.



#### NOTE

In the minutes after the upgrade, deployed agents might attempt to update to the latest agent version. These agents won't reflect their own update until each has restarted and established contact with the Contrast application.

## Upgrade agents

To upgrade the Contrast agents, you can either download an agent through the Contrast web interface, or download a new agent from , and copy the individual agent artifact(s) to a directory on the Contrast application. No restart of the application is required; the agent artifact dynamically reloads and becomes accessible for download.

On-premises installations of Contrast are automatically configured to support a new directory: `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/agents`. This directory includes sub-directories for each of the agent languages.

```
drwxr-xr-x  9 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Nov 11 19:02 ./
drwxr-xr-x 16 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Feb 10 23:10 ../
drwxr-xr-x  8 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Jul 10 2019 contrast-
service/
drwxr-xr-x  2 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Feb 25 20:35 dotnet/
drwxr-xr-x  2 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Feb 10 23:10 dotnet-
core/
drwxr-xr-x  3 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Feb 10 23:10 java/
drwxr-xr-x  2 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Feb 10 23:10 node/
drwxr-xr-x  2 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Jul 10 2019 python/
drwxr-xr-x  4 contrast_service contrast_service 4096 Jul 10 2019 ruby/
contrast-service@devleopl:~/contrast/data/agents$ ls -lrta
drwxrwxr-x  2 contrast-service contrast-service 4096 Apr 25 19:59 node
drwxrwxr-x  2 contrast-service contrast-service 4096 Apr 25 19:59 java
drwxrwxr-x  2 contrast-service contrast-service 4096 Apr 25 19:59 dotnet
drwxrwxr-x  6 contrast-service contrast-service 4096 Apr 25 19:59 .
drwxr-xr-x 13 contrast-service contrast-service 4096 Apr 25 20:01 ..
```

Agents are provided from [Contrast Hub](#) and occasionally as a patch through Contrast's Support portal. You can download the agent from one of those two locations, and copy it to the server hosting the Contrast application. Place it in the directory `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/agents/agentName`. As mentioned above, no restart is necessary.

## Update library data

From the 3.6.4 release forward, library data is automatically updated as long as Contrast Hub is enabled under [general system settings \(page 364\)](#) and access is allowed to `https://ardy.contrastsecurity.com/production` through the firewall.

For air-gapped installations, you can download a cache export of library data from [Contrast Hub](#) (from version 3.7.4 forward).

1. Download the archive version you want from **Downloads > Teamserver > Library data exports**.



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### Library Data Exports

Release Date	File Name	File Size			
09/14/2021	Contrast-Data-Export-202109141732.zip	2.96 GB	<a href="#">Archive</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">MD5 Sum</a>
09/13/2021	Contrast-Data-Export-202109131732.zip	2.95 GB	<a href="#">Archive</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">MD5 Sum</a>
09/12/2021	Contrast-Data-Export-202109121732.zip	2.94 GB	<a href="#">Archive</a>	<a href="#">Download</a>	<a href="#">MD5 Sum</a>

2. Extract the downloaded ZIP file and place the CSV files in the *data/libraries* directory. Some files may be hidden due to their names, so ensure all extracted files are moved to this directory.
3. [Restart Contrast. \(page 349\)](#) When Contrast restarts, the data is imported in the background. The CSV files are deleted from the folder as each is imported.
4. Check the *data/logs/contrast.log* file for success messages as each script completes. For example, you may see a message like this:

```
Beginning CSV import from 'C:\Program Files\Contrast\data\libraries
\java.csv' into 'artifacts_java'Import temporary table 'artifacts_java' \
completed, time: 36.6886968s
```

## Update your on-premises Contrast license

You may occasionally need a new license file. There are two ways to update this file:

- As a SuperAdmin, you can log in to the application and update the license in Contrast.
- You can replace the license file on the local file system. (If the license is expired, you must use this method.)

To replace the license **in the Contrast web interface**:

1. Log in as SuperAdmin.
2. Select **Licensing** in the left navigation.
3. Click **Update this license** at the bottom of the panel.
4. Enter your [Contrast Hub credentials \(page 350\)](#) to download and apply the latest license from the Contrast Hub.
5. If you don't have access to the Contrast Hub, click **Upload license** and paste your license in the field provided.
6. Select **Update**.
7. [Restart Contrast \(page 349\)](#) to apply the new license changes.

To replace the license **in the Contrast file system**:

1. Obtain a new license from the Contrast Hub, your account manager or the technical support team.
2. Rename the new license file *contrast.new.lic*.

3. Stop the Contrast application service.
  - **Windows:** Use the service control panel
  - **Linux:** Execute `sudo service contrast-server stop` or another appropriate command for the distribution configuration. Execute `ps aux | grep contrast` to verify that all Contrast application processes have stopped, and confirm there are no processes listed. If *mysqld* is still running, it may take a few minutes to terminate on its own after stopping the service. If it doesn't terminate, [contact Support](#). **Do not kill the processes.**



### IMPORTANT

Don't move the current *contrast.lic* file. Contrast needs both the old and new license files to upgrade the license.

4. Place the new license file in the `<contrast_home>/data` directory.  
On Linux, confirm that the new license file has the same owner, group and permissions as other files in that directory. (Execute `ls -l` to list the directory contents with permissions and owners.) A backup of the current license called *contrast.lic.bak* will be created in the same directory when the new one is consumed during startup.  
Execute `sudo chown contrast_service:contrast_service contrast.new.lic` to change the owner and group.  
Execute `sudo chmod 644 contrast.new.lic` to change the permissions.
5. Start the Contrast application as normal.
  - **Windows:** Use the service control panel.
  - **Linux:** Execute `sudo service contrast-server start` or another appropriate command for the distribution configuration.
6. The new license takes effect.

To update all instances of the Contrast application, follow the steps for the file system method described above for each application instance that's running.

## Update your IP address

Whether you moved the installation, or had to change the hostname or IP address of your Contrast application, you must also complete these steps.

1. Log in to Contrast as SuperAdmin.
2. In the top right, select **SuperAdmin > System Settings > General Settings**.
3. In the **General** panel, change the **TeamServer URL** to *IP:port/Contrast*.
4. Select **Save**.
5. [Restart Contrast \(page 349\)](#) to apply the changes.

## Manage SSL

On-premises customers may need to use a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) in the following situations:

- Setting up [HTTPS proxy authentication](#)
- Integrating with [LDAP](#) or [Active Directory](#)
- Securing communication between agents and the Contrast application

## Use the encrypted properties editor

Contrast includes several configuration files in the `$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf` directory. By default, Contrast encrypts the configuration files for security, but you can modify some of these files through workflows in Contrast.

For example, these are some of the encrypted properties files for on-premises installations:

Name	Contents
<i>ad.properties</i>	Settings to connect and configure Contrast to authenticate Active Directory groups.
<i>ldap.properties</i>	Settings to connect and configure Contrast to authenticate LDAP groups.
<i>database.properties</i>	Host and connection settings for communication between Contrast and MySQL.
<i>saml.properties</i>	SAML keystore security settings.

Contrast also includes an editing tool to decrypt these files and assist with configuration. This is helpful when you are [running Contrast \(page 349\)](#) and need to get values from encrypted properties files outside of the application or automatically update a property in the files, such as automatic password rotation.

To edit encrypted properties files:

- Find the decryption tool in the `$CONTRAST_HOME/bin` directory.
  - Linux:** the file is a shell script called `edit-properties`.
  - Windows:** the file is a Windows command file called `edit-properties.cmd`.
- Run the tool from a command prompt. This opens an application that allows you to update the value of an encrypted property:

```
$CONTRAST_HOME/bin/edit-properties -e $CONTRAST_HOME/data/esapi -f \
$CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/ad.properties
```

- You must provide input details to view or edit encrypted properties files. The basic inputs you need are:
  - The path to *ESAPI.properties*.
  - The target properties file to edit.

To find this information for the encrypted properties editor, execute `edit-properties` with no arguments:

```
contrast@EOP-TeamServer:~/contrast/bin$ ./edit-properties

usage: property-editor
  -c,--comment <text>          The comment for the top of the file
  -e,--esapi <path>           The path to the ESAPI.properties file
  -f,--targetFile <file>       The properties file to edit
  -o,--print-value              Print out the value of the property and exit
  -p,--property <name>         The name of the property to set
  -v,--value <val>            The value of the property
```

- This example shows you how to edit an encrypted file. Provide the path to *ESAPI.properties* and the target properties file to edit. You will see the existing values encrypted in the file that you can edit. The usage options above allow you to view or edit a single property.

```
contrast@TeamServer:~/contrast/bin$ ./edit-properties -e ../data/esapi/ -
f ../data/conf/ad.properties

ad.userDn                        : cn=Directory Manager
ad.identity.attribute.name      : mail
ad.password                     : NotARealPassword
ad.nested.groups.enabled       : false
ad.group.users                  : \
cn=ContrastUsers,cn=Users,dc=contrastsecurity,dc=com
ad.group.admin                  : \
cn=ContrastAdmins,cn=Users,dc=contrastsecurity,dc=com
ad.url                          : ldap://localhost:389
ad.base                         : \
dc=contrastsecurity,dc=com
```

5. You can also retrieve or update unencrypted values for a property. To retrieve values, pass another parameter to the properties editor. In this example, the user is looking for details about database properties:

```
$CONTRAST_HOME/bin/edit-properties \
-e $CONTRAST_HOME/data/esapi \
-f $CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/database.properties \
-p jdbc.username \
-o
```

To update unencrypted values, pass a different set of arguments to the properties editor:

```
$CONTRAST_HOME/bin/edit-properties \
-e $CONTRAST_HOME/data/esapi \
-f $CONTRAST_HOME/data/conf/database.properties \
-p jdbc.username \
-v joe.user \
-c "Updating JDBC Password"
```



#### NOTE

Add comments to indicate edits to encrypted properties files. This is useful for auditors or others who need to track configuration changes.

# Reference

These topics may be useful as an occasional reference on how to use Contrast:

- [Glossary \(page 384\)](#)
- [Roles and permissions \(page 387\)](#)
- [Agent supported technologies \(Java \(page 31\), .NET Framework \(page 59\), .NET Framework \(Legacy\) \(page 85\), .NET Core \(page 93\), Node.js \(page 119\), Python \(page 139\), Ruby \(page 158\), Go \(page 174\)\)](#)
- [Application scoring guide \(page 389\)](#)
- [Library scoring guide \(page 228\)](#)
- [Log levels \(page 391\)](#)
- [Supported browsers \(page 394\)](#)
- [Regular expressions for application exclusions \(page 326\)](#)

## Glossary of terms

These terms are defined specifically as they apply to users of Contrast. You can hover over these terms in other topics to pull up the definition in context.

account takeover (ATO)	An account takeover is the result of an attack that steals login credentials or otherwise breaks authentication in web applications.
agent	An agent is language-specific code that is installed in a web application to gather and analyze security data, and report findings to Contrast when necessary.
allowlist	An IP allowlist is a rule that allows any HTTP request from IP addresses on that list.
application	An application is a logical grouping of customer code analyzed by a Contrast agent.
attack	An <a href="#">attack (page 247)</a> is made up of one or more attack events that occur within a discrete time frame.
attack event	An attack event is a violation of Protect rules or other suspicious application activity in instrumented applications. The event corresponds to a single attack vector, such as an HTTP request or SQL query. Multiple attack events make up an attack, usually in the same area of code and timeframe.
brute-force attack	A brute-force attack is the systematic submission of many passwords or passphrases with the intent of eventually guessing correctly.
chief information security officer (CISO)	The chief information security officer directs an organization's information security program to assure and demonstrate that sensitive assets are well-protected and staff can manage and prevent vulnerabilities.
command injection	Command injection attacks target the host operating system through a vulnerable application. They happen when a user passes unsafe data to a system shell through a form, cookie or HTTP header or some other part of the application.



common language runtime (CLR)	Common Language Runtime manages the execution of .NET Framework programs.
Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)	<a href="#">Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures</a> is a list of publicly known cybersecurity vulnerabilities, used internationally to identify and track types of vulnerabilities.
continuous integration/continuous delivery (CI/CD)	Agile practice that encourages continuous iterations and automation in building, testing and deployment.
Contrast command line interface (Contrast CLI)	The Contrast CLI is a text-based user interface. It can be run in the development environment to get early software composition analysis (SCA) visibility of your open-source libraries before you build and deploy. Results from the CLI can be viewed in the text-based response and they are also represented as a <a href="#">dependency tree (page 228)</a> in Contrast.
Contrast Hub	The <a href="#">Contrast Hub</a> is where on-premises customers can download the Contrast installer and license files and check for agent updates.
Contrast service	The Contrast service is a program written in Go that connects the Contrast web interface with the Node.js, Ruby and Python agents.
credential stuffing	Credential stuffing is a brute force attack that automatically injects pairs of breached usernames and passwords to access user accounts.
cross-site scripting (XSS)	Cross-site scripting is an attack that occurs when malicious scripts are injected into a web application through user inputs that generate output without validating or encoding it.
dependency confusion	Dependency confusion, also known as a "substitution attack," is when an attacker registers the same name for an organization's internal library on a public package index in order to send vulnerable or malicious code into the organization's private code repositories.
environment	In Contrast, applications are organized into one of three environments: development, test (QA) and production.
environment variable	Environment variables are values you can pass to software at runtime, usually key/value pairs that you define outside of an application. In Contrast, these are used to <a href="#">configure the agents (page 27)</a> that instrument your applications and make sure they work within your preferred frameworks as expected and report metadata you want to see in Contrast.
false positive	A vulnerability that is falsely reported.
flow map	A flow map is a visualization of an instrumented application in Contrast that shows all back-end systems it uses and any other applications connected to it. This helps you assess risk by analyzing what else touches vulnerable applications.
instrument	Monitor applications with software agents that observe and report data at runtime. Contrast agents send security vulnerability data about your applications based on exercised routes.
interactive application security testing (IAST)	Security technology that analyzes data flows within a running application to detect and report possible security vulnerabilities.

IP denylist	An IP denylist is a rule that blocks any HTTP request from IP addresses on that list.
library	A library is any packaged code included in an application. <a href="#">Libraries (page 219)</a> can be public or private.
lightweight directory access protocol (LDAP)	LDAP is a lightweight client-server protocol for accessing and maintaining directory services. In Contrast, on-premises can <a href="#">use LDAP</a> to manage users and logins.
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)	NIST is a <a href="#">government agency</a> that promotes U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing measurement science, standards, and technology, in multiple fields including cybersecurity.
Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)	<a href="#">Open Web Application Security Project®</a> is a nonprofit foundation that works to improve the security of software through an open platform that supports shared security projects and member education. The <a href="#">OWASP Top Ten</a> lists the most critical security defects in Web applications.
path traversal	Path traversal is an attack that attempts to access critical system files and directories stored outside the web root folder. It uses variables that reference files with "dot-dot-slash" (../) sequences or absolute file paths.
policy	A policy is the set of rules for a given application or library that triggers security violations, status changes, or notifications when certain conditions are true. Policies assure more consistent security standards across applications or teams.
profiler chaining	Profiler chaining is a way to run the .NET Framework or .NET Core agent alongside other .NET profiler agents, such as performance or APM tools.
rule	A rule is a security control used to identify a vulnerability or attack event. If the rule matches, the agent sends a vulnerability or attack event to Contrast for the affected application.
runtime application self-protection (RASP)	Contrast uses RASP methods to monitor attacks and actively defend applications in production.
score	Contrast provides <a href="#">library (page 228)</a> and <a href="#">application (page 389)</a> scores that reflect the current security situation for your applications or libraries.
security assertion markup language (SAML)	SAML is an XML-based standard used to create and exchange security information between online partners, such as single sign-on authentication.
security incident event management (SIEM)	SIEM systems collect and analyze security events and related data from other systems to support threat detection, compliance, and security incident management. Contrast integrates with several leading SIEM systems.
sensitive data masking	This feature redacts sensitive data in Contrast logs and other data transmissions from the Contrast agent, without affecting how that data is processed by the application.
single sign-on (SSO)	Single sign-on is an authentication or user identification service that gives users access to multiple systems with only one set of credentials.

sink	In <a href="#">data flow analysis (page 240)</a> , the sink is where data ends. A sink is any external format or location to which data is written.
software development life cycle (SDLC)	The series of steps by which ideas become software that is used by people.
source	In <a href="#">data flow analysis (page 240)</a> , the source is where data starts. A source is any input data or request that enters a system.
SQL injection (SQLi)	A SQL Injection attack inserts or "injects" a SQL query within user input data from the client to get it into the application. The intent is to read or modify database data or send commands to the database ( <a href="#">for example</a> ).
stack trace	A stack trace lists the sequence of events that led to a failure. For Contrast, the stack trace shows the events that led to a security vulnerability.
static application security testing (SAST)	A method of finding potential vulnerabilities in applications without installing or running the application.
web application firewall (WAF)	A WAF inspects and filters web traffic to defend applications from common attacks.
webhook	Integration method that sends real-time data from one application to another via HTTP every time a specified event occurs.

## Roles and permissions

Permissions and capabilities are granted to users depending on the role they are assigned. Roles exist at the [application \(page 387\)](#), [organization \(page 388\)](#) and (for on-premises customers) [system \(page 388\)](#) levels. Most of these roles are defined when a user is assigned to an [access groups \(page 335\)](#).

You can also:

- [View your own permissions \(page 192\)](#)
- [Manage organization permissions \(page 334\)](#)
- [Manage system permissions \(page 344\)](#)
- [Grant Protect permissions \(page 363\)](#)



### NOTE

API-Only users can access Contrast's REST API, but can't log in to the user interface. Contrast doesn't recommend the creation of administrator API accounts.

## Application roles

Application roles give users permissions and capabilities within a particular application. Application roles are assigned with [access groups \(page 335\)](#).

Use these application roles to grant permissions and capabilities within an application:

- An **Application Administrator** has no restrictions and can manage other users' access in the application.

- An **Application RulesAdmin** can edit rules and policies in the application, enable Protect, manage notifications and scoring for the application.
- An **Application Editor** can remediate findings, add tags, manage vulnerabilities, edit attributes, merge applications, add or delete applications, and create servers. The majority of Contrast users have this role.
- An **Application Viewer** has read-only access to the Contrast interface to see scores, libraries, vulnerabilities and comments, but can't perform edits to traces to the application.
- The **No Access** role blocks user access to the application.

You can add application roles when you [create or edit an organization access group \(page 335\)](#).

## Organization roles

Users may have different roles across different organizations.

Every user has a default role for the default organization.

These are the organization roles:

- An **Organization Administrator** is responsible for configuration and management of the organization.
- An **Organization RulesAdmin** can edit rules and policies in the application, enable Protect, manage notifications and scoring for the organization.
- An **Organization Editor** can remediate findings, add tags, manage vulnerabilities, edit attributes, merge applications, add or delete applications, and create servers. The majority of Contrast users have this role.
- A **Organization Viewer** has read-only access to the Contrast interface to see scores, libraries, vulnerabilities and comments, but can't perform edits to traces to the application.
- The **No Access** role for a particular organization blocks users from that organization.

You assign organization roles by [adding users to an organization access group \(page 335\)](#).

## System roles



### NOTE

These roles are only available to on-premises customers.

When deciding how to [manage system administration \(page 344\)](#), you can use these roles to assign permissions and capabilities:

- A **SuperAdmin** is responsible for the installation and setup of on-premises instances. They may also be responsible for the system administration of Contrast, however, this may be assigned to one or more System Administrators. **SuperAdmins** can configure organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities, users and groups.
- A **ServerAdmin** is identical to a SuperAdmin except without access to users or groups. They have access to the **ServerAdmin** option in the user menu, which allows them to configure organizations, applications, servers and vulnerabilities.
- A **System Administrator** is responsible for maintaining organizations and groups. They have access to the **SuperAdmin** option in the user menu, which allows them to configure organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities, users and groups.
- A **System Observer** has read-only access to organizations, users, applications, groups and traces. They have read-only access to the **Observer** option in the user menu, which allows them to view organizations, applications, servers, vulnerabilities and users.

- The **No Access** role for a particular organization blocks users from that organization.

## Application scoring guide

The application score helps you gauge the general performance of each application.

Scores are based on how much of the application has been exercised, as well as the amount and severity of vulnerabilities found for that application.

Numeric scores map to letter grades that are shown in Contrast:

- **A:** 90-100
- **B:** 80-89
- **C:** 70-79
- **D:** 60-69
- **F:** 35-59

To calculate the application score, find the average of the application's [library score \(page 228\)](#) and the custom code score.

To calculate the custom code score, start with 100 points and subtract penalty points for the number of vulnerabilities found in your application times a penalty weight for their severity, shown here:

- **Critical:** Multiply the number of vulnerabilities by 20
- **High:** Multiply the number of vulnerabilities by 10
- **Medium:** Multiply the number of vulnerabilities by 5
- **Low:** Multiply the number of vulnerabilities by 1

Vulnerabilities are weighted differently depending on how likely they are to be exploited and how serious the effects would be.

For example, a SQL injection is considered **Critical** because automated tools exist to exploit them without expertise. An attacker who doesn't know anything about your application or schema can exfiltrate your entire database contents.

On the other hand, using a hashing algorithm like SHA-1 is considered **Low** because it has been known to exhibit serious weaknesses. Also it requires the resources of a very skilled attacker with extensive backing.



### TIP

For example, to calculate your application score:

First determine your custom code score. If your application had 0 **Critical**, 1 **High**, 2 **Medium** and 1 **Low** vulnerability, your custom code score would be:

$$100 - (20 \times 0) - (10 \times 1) - (5 \times 2) - (3 \times 1) = 77$$

If you are running Contrast on an application with a library score of 85 and a custom code score of 68, your application score would be 77, which would be a C.

$$85 + 68 = 153$$

$$153 / 2 = 77$$

To improve your score:

- [Enable Protect rules \(page 313\)](#) and CVE shields to remove protected vulnerabilities from the score calculation.
- Remediate **Critical** and **High** vulnerabilities in your custom code.
- Address the vulnerable libraries.
- Update **High risk** libraries.

## Library scoring guide

Contrast provides letter grades for the security of your application's libraries so that you can use them as a reference point during analysis. The grades map to scores as follows:

- A: 90 - 100
- B: 80 - 89
- C: 70 - 79
- D: 60 - 69
- F: 35 - 59

Scores are based on three penalty factors:

- **Time:** The age of the library is calculated based on the number of full years between the release of the latest version and the version used in the application, multiplied by 2.5.
- **Status:** The status is calculated based on the number of versions that have been released since the current library in your application, multiplied by 10.
- **Security:** The CVE penalty of the library is the highest severity of all known CVEs for this library, multiplied by 10.



### NOTE

Organization administrators can [adjust the scoring method \(page 342\)](#) to include only security criteria.

**TIP**

For example:

If you're using a library from January 2010 and the latest version came out in September 2013, the number of full years passed is two. So your time penalty would be:

$$2 \times 2.5 = 5$$

If you're using Version 1.1.1, but Versions 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 have been released, your penalty would be:

$$2 \times 10 = 20$$

If you have a library with the scores 2.4 and 2.2, the penalty would be:

$$2.4 \times 10 = 24$$

The final score of the library is calculated by subtracting each of the three penalty values from 100.

$$100 - 5 - 20 - 24 = 51$$

A score of 51 maps to a letter grade of F.

## Log levels

The log level setting controls which events are processed by server logging, and can help you more effectively capture events. They can be [configured at a system level \(page 368\)](#) or for a [particular server \(page 215\)](#) by any user with Editor permissions.

Log levels follow the Log4j standard and honor their level designations as much as possible.

INFO is the default value. ERROR level is sufficient in most cases, unless a problem occurs and you need to collect more detailed metrics.

Log level	Description
ERROR	Gives information about a serious error that needs to be addressed and may result in an unstable state.
WARN	Gives a warning about an unexpected event to the user. The messages coming out of this level may not halt the progress of the system.
INFO	Gives the progress and chosen state information. This level is useful for the end user.
DEBUG	Helps the developer debug the application. Level of the message logged is focused on providing support to an application developer.
TRACE	Gives more detailed information than the DEBUG level.

## Events and generic webhook variables

You can customize your [generic webhook \(page 277\)](#) response with data from Contrast events such as `NEW_VULNERABILITY` and `SERVER_OFFLINE`. Each event contains [general \(page 392\)](#), [application \(page 392\)](#), [server \(page 393\)](#) or [vulnerability \(page 393\)](#) variables you can call in your payload request.

Event	Variables
ATTACK_END	<a href="#">General (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Application (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Server (page 393)</a>
ATTACK_EVENT_COMMENT	<a href="#">General (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Application (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Server (page 393)</a>
ATTACK_UPDATE	<a href="#">General (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Application (page 392)</a> , <a href="#">Server (page 393)</a>

Event	Variables
EXPIRING_LICENSE	General (page 392), Application (page 392)
NEW_ASSET (if new application)	General (page 392), Application (page 392) and Server (page 393) (if new application)
NEW_ATTACK_APPLICATION	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_ATTACK_UPDATE	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_ATTACK	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABILITY_COMMENT	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABILITY	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
NEW_VULNERABLE_LIBRARY	General (page 392), Application (page 392)
SERVER_OFFLINE	General (page 392), Server (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_CHANGESTATUS_CLOSED	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_CHANGESTATUS_OPEN	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)
VULNERABILITY_DUPLICATE	General (page 392), Application (page 392), Server (page 393), Vulnerability (page 393)

## Generic webhook variables

You can customize your [generic webhook \(page 277\)](#) response with data from Contrast events such as `NEW_VULNERABILITY` and `SERVER_OFFLINE`. Each event contains variables you can call in your payload request. Variables are either for general use or for an application, server or vulnerability.

Variables	Description
<b>General variables</b>	
<code>\$EventType</code>	The event type responsible for triggering the webhook For example: <code>SERVER_OFFLINE</code>
<code>\$Message</code>	A message summarizing the event that triggered the webhook
<code>\$OrganizationId</code>	The unique ID Contrast assigns to an organization when it is created
<code>\$OrganizationName</code>	The name of your organization
<code>\$Title</code>	Always returns "Contrast Security"
<b>Application variables</b>	
<code>\$ApplicationChild</code>	Returns true if the application is a child application, false if not
<code>\$ApplicationCode</code>	A secondary shorthand that appears in the title of an application, and is blank by default For example: <code>TEST</code>
<code>\$ApplicationContextPath</code>	The context path of the application For example: <code>/example/somethingelse</code>
<code>\$ApplicationFirstSeen</code>	When the application was first seen, in Unix time For example: <code>1572033840000</code>
<code>\$ApplicationHasParentApp</code>	Returns true if the application has a parent, false if not
<code>\$ApplicationImportance</code>	Enumerated value of the application Importance level For example: <code>MEDIUM</code>
<code>\$ApplicationId</code>	The unique ID Contrast assigns to an application when it is created For example: <code>49fe2978-1833-4441-83db-2b70486d9413</code>
<code>\$ApplicationImportanceDescription</code>	The importance level assigned to the application For example: <code>Medium</code>
<code>\$ApplicationLanguage</code>	The programming language of the application



Variables	Description
\$ApplicationLastSeen	When the application was last seen, in Unix time For example: 1572033840000
\$ApplicationLicenseLevel	Whether or not the application has an Assess license Values: Licensed, Unlicensed
\$ApplicationMaster	Returns true if the application is a primary application, false if not
\$ApplicationName	The name of the application
\$ApplicationParentAppId	The unique ID Contrast assigns to an application when it's created, in this case, the parent application, if it exists  For example: 49fe2978-1833-4441-83db-2b7o486d9413
\$ApplicationTotalModules	The number of modules your application has
<b>Server variables</b>	
\$Environment	The environment of the server For example: DEVELOPMENT or PRODUCTION
\$ServerId	The ID of the server involved in the event  If more than one server is involved, this is a comma-delimited list of server IDs.
\$ServerName	The name of the server involved in the event  If more than one server is involved, this is a comma-delimited list of server names
<b>Vulnerability variables</b>	
\$Severity	If this event is triggered by a vulnerability, this is the severity of the vulnerability
\$Status	If this event is triggered by a vulnerability, this is the status of the vulnerability
\$TraceId	If this event is triggered by a vulnerability, this is the vulnerability ID
\$VulnerabilityAppVersionTags	The application versions the vulnerability is found in  For example: v1.2.3
\$VulnerabilityAutoRemediatedExpirationPeriod	Auto-remediated expiration period for the vulnerability, in Unix time  For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityBugTrackerTickets	A comma delimited list of tickets created when the vulnerability was sent to bugtracker  For example: ticket1, ticket2, ticket3
\$VulnerabilityCategory	The category of vulnerability found For example: Injection
\$VulnerabilityClosedTime	When the vulnerability was closed, in Unix time  For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityConfidence	Confidence of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityDefaultSeverity	Default severity of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityDiscovered	When the vulnerability was first discovered, in Unix time  For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityEvidence	The evidence of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityInstanceUuid	The unique ID Contrast assigns to a vulnerability instance when it is created  For example: R33T-N00B-TGIF-RM6P
\$VulnerabilityFirstTimeSeen	When the vulnerability was first seen, in Unix time For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityImpact	The impact level of the vulnerability Values: Low, Medium, High
\$VulnerabilityLanguage	The programming language of the agent that discovered the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityLastTimeSeen	Last time the vulnerability was seen, in Unix time For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityInstanceLastTimeSeen	Last time the vulnerability was seen, in Unix time For example: 1572033840000

Variables	Description
\$VulnerabilityLicenseLevel	License level of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityLikelihood	The likelihood of the vulnerability Values: Low, Medium, High
\$VulnerabilityReportedToBugTracker	When the vulnerability was sent to a bugtracker, in Unix time For example: 1572033840000
\$VulnerabilityReportedToBugTrackerTime	Returns true If the vulnerability was sent to a bugtracker
\$VulnerabilityRule	Rule associated with the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityRuleName	Name of the rule associated to the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityRuleTitle	Title of the rule associated to the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilitySubStatus	Substatus of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilitySubTitle	Substatus of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilityTags	Custom tags associated with the vulnerability For example: my-custom-tag
\$VulnerabilityTitle	Title of the vulnerability
\$VulnerabilitySubStatusKeyCode	Key code of the vulnerability substatus
\$VulnerabilityTotalTracesReceived	Total number of times the vulnerability was received
\$VulnerabilityVisible	true if the vulnerability is licensed and visible, false if not
\$VulnerabilityRule	If event is triggered by a vulnerability, this is the rule that the vulnerability violated
\$VulnerabilityTags	If event is triggered by a vulnerability, this is a comma-delimited list of tags associated with the vulnerability

## Regular expression reference for application exclusions

Use this table, and the examples below, for reference when [adding application exclusions \(page 324\)](#).

Effect	Pattern	Example pattern	Example match
Start of a string	^	^w+	Start of a string
End of a string	\$	w+\$	End of a string
A single character of: a, b or c	[abc]	[abc]+	a bb ccc
A character except: a, b or c	[^abc]	[^abc]+	Anythingbutabc.
A character in the range: a-z	[a-z]	[a-z]+	Only a-z
A character not in the range: a-z	[^a-z]	[^a-z]+	Anythingbuta-z.
A character in the range of: a-z or A-Z	[a-zA-Z]	[a-zA-Z]+	abc123DEF
Any single character	.	.+	a b c
Any whitespace character	\s	\s	anywhitespacecharacter
Any non-whitespace character	\S	\S+	any non-whitespace
Any digit	\d	\d	not 1 not 2
Any non-digit	\D	\D+	not 1 not 2
Matches either a or b	(a b)	(a b)	beach
Zero or one of a	a?	ba?	ba b a
Zero or more of a	a*	ba*	a ba baa aaa ba b
One or more of a	a+	a+	a aa aaa aaaa bab baab
Exactly 3 of a	a{3}	a{3}	a aa aaa aaaa
3 or more of a	a{3,}	a{3,}	a aa aaa aaaa aaaaaa
Between 3 and 6 of a	a{3,6}	a{3,6}	a aa aaa aaaa aaaaaa aaaa

## Supported browsers

Contrast is web-based application for HTML5, and the interface is based on React and AngularJS. It works well with the latest version of any modern browser. Contrast actively tests our product in the **current and last major version** of the following browsers:

- Chrome
- Edge
- Firefox
- Safari

Opera browsers or older versions of Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari browsers may still work with Contrast, but some features may not display as intended.

## Contrast Beta Terms and Conditions

Contrast beta products and features adhere to these conditions:

- This product is in active development and undergoing continuous improvements.
- These beta products are provided as-is without warranty of any kind.
- Since beta products are still in development, there may be issues. Do not use beta versions in production environments.
- Customers may be required to sign additional agreements in order to use beta products.
- The beta program is for qualified users who want early access to new features and enhancements, and who agree to provide feedback. Please send comments, questions or bug reports about beta products to [support@contrastsecurity.com](mailto:support@contrastsecurity.com).

## Privacy and data collection

It's important that Contrast Security understands how customers are using our products so they can be improved. This information helps Contrast Security resolve problems and fix bugs.

We collect data through:

- [System diagnostics \(page 364\)](#)
- [.NET Framework and .NET Core agent telemetry \(page 92\)](#)

The collected data is anonymous and does not contain application data. It is collected by Contrast Security, and is never shared. It is governed by [Contrast Security's Privacy Policy](#).

Protecting your privacy is important to us. If you suspect we are collecting sensitive data or the data is being insecurely or inappropriately handled, send an email to [security@contrastsecurity.com](mailto:security@contrastsecurity.com) for investigation.