

# FortiWeb and Qualys

## Web Application Vulnerability Scanning and Virtual Patching

Virtual patching is a great method to protect applications until they can be permanently fixed by developers. Qualys and Fortinet offer an integrated solution that scans applications for vulnerabilities with Qualys Web Application Scanning (WAS) and protects them with Virtual Patching on the FortiWeb Web Application Firewall (WAF). Once a vulnerability is discovered, it's protected by FortiWeb instead of issuing disruptive emergency patches or worse, waiting weeks or even months for the developers to deploy a new release while the application sits unprotected.



FortiWeb's virtual patching uses a combination of sophisticated tools such as URLs, parameters, signatures, HTTP methods, and others to create a granular rule that addresses each specific vulnerability discovered by Qualys WAS. With this multi-faceted approach to rule creation, FortiWeb minimizes the possibility that a scanner-based rule will trigger false positives and won't impact overall WAF performance.

Virtual Patching won't take the place of the traditional application development process, however it can create a secure bridge between the time a vulnerability is discovered and the time a software release is issued to address it. In cases where it may not be possible or practical to change the application code, such as with legacy, inherited, and thirdparty applications, FortiWeb's virtual patching can provide a permanent security solution for vulnerabilities.

### Solution Benefits

Using FortiWeb with Qualys WAS gives organizations:

- Fewer disruptions due to emergency fixes and test cycles by virtually patching vulnerabilities until they can be permanently fixed
- Reduced risk of exposure to threats between the time a threat is discovered until it is fixed by developers
- Protection for legacy, inherited, and third-party applications where development fixes aren't an option or are impractical
- More stability in application security patches as developers have more time to properly fix code vs. issuing emergency patches that haven't had time to be fully tested
- Minimized false detections based on accurate and verified web application firewall alerts by Qualys WAS
- More accurate FortiWeb reporting and identification of attempts to exploit vulnerabilities discovered by Qualys WAS
- Additional flexibility and granular management of FortiWeb's Web Application Firewall policies based on scanning results
- An enhanced solution that exceeds PCI DSS 6.6 compliance standards

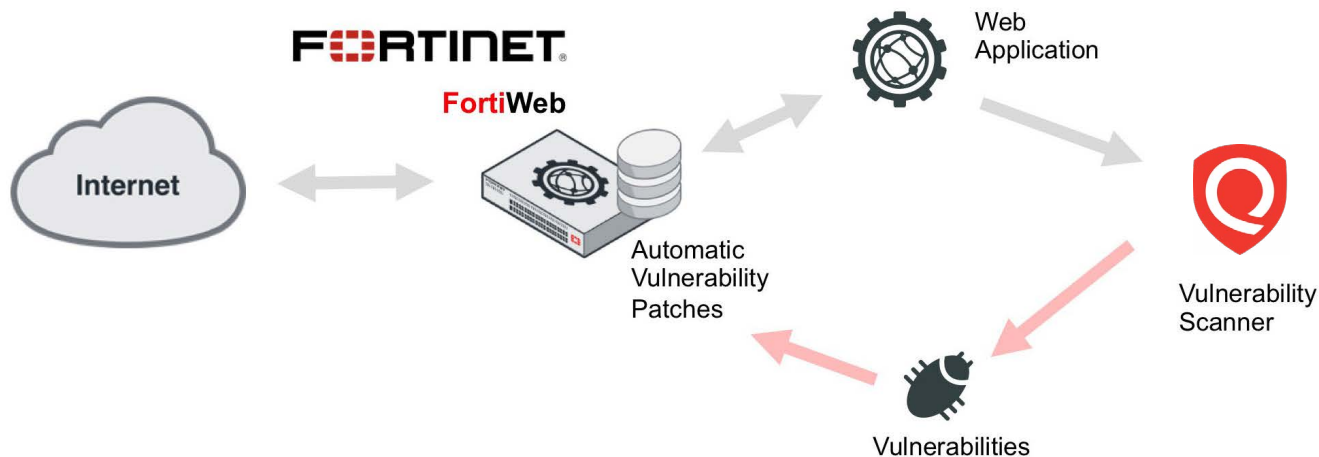


Figure 1: Qualys scan results are imported into FortiWeb; then FortiWeb Virtual Patching automatically creates new rules to protect against newly discovered vulnerabilities.

### About Fortinet

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