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DenseDefense Suite Accounting

Every product in one place -- what it does, whether it ships today, what it costs, and how a customer gets it. One evidence chain, from assess to attest.

- ForteFide -- GA, free to scan
- The rest -- Early Adopter / Waitlist
- One chain: assess, prove, contain, attest

How the suite is delivered

REGISTER

A free, email-verified account gates the installer downloads and this documentation.

DOWNLOAD

ForteFide ships as local Windows `.exe` and Linux `.deb` installers -- free to scan.

LICENSE

A per-target ForteFide license unlocks remediation, rollback, and signed evidence. DDWitness is free for the life of any license.

EARLY ACCESS

ForteStrike, ForteLock, DenseSense, DenseAIArmour, ForteBase and ForteFed are reached via contact / early access.

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1 | What DenseDefense is

DenseDefense is a compliance-readiness suite for DoD contractors that handle CUI. It carries a job through **one evidence chain**: **assess** a CMMC Level 2 / NIST 800-171 posture, **prove** it with signed, tamper-evident evidence a C3PAO accepts, **contain** the exposure a passing scan does not catch, and **attest** that the evidence is unaltered.

ForteFide is the flagship and the only product shipping today -- free to scan, with a per-target license that unlocks remediation and signed evidence. The rest of the suite is in active development (Early Adopter) or on the waitlist; each is described below by purpose, and this reference marks which capabilities are shipped versus intended.

> **Note --** Only ForteFide is generally available. Every other product on this page is Early Adopter or Waitlist -- reached through contact / early access, not a self-serve download.

2 | The suite at a glance

Status mirrors the site: **GA** ships now; **Early Adopter** is in active development / early access; **Waitlist** has not started; **ForteBase** is the bundle.

PRODUCT	WHAT IT DOES	STATUS	OFFER & PRICING	DELIVERY
ForteFide	Evaluates all 110 CMMC L2 / NIST 800-171 controls (78 auto-checked, 32 by attestation), auto-remediates the technical gaps it can safely reverse, and produces signed C3PAO evidence.	GA	Free scanner; per-target license unlocks remediation + signed evidence. <=5 $89, 6-25 $65, 26-100 $46, 101-200 $34 per target/mo. Annual = 10x monthly. 200+ custom.	Local Windows `.exe` + Linux `.deb`; local license-gated REST API in-product.
ForteStrike	Runs the attack path against your own hosts and reports which controls actually survived contact -- assessor-grade evidence.	Early Adopter	Contact for early access. Standalone or part of the ForteBase family.	Contact / early-access list.
ForteLock	Continuous active-protect: adopts your approved exposure as a baseline, then reversibly contains any new unauthorized port -- containment only, no exploitation.	Early Adopter	Contact for early access. The defensive sibling to ForteStrike.	Contact / early-access list.
DenseSense	Finds where regulated / CUI data actually sits -- by disk, marking, form and pattern -- so scope is drawn against the truth, not a guess.	Early Adopter	Standalone-purchasable (or a ForteFide add-on); commercial terms at general availability.	Early access; reads only -- changes nothing.
DenseAIArmour	Inventories your AI attack surface -- local model endpoints, agent configs, credentials at rest -- and marks anything unreachable "not assessed," not passed.	Early Adopter	Contact for early access. Standalone or part of the ForteBase family.	Contact / early-access list; read-only.

PRODUCT	WHAT IT DOES	STATUS	OFFER & PRICING	DELIVERY
DDVault + DDWitness	DDWitness attests a package is unaltered without ever holding the evidence itself; DDVault is the optional vault that stores it.	Early Adopter	**DDWitness is free for the life of your license** -- included with any licensed edition, 30-day post-cancellation retention. DDVault is the optional SaaS vault.	DDWitness travels with the license; DDVault is a SaaS vault (airgapped sites hand off by sneakernet).
ForteFed	The ForteFide model brought to NIST 800-53 / FedRAMP -- scan every control, secure what it can, seal signed evidence -- for the federal cloud authorization above CMMC.	Waitlist	Join the waitlist. Planned as a free scanner, mirroring ForteFide.	Waitlist; installer-based scanner planned.
ForteBase	The suite bundle / console and the licensing backbone -- one place to run assess (ForteFide), prove (ForteStrike), contain (ForteLock), discover (DenseSense) and inventory AI (DenseAIArmour).	Early Adopter	Take the family bundled or standalone. Contact for early access.	Suite console + entitlement backbone; one evidence chain.

3 | ForteFide -- the GA engine

Scanner, remediation engine, and signed-evidence producer for CMMC Level 2. It evaluates all 110 controls; **78** are auto-checked on both Windows and Linux and **32** are organizational / attestation controls judged by interview and documentation. Auto-remediation is offered on the technical gaps it can safely reverse (with a stored rollback), and it flags the rest -- it never applies a change that would break its own re-scan.

Offer

Free to scan, unlimited endpoints. A per-target license unlocks auto-remediation, batch remediation, rollback, certificate / zero-trust auth, signed C3PAO evidence, and key inventory + LDAP/AD. Buy per target (<=5 $89, 6-25 $65, 26-100 $46, 101-200 $34 per target/mo), rate locked for the life of the license; annual is 10x monthly; self-serve checkout up to 200 targets, 200+ is a custom quote.

Delivery

Local Windows `.exe` and Linux `.deb` installers (Nuitka-compiled, self-contained, air-gap ready). Free account to download. A local, license-gated REST API runs in-product on the customer's own host.

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4 | Prove & contain -- ForteStrike, ForteLock

ForteStrike (Early Adopter) is the offensive sibling: it independently runs the attack path against your own authorized hosts and re-tests after a fix, so a control only counts as closed if ForteStrike can no longer get through -- a retest diff that becomes assessor-grade evidence. It documents the intended API surface of a preview product; it is not yet generally available.

ForteLock (Early Adopter) is the defensive sibling: a continuous guard that adopts your approved exposure as a baseline and reversibly contains any new, unauthorized port the moment it appears -- containment only, never exploitation, always undoable. *ForteStrike finds the lock; ForteLock throws it.*

5 | Discover -- DenseSense, DenseAIArmour

DenseSense (Early Adopter) answers a question a compliance scan cannot: where does your regulated / CUI data actually sit? It reads the disk by marking, form and pattern and reports the locations, so scope is drawn against the truth instead of a guess. Available standalone or as a ForteFide add-on.

DenseAIArmour (Early Adopter) inventories the AI attack surface -- local model endpoints, agent configs, credentials at rest, the AI vendor org itself -- and marks anything it cannot reach "not assessed," never "passed." Read-only by design: it changes nothing on your systems.

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6 | Attest -- DDVault + DDWitness

The custody layer beneath the suite's signed evidence, and the clearest place the two names get confused, so state it plainly:

- **DDWitness** is the **witness / attestation** -- it attests a signed package is unaltered **without ever holding the evidence itself**. It is **free for the life of your license**, included with any licensed edition (not an add-on, not on the free scanner tier), with 30-day post-cancellation retention.
- **DDVault** is the optional SaaS **evidence vault** that actually stores the signed packages. Airgapped sites hand evidence off by sneakernet; custody is preserved either way.

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7 | ForteFed -- the federal finale (Waitlist)

ForteFed (Waitlist) is the ForteFide model brought to NIST 800-53 Rev 5 / FedRAMP: scan every control, secure what it can, seal signed evidence -- for the federal cloud authorization that sits above CMMC. Planned as a free scanner mirroring ForteFide (no license required to scan). Join the waitlist to help shape it.

8 | ForteBase -- the bundle

ForteBase (Early Adopter) is the suite bundle / console and the licensing backbone: one place to run the products that answer what a compliance scan cannot -- whether controls hold (ForteStrike / ForteLock), where regulated data sits (DenseSense), and what AI tooling exposes (DenseAIArmour). Take the family bundled or standalone, or plug it into ForteFide and run everything from one place. One platform, one evidence chain.

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9 | How customers get it

The whole path, in order -- each step carries into the next:

1. **Register a free account.** Email-verified; it gates the installer downloads and this documentation.
2. **Download ForteFide and scan free.** Windows `.exe` or Linux `.deb`; all 110 controls, unlimited endpoints.
3. **License to unlock the paid features.** Per target (<=5 $89, 6-25 $65, 26-100 $46, 101-200 $34 per target/mo), rate locked for the life of the license, to turn on auto-remediation, rollback, certificate auth, and signed C3PAO evidence. Self-serve to 200 targets; 200+ is a custom quote.
4. **DDWitness comes free with any license** -- attestation for the life of the license, with the optional DDVault vault if you want cloud storage.
5. **Add DenseSense** standalone or as a ForteFide add-on to draw scope against where CUI actually lives.
6. **The rest via early access** -- ForteStrike, ForteLock, DenseAIArmour and ForteBase (contact); ForteFed by waitlist.

10 | Licensing & evidence model

Licenses are **machine-bound**: the signing key material is derived per-license and the customer's machine fingerprint is required, so a license and the evidence it signs cannot silently move to another machine. Evidence is signed **per license** with Ed25519, and the verifying public key travels **inside** the signed manifest -- so a C3PAO assessor verifies a package fully offline, with no key to distribute and no callback.

Documentation (this page and the product guides / API references) sits behind the same free registration. DDWitness attestation is free for the life of the license, with 30-day post-cancellation retention so evidence outlives a lapse.

11 | Release order

The suite ships one product at a time, in the order of the evidence chain, each with its own announcement:

ForteFide (GA, today) -> **ForteStrike** (prove) -> **ForteLock** (contain) -> **DDVault / DDWitness** (attest) -> **DenseSense**, **DenseAIArmour** and **ForteFed** as they mature. The suite vision is fixed; the members arrive as proof.

DenseDefense Suite Accounting. Internal + partner reference, current as of 2026-09-12. ForteFide is the only generally-available product; every other entry is Early Adopter or Waitlist and is described by purpose. Coverage and price figures interpolate from the live product data (`doc_data`); CMMC market context is sourced from the cmmc-assessor reference. Not legal advice.