
ForteFed Quickstart Guide

Get scanning in 5 minutes

Version	1.3.0
Product	ForteFed NIST 800-53 / FedRAMP Scanner
Platform	Windows & Linux

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1. Download & Install

Windows

1. Download ForteFed installer from the DenseDefense website
2. Run the installer as Administrator
3. ForteFed installs to C:\Program Files\ForteFed\

Linux (Ubuntu/Debian)

1. Download the ForteFed .deb package
2. Install: `sudo dpkg -i fortedef-scanner_1.3.0_amd64.deb`
3. Start: `sudo systemctl start fortedef`

2. First Launch

Open your browser to `http://localhost:5001`

ForteFed runs on port 5001 (ForteFide uses 5000). No login required for scanning.

Scanner Mode

Without a license, ForteFed operates as a scanner only. Remediation requires a Pro license.

3. Run Your First Scan

- Enter target IP addresses in the Targets field
- Select Full scan mode for authenticated compliance assessment
- Enter credentials (Windows or Linux) - auto-detection handles OS identification
- Click Scan to begin

ForteFed assesses 305 NIST 800-53 Rev 5 controls across 20 families.

4. Understanding Results

- **MET**Control requirement satisfied
- **NOT MET**Control fails - remediation or documentation needed
- **MANUAL**Requires human review or organizational policy evidence

ForteFed maps each control to its FedRAMP baseline (Low/Moderate/High).

5. Activate a License

- Navigate to License in the dashboard
- Import your license.key file
- Unlocks: remediation, batch scanning, evidence package generation

6. FedRAMP Evidence Package

ForteFed generates a 23-document evidence package aligned with FedRAMP requirements:

- System Security Plan (SSP)
- POA&M with milestone tracking
- Per-control evidence with timestamps
- Continuous monitoring artifacts

7. Next Steps

- Read the Administration Guide for advanced configuration
- Review the API Reference for CI/CD integration
- Configure scheduled scans for continuous monitoring