

ForteFed

The same assess-prove-attest discipline the suite brings to CMMC, taken to the federal bar -- FedRAMP and NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5. Not shipping yet: this is a waitlist, and an overview of what ForteFed is for, not an API reference.

● Waitlist -- not yet available

● FedRAMP / NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5 -- the federal control set

● Same signed, Ed25519 evidence chain as the rest of the suite

● API reference published at general availability

What this document is

STATUS

ForteFed is a **waitlist** product, in development. It is not available today and there is no shipping public REST API yet, so an API reference would be premature. This page is a product overview: what it is for and where it fits.

SCOPE OF CLAIMS

This overview describes *purpose and intent*. It does not assert current capability -- nothing here should be read as a claim that ForteFed scans, scores, or produces evidence for your environment today.

WHAT COMES NEXT

Full API documentation will be published at general availability. Until then, [join the waitlist](#) and we will bring you in as it lands.

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1 | What ForteFed is

ForteFed is the DenseDefense suite's federal member. ForteFide brings the assess -> prove -> contain -> attest discipline to CMMC Level 2 and NIST SP 800-171; ForteFed is being built to carry that same discipline to the federal bar -- **FedRAMP and NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5**. Same posture, same signed evidence chain, a broader control set.

It targets the framework that governs federal information systems, where the control set is larger and organized by baseline. The intent is that a shop already living in the suite's honest, evidence-first frame can meet the federal bar in the same frame, rather than starting over in a different tool.

Tip -- This is an overview of a product in development. It describes what ForteFed is *for*. It is not an API reference, and nothing here is a claim that the product scans, scores, or produces evidence for your environment today.

2 | What it is for

CMMC and 800-171 govern controlled unclassified information in the defense industrial base. **NIST SP 800-53 Rev. 5** -- the framework behind FedRAMP -- governs federal information systems more broadly, with a larger control catalog selected by *baseline* (low, moderate, high). ForteFed is aimed at organizations that answer to that bar, or expect to.

The areas it is being built to bring into the suite's posture include:

AREA	WHY IT MATTERS
NIST 800-53 Rev. 5 control set	The federal catalog is broader than 800-171 and baseline-tiered; meeting it needs the control language and determinations built for it, not a CMMC scan relabeled.
FedRAMP baseline selection	Low / moderate / high change which controls are in scope. The intent is to assess against the baseline you actually carry.
Signed, offline-verifiable evidence	The same Ed25519-signed, chain-of-custody evidence the rest of the suite produces, so a federal reviewer can walk the chain the same way.
One suite identity	Federal work sits beside your CMMC work under one ForteBase identity, not a second tool with its own account and its own verifier.

Note -- Positioning only. Each row above states an *intended* area of coverage for a product in development, not a shipped feature list. Coverage, baselines, and behavior may change before general availability.

3 | The same discipline, at the federal bar

ForteFed is being built to hold the line the whole suite holds: **an honest determination you can defend beats a flattering one you cannot.** The design intent is that a control is scored met only on evidence that can actually determine it, that what could not be reached is named rather than quietly passed, and that every determination is backed by signed, offline-verifiable evidence.

At the federal bar this matters for the same reason it matters under self-attestation: the organization that submits the assessment carries the liability for it. Evidence that a reviewer can walk -- traceable to origin and provably unaltered -- is what a submission is meant to rest on.

Tip -- Same doctrine as the rest of the suite: report what was reached, name what was not, and never let a gap read as a clean bill of health -- now against the federal control set.

4 | Where it fits in the suite

ForteFed is one member of the DenseDefense suite, alongside the compliance engine that scans and remediates your fleet against CMMC Level 2 / NIST 800-171, the offensive console that proves exposures are real, the data-discovery and AI-posture capabilities, and the evidence-and-custody layer beneath them all. ForteFed extends that same posture to the federal control set.

The intent is that federal findings live in the same honest, evidence-first frame as everything else the suite reports, under one ForteBase identity -- so an organization that has assessed its fleet for CMMC can meet the federal bar without leaving the frame it already trusts.

Tip -- ForteFed is the federal finale of the suite: the same assess-prove-contain-attest discipline, aimed at FedRAMP and NIST 800-53 Rev. 5.

5 | Status & what comes next

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- **Available now:** the waitlist. [Join the ForteFed waitlist](#) to be brought in as it lands and to help steer what it covers first.
- **At general availability: full API documentation will be published** -- every route, its inputs, and its outputs -- in the same detailed reference form as the rest of the suite's products.

Note -- Everything in this overview describes purpose and direction for a product in development. Treat any capability named here as *not available today* for planning purposes, and confirm current status against the build you are offered.

ForteFed (Waitlist) -- the federal member of the DenseDefense suite, in development. This overview describes the product's purpose and its place in the suite; it is not a specification, a commitment to a delivery date, or a claim of shipped behavior. Full API documentation will be published at general availability.

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