Developing experts in the field of cybersecurity

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The Fortinet Training Institute

The Fortinet Training Institute is committed to developing experts in the field of cybersecurity through its training and certification programs for customers, partners and employees, as well as many academic and education outreach partnership programs around the world. Supported by Fortinet's strong network, the Training Institute has issued more than 900,000 certifications as of June 2022.

The Fortinet Training Institute's ecosystem of public and private partnerships helps Fortinet further address the skills gap by increasing the access and reach of its cybersecurity certifications and training.

Fortinet also works with global leaders like the World Economic Forum, as part of our effort to drive change on the most pressing cybersecurity issues. Our partnerships extend to industry, academia, government, and nonprofit organizations, in an effort to reach more people and help close the cybersecurity skills gap.

The Fortinet NSE Certification Program

The Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) Certification program is an eight-level training and certification program that is designed to provide interested technical professionals with an independent validation of their cybersecurity skills and experience. The NSE program includes a wide range of self-paced and instructor-led courses, as well as practical, hands-on exercises that demonstrate mastery of complex cybersecurity concepts. Each certification program, aims to assess specific levels of cybersecurity expertise, from foundation to architect.

**Awareness: Levels 1, 2, and 3**
Understand the threat landscape and the evolution of cybersecurity

**Technical: Levels 4, 5, and 6**
Learn how to implement, operate, and support Fortinet devices

**Advanced: Level 7**
Develop advanced skills in designing, implementing, supporting, and integrating multiple Fortinet products

**Expert: Level 8**
Gain expertise in complete network security architecture, drawing on experience from other security disciplines
NSE Certifications

Days listed are for instructor-led classes. Times will vary for self-paced courses.

NSE 1: The Threat Landscape  SELF-PACED ONLY  Learn More

The Threat Landscape course is the entry level of the Fortinet Network Security Expert (NSE) Certification program. NSE 1 provides candidates with a basic understanding of the ever-increasing threat landscape that impacts networks today.

To earn NSE 1 certification, candidates must pass all the quizzes.

NSE 2: The Evolution of Cybersecurity  SELF-PACED ONLY  Learn More

After candidates develop a solid understanding of the threat landscape and the problems facing organizations and individuals, they will learn about the evolution of cybersecurity. In the second level, they will learn about the types of security products that have been created by vendors to address security problems faced by networks and organizations.

To earn NSE 2 certification, candidates must pass all the quizzes.

NSE 3: Fortinet Product Awareness  SELF-PACED ONLY  Learn More

The NSE 3 level introduces candidates to the key Fortinet products and describes the cybersecurity problems that they solve. Candidates must complete the Security Fabric Overview lesson and all lessons in the Security-Driven Networking module, plus at least one additional module of their choice.

To earn NSE 3 certification, candidates must pass all the quizzes. We recommend that you complete NSE 1 and NSE 2 prior to starting NSE 3.
NSE 4: Network Security Professional  Learn More

The NSE 4 Network Security Professional designation identifies a candidate's ability to configure, install, and manage the day-to-day administration of a FortiGate device to support specific corporate network security policies.

To prepare for the NSE 4 certification we propose three courses: FortiGate Security, FortiGate Infrastructure, and NSE 4 Immersion.

FortiGate Security  SKU: FT-FGT-SEC  Learn More

In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to use the most common FortiGate security features, including security profiles.

FortiGate Infrastructure  SKU: FT-FGT-INF  Learn More

In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to use the most common FortiGate networking and infrastructure features.

Immersion  DIY LAB  Learn More

In this one-day lab-only course, available for purchase, candidates are assigned a series of do-it-yourself (DIY) configuration tasks to perform in a virtual lab environment.
NSE 5: Security Analyst  Learn More

The NSE 5 Fortinet Network Security Analyst designation recognizes a candidate's ability to implement network security management and analytics using Fortinet security devices. This certification requires candidates to pass two exams from the following courses:

**FortiAnalyzer**  SKU: FT-FAZ  Learn More

In this two-day course, candidates will learn the fundamentals of using FortiAnalyzer for centralized logging and reporting.

**FortiClient EMS**  SKU: FT-FCT  Learn More

In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to use the standalone FortiClient feature, and deploy and provision FortiClient using the FortiClient EMS solution.

**FortiEDR**  SKU: FT-EDR  Learn More

In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiEDR to protect their endpoints against advanced attacks, with real-time orchestrated incident response functionality.

**FortiManager**  SKU: FT-FMG  Learn More

In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiManager for the centralized network administration of many FortiGate devices.

**FortiSIEM**  SKU: FT-FSM  Learn More

In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiSIEM, and how to integrate FortiSIEM into your network awareness infrastructure.
NSE 6: Network Security Specialist  Learn More

The NSE 6 Network Security Specialist designation recognizes a candidate's comprehensive skills with fabric products, beyond the firewall. This designation is recognized after candidates pass at least four exams associated with the following courses:

Cloud Security for AWS  SKU: FT-AWS-CDS  Learn More
In this one-day course, candidates will learn about the different components that make up the Amazon Web Services (AWS) infrastructure and the security challenges these environments present, including high availability (HA), autoscaling, and software-defined networking (SDN) connectors, and how to manage traffic in the cloud with Fortinet products.

Cloud Security for Azure  SKU: FT-AZR-CDS  Learn More
In this one-day course, candidates will learn about the different components that make up the Microsoft Azure infrastructure and the security challenges these environments present, including high availability (HA), autoscaling, and software-defined networking (SDN) connectors, and how to manage traffic in the cloud with Fortinet products.

FortiADC  SKU: FT-FAD  Learn More
In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to configure and administrate the most commonly used features of FortiADC.

FortiAuthenticator  SKU: FT-FAC  Learn More
In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiAuthenticator for secure authentication and identity management.

FortiMail  SKU: FT-FML  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiMail to protect their network from existing email-borne threats.
FortiNAC  SKU: FT-NAC  Learn More
In this three-day interactive course, candidates will learn how to leverage the powerful and diverse capabilities of FortiNAC, using best practices for achieving visibility, control, and response.

FortiSOAR Administrator  SKU: FT-FSR-ADM  Learn More
In this two-day course, candidates will learn about FortiSOAR architecture, and how to deploy, configure, manage, operate, and monitor FortiSOAR in a SoC environment.

FortiSwitch  SKU: SKU: FT-FSW  Learn More
In this three-day interactive course, candidates will learn how to deploy, provision, and manage a FortiSwitch with FortiGate using FortiLink.

FortiVoice  SKU: FT-FVC  Learn More
In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to configure FortiVoice systems, including using the phones.

FortiWeb  SKU: FT-FWB  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to deploy, configure, and troubleshoot the Fortinet web application firewall.

Secure Wireless LAN  SKU: FT-FWF  Learn More
In this one-day course, candidates will learn how to deploy, configure, and troubleshoot secure wireless LAN using an integrated wireless solution.
NSE 7: Network Security Architect  Learn More
The NSE 7 Network Security Architect designation identifies a candidate's advanced skills in deploying, administering, and troubleshooting Fortinet security solutions. This designation is recognized after candidates pass at least one of the exams for the following courses:

**Advanced Analytics**  SKU: FT-ADA  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiSIEM in a multi-tenant environment as well as some advanced configurations, baseline calculations, and remediation methods.

**Advanced Threat Protection**  SKU: FT-ATP  Learn More
In this two-day course, candidates will learn how to protect their organization and improve its security against advanced threats that bypass traditional security controls. Candidates will also learn how FortiSandbox detects advanced threats.

**Enterprise Firewall**  SKU: FT-EFW  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to implement, troubleshoot, and centrally manage an enterprise security infrastructure composed of multiple FortiGate devices.

**FortiSOAR Design and Development**  SKU: FT-FSR-DEV  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to use FortiSOAR to design simple to complex playbooks, examine the role of FortiSOAR in mitigating malicious indicators, and learn how to create interactive dashboards to display relevant information about alerts and incidents.

**LAN Edge**  SKU: FT-SAC  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how FortiGate, FortiAP, FortiSwitch, and FortiAuthenticator enable secure connectivity over wired and wireless networks. This course was formerly known as Secure Access.

**OT Security**  SKU: FT-OTS  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn how to secure their OT infrastructure using Fortinet solutions. Candidates will learn how to design, deploy, administrate, and monitor FortiGate, FortiNAC, FortiAnalyzer, and FortiSIEM devices to secure OT infrastructures.

**Public Cloud Security**  SKU: FT-PUB-CDS  Learn More
In this two-day course, students will learn about the different components that make up the infrastructures of the top public cloud providers, and the security challenges these environments present.

**SD-WAN**  SKU: FT-SD-WAN  Learn More
In this three-day course, candidates will learn about common SD-WAN deployment scenarios using Fortinet Secure SD-WAN solutions.
NSE 8: Security Expert  Learn More

The NSE 8 Fortinet Network Security Expert designation identifies a candidate’s comprehensive knowledge of network security design, configuration, and troubleshooting for complex networks. To attempt the exam, candidates must have related industry experience.

To prepare for the exam, we recommend that candidates take the NSE 4 to NSE 7 training courses, and have comprehensive experience using Fortinet products in a production environment. The courses are optional.

To obtain NSE 8 certification, candidates must pass both the written exam and practical exam. Candidates who have passed the NSE 8 written exam might be interested in the NSE 8 Immersion workshop, which provides a better understanding of the level and complexity of the tasks and topology that are involved with the NSE 8 practical exam.

Written Exam  SKU: NSE-EX-CERT  Learn More

There are no prerequisites for taking the Fortinet NSE 8 written exam. The written exam is a pre-test for the Fortinet NSE 8 practical exam. The NSE 8 written exam is not a certification.

The Fortinet NSE 8 written exam is a 120-minute, multiple-choice exam. Questions cover design scenarios, configuration, and troubleshooting. Reference materials are not allowed in the exam room for the written exam.

Immersion  SKU: FT-NSE8-IMM  Learn More

In this two-day lab immersion, candidates will be challenged to configure a variety of Fortinet products based on a set of objectives. On the first day, candidates will receive instructions and learning tools to help them work with the lab environment, before they start their challenge. Throughout the two days, a trainer will be available to support candidates while they complete the tasks.

Candidates must pass the current NSE 8 written exam before attempting this workshop.

Practical Exam  SKU: NSE-EX-PRL8  Learn More

After passing the prerequisite NSE 8 written exam, candidates can register to take the practical exam in person. In this two-day, self-paced lab session, candidates will be challenged to configure a variety of Fortinet products, based on a set of objectives.

On the first day, candidates will receive instructions and learning tools to help them work with the lab environment, before they start their challenge. Throughout the two days, a trainer will be available to support candidates while they complete the tasks.

Additional Information about the NSE 8 exam  Learn More

The written exam results are not reflected on the Training Institute portal. NSE 8 certification is awarded after the candidate passes both the written and practical exams. Within 15 days of taking the practical exam, the candidate receives a document showing their overall result: pass or fail. The document also shows which sections the candidate passed or failed. No additional detail or assistance is provided.

Fortinet accepts three attempts at the written exam for NSE 8 recertification. However, if the candidate fails all three attempts, they must attempt both the written and practical exam to recertify.
Additional technical courses

These courses are not included in the NSE Certification program:

- FortiDDoS
- FortiGate 6000 Series
- FortiGate 7000 Series
- FortiGate Essentials
- FortiInsight
- FortiMonitor
- FortiPortal
- FortiProxy
- FortiSIEM Parser
- Go Cloud
- Private Cloud Security

FortiGuard Labs

- Security Operations
- Web Application Security

Review updated course list and SKUs here.
NSE Certification Pathway
Each certification aims to assess specific levels of cybersecurity expertise, from foundation to architect. This table provides an overview of the NSE Training Certification, including information about time investment, requirements, and scope for each NSE level. Always refer to the Training Institute Portal for the latest updates on courses, prerequisites, class schedules, purchasing information, and more.

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<td>Pass all lessons and quizzes to earn the NSE 1 certification.</td>
<td>Security awareness</td>
<td>0.7 hour</td>
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<td>Complete the current NSE 1 lessons and quizzes.</td>
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<td>Pass all lessons and quizzes to earn the NSE 2 certification.</td>
<td>Security awareness</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>Complete the current NSE 2 lessons and quizzes.</td>
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<td>Complete the Security Fabric Overview lesson, all lessons and quizzes in the Security-Driven Networking module, plus at least one additional module of your choice.</td>
<td>Product knowledge</td>
<td>3.2 hours</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>Complete all the lessons and quizzes in the latest version of the Security-Driven Networking module, plus one additional module of your choice.</td>
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<td>Pass the NSE 4 exam to earn the NSE 4 certification.</td>
<td>Product training</td>
<td>35 hours</td>
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<td>Pass the NSE 4 exam.</td>
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<td>Pass any two of the NSE 5 exams to earn the NSE 5 certification.</td>
<td>Product training</td>
<td>21 hours</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>Pass two of the NSE 5 exams.</td>
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<td>Pass any four of the NSE 6 exams to earn the NSE 6 certification.</td>
<td>Product training</td>
<td>60 hours</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>Pass any four of the NSE 6 exams.</td>
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<td>Pass any NSE 7 exam to earn the NSE 7 certification.</td>
<td>Security solutions</td>
<td>16 hours</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
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Obtaining NSE 7 certification automatically renews your achieved NSE 4, 5 and/or 6 certifications, if these have not expired.

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<td>Pass the NSE 8 written exam and NSE 8 practical exam to become a Fortinet Certified Network Security Expert.</td>
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<td>18.5 hour</td>
<td>Passing the NSE 8 written exam will recertify the candidate for NSE 8, as long as the NSE 8 certification has not expired.</td>
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Obtaining NSE 8 certification automatically renews your achieved NSE 1-7 certifications, even if these have expired.

* Note: All times are approximate and based on Instructor-led classes including lab time. For NSE 5 to 7, times will vary as you can choose different courses.
• Attending a course does NOT mean you are NSE certified.
• Attending a course is not mandatory to attempt the exam, but it is highly recommended.
• NSE 1 to 7 certifications are valid for two years from the certification grant date.
• NSE 8 certification is valid for three years from the certification grant date.
1 Million people trained in cybersecurity by 2026
How to Enroll in Training

Customer
If the candidate is a customer or a public user, they must first create an account on the Fortinet Training Institute Portal. The candidate must use their company email address to register.

Partner
If the candidate is a partner, they must first create an account on the Partner Portal. The candidate must use their company email address to register.

Training Policies
Fortinet classes are in high demand, and fully-booked classes often have waiting lists. If a candidate repeatedly fails to notify Fortinet or the Authorized Training Center that they cannot attend a course that they registered for, the candidate may be disqualified from registering for future classes.
Read our full Training Policy.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
View our extensive FAQ site for details about course, lab, and exam registration; navigating the portal; and much more.
If you cannot find the answer to your question, you can contact us here.

Purchasing Fortinet Training Products
The Fortinet Training Institute proposes:

1. A wide range of Instructor-led courses delivered either onsite (in-person), or online (over a virtual classroom application), including standard training content in scheduled public classes or privately on-premise. Private courses also include the possibility of content customization depending on customer needs determined in scoping process.

2. On-demand Labs within Self-Paced Courses. Click here for on-demand lab availability within self-paced courses.

3. Certification exams and study material.
900,000+

NSE Certifications as of June 2022
Fortinet Programs and Partnerships

In addition to the NSE Certification program, Fortinet has an extensive global network of Authorized Training Center (ATC) partners, academic partners, and education outreach partners.

**Authorized Training Center (ATC) Program**

Fortinet ATCs provide a global network of training centers that deliver expert-level training in local languages, in more than one hundred countries.

Regional ATCs are trained to scale their offerings to meet the continuous demand for training, driven by the global cybersecurity threat landscape.

Because education is crucial to success, Fortinet continuously assesses and endorses the ability of our ATCs to meet the training needs of today’s organizations. Fortinet ATCs offer courses in both classroom and virtual delivery formats. Become an ATC team member at: atc@fortinet.com.

**Fortinet Certified Trainer (FCT) Program**

The FCT program certifies instructors who have demonstrated expertise and proficiency with Fortinet products and solutions, combined with proven instructional training skills. FCTs are the leading instructional and technical experts in Fortinet products, services, and solutions, and are dedicated to providing superior learning experiences for Fortinet customers and channel partners.

For more information about becoming an FCT click here. Alternatively, contact us at fct@fortinet.com.

**Fast Track Workshops**

In addition to the Certification program, Fortinet offers training specifically for our partners. This training includes a series of concise, technical, hands-on workshops focusing on the most essential Fortinet solutions.

Through the introduction of market drivers, detailed use cases, and enabling technologies, participants not only understand how they can benefit from the Fortinet broad, integrated and high-performance security, but also gain direct, hands-on experience implementing each component of the comprehensive Security Fabric.

Contact the Fast Track Team: fasttrack@fortinet.com
Academic Partner Program
The Academic Partner program works with academic institutions to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive cybersecurity workforce. It bridges the gap between learning and careers through access to industry-recognized Fortinet NSE training and certification courses. Authorized Academic Partners can integrate Training Institute certification directly into their existing courses, or they can facilitate the content as stand-alone continuing education. Fortinet also provides students and participants with lab access so that they can have real hands-on experience and they are provided with Pearson VUE exam vouchers to achieve an industry-recognized network security certification.
For more information: https://www.fortinet.com/training/security-academy-program

Education Outreach Program
The Education Outreach program works with global leaders to drive change on pressing cybersecurity issues. Our partnerships extend to industry, academia, government, and non-profits to ensure we are reaching all populations. We also recognize the need for diversity and inclusion within cybersecurity and Fortinet has partnered with organizations focused on women and minorities like WiCyS, International Consortium of Minority Cybersecurity Professionals, and others. By providing opportunities for training, certification, and connecting individuals with the Fortinet employer ecosystem, we’re working to help close the cybersecurity skills gap.
For more information: https://www.fortinet.com/training/education-outreach-program

Veterans Program
As part of the Education Outreach program, Fortinet hosts a free program for veterans that helps facilitate the transition of military service members, veterans, and military spouses into the cybersecurity industry. When individuals exit the military, they often don't have the social network necessary to find employment in the private sector.
With over 2000 veterans and spouses receiving benefits to date, this program works to help fill the cybersecurity skills gap.
Here are just a few benefits of the program:
- Career transition mentorship and coaching opportunities from Fortinet employees, thought leaders, and industry influencers
- Development of a visual resume, “battle card,” that gives employers a clear understanding of a member's experience, skills, and abilities
- Introductions to employer partners, including Fortinet and its partners, distributors, and customers
For more information: https://www.fortinet.com/training/veterans-program