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Preface

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Change Log

The following table lists changes made to this document. Revisions to this document are published between software releases only if the changes made affect product functionality.

Software Release / Document Version	Change
22.2.0	<p>This is a new document that contains the Fortify Remediation Plugin content that was previously covered in the <i>Micro Focus Fortify Plugins for JetBrains IDEs and Android Studio User Guide</i>.</p> <p>Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Configuration Options" on page 30 <p>Updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added the Engine Priority grouping attribute (see "Grouping Issues" on page 13)• Added the engine priority search modifier (see "Search Modifiers" on page 16)• Added how to search for issues based on whether a custom tag is empty (see "Search Modifiers" on page 16)

Getting Started

This guide describes how to install the Micro Focus Fortify Remediation Plugin for IntelliJ IDEA and Android Studio (Fortify Remediation Plugin), and use it to review analysis results stored on a Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center server.

About the Fortify Remediation Plugin

The Fortify Remediation Plugin works together with Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center to add remediation functionality to your software security analysis. This plugin works with IntelliJ IDEA, Android Studio, PyCharm, and WebStorm.

You can use the Fortify Remediation Plugin to:

- Review analysis results for applications in Fortify Software Security Center from within the IDE
- Audit the analysis results by assigning users or tags to issues, and adding comments to issues
- Fix and eliminate security issues in your code

Requirements for Using the Fortify Remediation Plugin

To use the Fortify Remediation Plugin, you must have the following:

- A Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center URL
- A user account on the Fortify Software Security Center server that has permission to access application versions
To log into Fortify Software Security Center, you can use a user name and password or an authentication token.
- To audit issues in the analysis results, your user account must have audit permissions
- To add comments to issues, your user account must have the permission to comment on issues

Note: You do not need to specify a Fortify license file for the Fortify Remediation Plugin. Only Fortify Software Security Center requires a license file.

Installing the Fortify Remediation Plugin

You can install the Fortify Remediation Plugin on Windows, Linux, and macOS. Install the plugin either directly from the **Marketplace** in the IDE Settings dialog box or manually from a ZIP file downloaded

from the JetBrains Plugin Marketplace.

Note: These instructions describe a third-party product and might not match the specific, supported version you are using. See your product documentation for the instructions for your version.

To install the Fortify Remediation Plugin from a ZIP file downloaded from the JetBrains Plugin Marketplace:

1. Open a project in the IDE.
2. Open the Settings dialog box as follows:
 - On Windows or Linux, select **File > Settings**.
 - On macOS, select **<IDE_Name> > Preferences**.
3. In the left pane, select **Plugins**.
4. Select **Install Plugin from Disk**, and then locate and select `Fortify_IntelliJ_Remediation_Plugin_<version>.zip`.
5. Click **OK**.
6. To activate the plugin, restart the IDE.

The menu bar now includes the **Fortify** menu.

Uninstalling the Fortify Remediation Plugin

Note: These instructions describe a third-party product and might not match the specific, supported version you are using. See your product documentation for the instructions for your version.

To uninstall the Fortify Remediation Plugin:

1. From the IDE, open the Settings dialog box as follows:
 - On Windows or Linux, select **File > Settings**.
 - On macOS, select **<IDE_Name> > Preferences**.
2. In the left pane, select **Plugins**.
3. From the **Plugins** list, select **Fortify Remediation**.
4. In the **Fortify Remediation** pane on the right, click **Uninstall**.
5. In the **Fortify Remediation** pane on the right, click **Restart**.

Related Documents

This topic describes documents that provide information about Micro Focus Fortify software products.

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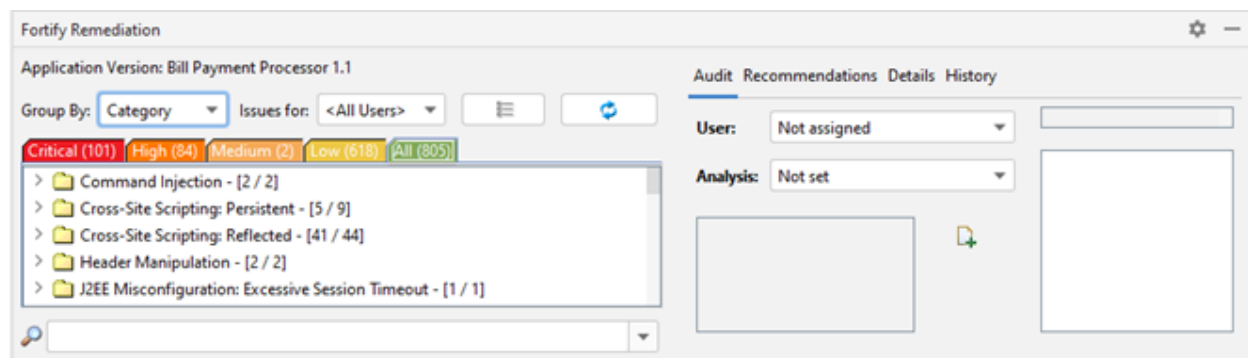
Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center

The following document provides information about Fortify Software Security Center. Unless otherwise noted, this document is available on the Micro Focus Product Documentation website at <https://www.microfocus.com/documentation/fortify-software-security-center>.

Document / File Name	Description
<i>Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center User Guide</i> SSC_Guide_<version>.pdf	<p>This document provides Fortify Software Security Center users with detailed information about how to deploy and use Software Security Center. It provides all of the information you need to acquire, install, configure, and use Software Security Center.</p> <p>It is intended for use by system and instance administrators, database administrators (DBAs), enterprise security leads, development team managers, and developers. Software Security Center provides security team leads with a high-level overview of the history and current status of a project.</p>

Viewing Analysis Results

The Fortify Remediation Plugin displays the analysis results for the opened application version in a Fortify Remediation window. This window displays all security issues, organized in folders (colored tabs) in an issue pane. Issues are organized based on settings in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center. To the right of the issue pane are four tabs that provide information specific to the issue selected in the issue pane.



Folders contain logically defined sets of issues. For example, the **Critical** folder contains all critical issues for a project. Similarly, the **Low** folder contains all low-priority issues.

Filters determine which issues are visible. Filters are organized into distinct groups called filter sets. An issue template can contain definitions for multiple filter sets. You can use multiple filter sets to change the sorting and visibility of issues.

To remediate issues, the project you have open in the IDE must correspond to the application version you opened from Fortify Software Security Center (see "[Opening Fortify Software Security Center Application Versions](#)" below).

Opening Fortify Software Security Center Application Versions

To use the Fortify Remediation Plugin, you must first connect to Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center and open an application version.

Note: To communicate with a Fortify Software Security Center server that uses HTTPS, you must first import a trusted certificate for the IDE.

To open an application version in the Fortify Remediation Plugin:

1. Select **Fortify > Connect to Software Security Center**.
2. When prompted to log in to Fortify Software Security Center:
 - a. If you have not already configured the URL for Fortify Software Security Center, type the server URL in the **SSC URL** box.
 - b. From the **Login method** menu, select the login method set up for you in Fortify Software Security Center.
 - c. Depending on the selected login method, follow the procedure described in the following table.

Login Method	Procedure
Username/Password	Type your Fortify Software Security Center user name and password.
Authentication Token	Specify the decoded value of a Fortify Software Security Center authentication token of type ToolsConnectToken. Note: For instructions about how to create an authentication token from Fortify Software Security Center, see the <i>Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center User Guide</i> .

3. Click **OK** to connect to Fortify Software Security Center.

The Select Software Security Center Application Version dialog box opens and displays the application versions that your user account has permission to access.

4. Select an application version to open, and then click **OK**.

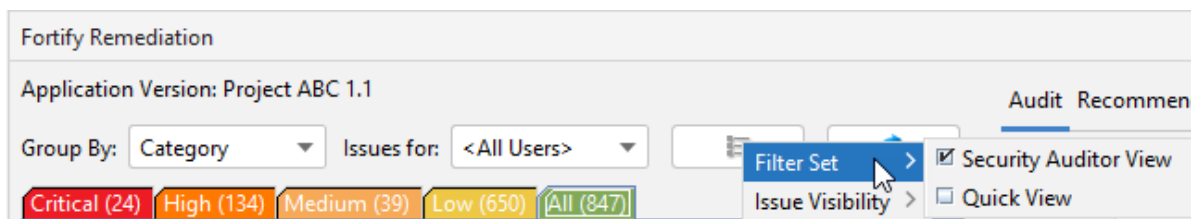
The Fortify Remediation Plugin displays the analysis results for the application version from Fortify Software Security Center.

Note: To open a different application version on the same Fortify Software Security Center server to which you are already connected, select **Fortify > Open Application Version**. To switch to a different Fortify Software Security Center server, select **Fortify > Disconnect from Software Security Center** and then reconnect to Fortify Software Security Center as described in this topic.

Viewing and Selecting Issues

To view and select issues in an opened application version:

1. Click **Change View Options** ().



2. From **Filter Set**, select one of the following filter sets to apply to issues:
 - Select **Security Auditor View** to list all issues relevant to a security auditor.
 - Select **Quick View** to list only issues in the **Critical** folder (these have a potentially high impact and a high likelihood of occurring) and the **High** folder (these have a potentially high impact and a low likelihood of occurring).

Note: The filter sets available depend on the issue template assigned to the application version you opened.

3. From the **Group By** list, select an attribute for sorting issues in all visible folders into groups. The default grouping is **Category**. For a description of the available **Group By** attributes, see ["Grouping Issues" on page 13](#).
4. By default, issues assigned to your Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center user name are shown. From the **Issues for** list, you can select one of the following:
 - **<All Users>**
 - A Fortify Software Security Center user name

5. Click a color-coded tab (folder) to view the associated issues.

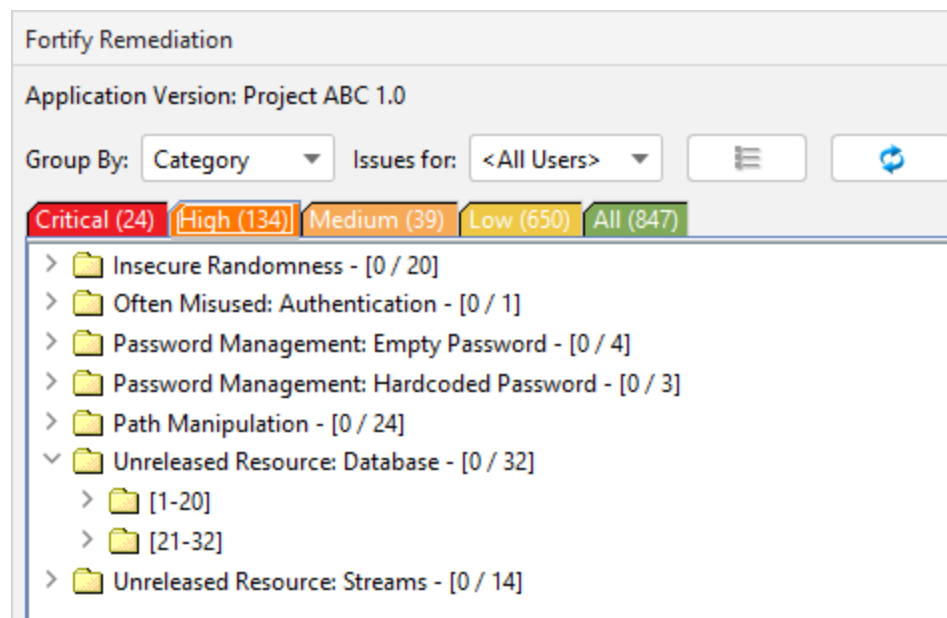
Note: The tabs shown depend on your **Filter Set**, **Group By**, and **Issues for** selections. It is possible that not all tabs are shown. The tabs shown also depend on the issue template associated with the application version.

- The **Critical** tab contains issues that have a high impact and a high likelihood of exploitation. Fortify recommends that you remediate critical issues immediately.
- The **High** tab contains issues that have a high impact and a low likelihood of exploitation. Fortify recommends that you remediate high issues with the next patch release.
- The **Medium** tab contains issues that have a low impact and a high likelihood of exploitation. Fortify recommends that you remediate medium issues as time permits.
- The **Low** tab contains issues that have a low impact and a low likelihood of exploitation. Fortify recommends that you remediate low issues as time permits (your organization can customize this category).
- The **All** tab contains all issues.

Within each color-coded tab, issues are grouped into folders. After each folder name, enclosed in brackets, is the number of audited issues and the total number of issues in the folder. For example, **Command Injection - [1 / 3]** indicates that one issue out of three categorized as Command Injection has been audited.

6. Click to expand a folder and view the associated issues.

The Fortify Remediation Plugin retrieves the corresponding issues from Fortify Software Security Center.



Note: By default, if a folder contains more than 20 issues, the issues are grouped into subfolders in blocks of 20 with folder names that indicate the issues included. For example, if

a folder contains 32 issues, the first 20 issues are in a subfolder labeled **[1-20]** and the last set of issues are in a subfolder labeled **[21-32]**. To change the default pagination setting of 20, set the `com.fortify.remediation.PaginationCount` property. You can also disable issue pagination by setting the `com.fortify.remediation.PaginateIssues` property to `false`. For more information about these properties, see ["Configuration Options" on page 30](#).

7. Select an issue to view its details.

Grouping Issues

The items visible in the Fortify Remediation window issue pane vary depending on the selected grouping attribute. The value you select from the **Group By** list sorts issues in all visible folders into subfolders. Use the **Group By** attributes to group and view the issues in different ways. The following table describes the available **Group By** attributes.

Attribute	Description
Analysis	Groups issues by the audit analysis value assigned, such as Suspicious, Exploitable, and Not an Issue.
Analysis Type	Groups issues by analyzer product, such as SCA, WEBINSPECT, and SECURITYSCOPE (WebInspect Agent).
Analyzer	Groups issues by analyzer group, such as Control Flow, Data Flow, Pentest, and Structural.
App Defender Protected	Groups issues by whether Application Defender can protect the vulnerability category.
Category	Groups issues by vulnerability category. This is the default setting.
<custom_tagname>	Groups issues by the selected custom tag.
Engine Priority	Groups issues based on the original priority value determined by the engine that identified the issue. Note: This is only available in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center version 22.2.0 or later.
File Name	Groups issues by file name.
Folder	Groups issues by folders defined in the issue template.
Fortify Priority Order	Groups issues by Critical, High, Medium, and Low based on the issue

Attribute	Description
	priority.
Introduced date	Groups issues by the date the issue was first detected.
Issue State	Groups audited issues by whether the issue is an open issue or not an issue based on the level of analysis set for the primary tag. Values equivalent to Suspicious and Exploitable are considered open issue states.
Kingdom	Groups issues by the Seven Pernicious Kingdoms classification.
Manual	Groups issues by whether they were manually created by penetration test tools, and not automatically produced by a web crawler such as Fortify WebInspect.
<metadata_listname>	Groups issues using the alternative metadata external list names (for example, OWASP Top 10 <year>, CWE, PCI SSF <version>, STIG <version>, and others).
New Issue	Shows which issues are new since the last scan. For example, if you run a new scan, any issues that are new are displayed in the tree under the NEW group and the others are displayed in the UPDATED group. If removed issues are visible, issues not found in the latest scan are displayed in the REMOVED list.
Package	Groups issues by package or namespace. Nothing is shown for projects to which this option does not apply, such as C projects.
Primary Context	Groups issues where the primary location or sink node function call occurs in the same code context.
Sink	Groups issues that share the same dataflow sink function.
Source	Groups issues that share the same dataflow source functions.
Source Context	Groups dataflow issues that have the source function call contained in the same code context.
Source File	Groups dataflow issues by the source code file where the taint originated.
Status	Groups issues by the audit status (Reviewed , Unreviewed , or Under Review).

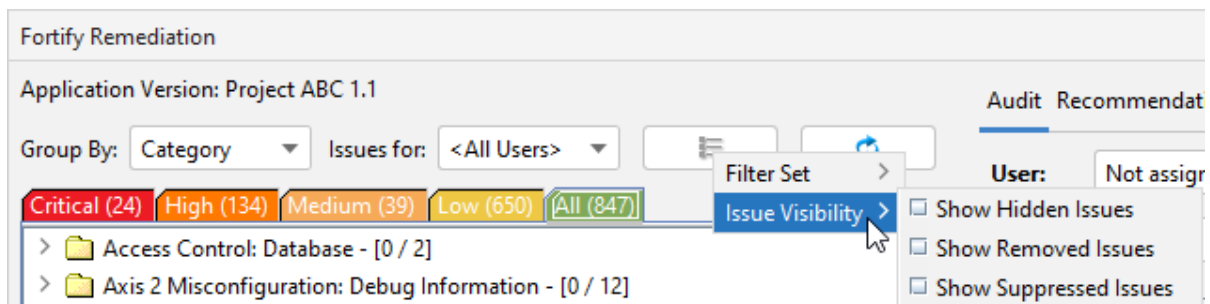
Attribute	Description
Taint Flag	Groups issues by the taint flags that they contain.
URL	Groups dynamic issues by the request URL.

Customizing Issue Visibility

You can customize the issue pane to determine which issues the Fortify Remediation Plugin displays.

To customize the issues pane:

1. Click **Change View Options** ().



2. From the **Issue Visibility** list, select one of the following options:

- To display all hidden issues, select **Show Hidden Issues**.

Note: The visibility filter settings in the issue template associated with the application version determine which issues are hidden.


- To display all the issues removed since the previous analysis, select **Show Removed Issues**.
- To display all suppressed issues, select **Show Suppressed Issues**.

Note: Users who audit issues can suppress specific types of issues that are not considered high priority or of immediate concern. For example, auditors can suppress issues that are fixed, or issues that your organization plans not to fix.

The Fortify Remediation Plugin displays issues based on your selection.

Note: You can also specify the issue visibility settings from the Options dialog box (select **Fortify > Remediation Options**).

Searching for Issues

You can use the search box below the issues list to search for issues. After you type a search query, either press **Enter** or click **Filter Issues with This Search String** () to start the search and filter

the issues in the tree. After you type a search term, the label next to the folder name changes to indicate the number of issues that match the search as a subset of the total. For example, Hot (2 of 5).

To indicate the type of comparison to perform, wrap search terms with delimiters. The following table describes the syntax to use for the search string.

Comparison	Description
contains	Searches for a term without any special qualifying delimiters
equals	Searches for an exact match when you enclose the term in quotation marks (" ")
number range	Searches for a range of numbers using the standard mathematical interval notation of parentheses and/or brackets to indicate whether the endpoints are excluded or included respectively Example: (2, 4] indicates greater than two and less than or equal to four
not equal	Excludes issues specified by the string when you precede the string with the exclamation character (!) Example: file: !Main.java returns all issues that are not in Main.java

You can further qualify search terms with modifiers. The syntax to use for a modifier is `modifier:<search_term>`.

If you specify more than one modifier, the search returns only issues that match all the modified search terms. For example, `file:ApplicationContext.java category:SQL Injection` returns only SQL injection issues found in `ApplicationContext.java`.

If you use the same modifier more than once in a search string, then the search terms qualified by those modifiers are treated as an OR comparison. For example, `file:ApplicationContext.java category:SQL Injection category:Cross-Site Scripting` returns SQL injection issues and cross-site scripting issues found in `ApplicationContext.java`.

For complex searches, you can also insert the AND or the OR keyword between your search queries. Note that AND and OR operations have the same priority in searches.

See Also

["Search Modifiers" below](#)

["Search Query Examples" on page 22](#)

["Performing Searches" on page 23](#)

Search Modifiers

You can use a search modifier to specify to which attribute of an issue the search term applies. To use a modifier that contains a space in the name, such as the name of the custom tag, you must enclose the modifier in brackets. For example, to search for issues that are new, type `[issue age]:new`.

A search that is not qualified by a modifier matches the search string based on the following issue attributes: kingdom, primary rule id, analyzer, filename, severity, class name, function name, instance id, package, confidence, type, subtype, taint flags, category, sink, and source.

- To apply the search to all modifiers, type a string such as `control flow`. This searches all the modifiers and returns any result that contains the specified string.
- To apply the search to a specific modifier, type the modifier name and the string as follows: `analyzer:control flow`. This returns all results detected by the Control Flow Analyzer.

The following table describes the search modifiers. A few modifiers have a shortened modifier name indicated in parentheses. You can use either modifier string.

Search Modifier	Description
<code>accuracy</code>	Searches for issues based on the accuracy value specified (0.1 through 5.0).
<code>analysis</code>	Searches for issues that have the specified audit analysis value, such as <code>exploitable</code> , <code>not an issue</code> , and so on.
<code>[analysis type]</code>	Searches for issues based on the analyzer product such as SCA and WEBINSPECT.
<code>analyzer</code>	Searches the issues for the specified analyzer such as <code>control flow</code> , <code>data flow</code> , <code>structural</code> , and so on.
<code>[app defender protected]</code> <code>(def)</code>	Searches for issues based on whether Application Defender can protect the vulnerability category (<code>protected</code> or <code>not protected</code>).
<code>[attack payload]</code>	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the part of the request that caused the vulnerability for penetration test results.
<code>[attack type]</code>	Searches for issues based on the type of penetration test attack conducted (<code>URL</code> , <code>parameter</code> , <code>header</code> , or <code>cookie</code>).
<code>audience</code>	Searches for issues based on the intended audience, such as <code>dev</code> , <code>targeted</code> , <code>medium</code> , <code>broad</code> , and so on. Caution! This metadata is legacy information that is no longer used and will be removed in a future release. Fortify recommends that you not use this search modifier.

Search Modifier	Description
audited	Searches the issues to find true if the primary tag is set and false if the primary tag is not set. The default primary tag is the Analysis tag.
body	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the HTTP message body in penetration test results, which is all the data that is transmitted immediately following the headers.
category (cat)	Searches for the specified category or category substring.
class	Searches for issues based on the specified class name.
comments (comment, com)	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the comments added to the issue.
commentuser	Searches for issues with comments from a specified user.
confidence (con)	Searches for issues that have the specified confidence value 0.1 through 5.0 (legacy metadata).
cookies	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the cookie from the HTTP query for penetration test results.
correlated	Searches for issues based on whether the issues are correlated with those detected by another analyzer.
[correlation group]	Searches for issues based on whether the issues are in the same correlation group.
<custom_tagname>	<p>Searches for issues based on the value of the specified custom tag.</p> <p>You can search a list-type custom tag using a range of values. The values of a list-type custom tag are an enumerated list where the first value is 0, the second is 1, and so on. You can use the search syntax for a range of numbers to search for ranges of list-type custom tag values. For example, <code>analysis:[0, 2]</code> returns the issues that have the values of the first three analysis values, 0, 1, and 2 (Not an Issue, Reliability Issue, and Bad Practice).</p> <p>To search for a specific date in a date-type custom tag, specify the date in the format: <code>yyyy-mm-dd</code>.</p>

Search Modifier	Description
	To search for issues that have no value set for a custom tag, use <none> as the search term. For example, to search for all issues that have no value set in the custom tag labeled Target Date, type: [Target Date]:<none>.
[engine priority]	Searches for issues based on the original priority value determined by the engine that identified the issue. Note: This is only available in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center version 22.2.0 or later.
file	Searches for issues where the primary location or sink node function call occurs in the specified file path.
[fortify priority order]	Searches for issues that have a priority level that matches the specified issue priority. Valid values are <code>critical</code> , <code>high</code> , <code>medium</code> , and <code>low</code> .
headers	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the request header for penetration test results.
historyuser	Searches for issues that have audit data modified by the specified user.
[http version]	Searches for issues based on the specified HTTP version such as HTTP/1.1.
impact	Searches for issues based on the impact value specified (0.1 through 5.0).
[instance id]	Searches for an issue based on the specified instance ID.
[issue age]	Searches for the issue age, which is either <code>new</code> , <code>updated</code> , <code>reintroduced</code> , or <code>removed</code> .
[issue state]	Searches for audited issues based on whether the issue is an open issue or not an issue (determined by the level of analysis set for the primary tag).
kingdom	Searches for all issues in the specified kingdom.

Search Modifier	Description
likelihood	Searches for issues based on the specified likelihood value (0.1 through 5.0).
line	Searches for issues on the primary location line number. For dataflow issues, the value is the sink line number. Also see "sourceline" on the next page .
manual	Searches for issues that were manually created by penetration test tools, and not automatically produced by a web crawler such as Fortify WebInspect.
[mapped category]	Searches for issues based on the specified category that is mapped across the various analyzers (Fortify Static Code Analyzer, Fortify WebInspect, and Fortify WebInspect Agent).
maxconf	Searches for all issues that have a confidence value equal to or less than the number specified as the search term.
maxVirtConf	Searches for dataflow issues that have a virtual call confidence value equal to or less than the number specified as the search term.
<metadata_listname>	Searches for issues based on the value of the specified metadata external list (for example, [owasp top 10 <year>], [cwe top 25 <year>], [pci ssf <version>], [stig <version>], and others).
method	Searches for issues based on the method, such as GET, POST, and so on.
minconf	Searches for all issues that have a confidence value equal to or greater than the number specified as the search term.
min_virtual_call_confidence (virtconf, minVirtConf)	Searches for dataflow issues that have a virtual call confidence value equal to or greater than the number specified as the search term.
package	Searches for issues where the primary location occurs in the specified package or namespace. For dataflow issues, the primary location is the sink function.
parameters	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the HTTP

Search Modifier	Description
	query parameters.
primary	Searches for issues that have the specified primary tag value. By default, the primary tag is the Analysis tag.
[primary context]	Searches for issues where the primary location or sink node function call occurs in the specified code context. Also see "sink" below and "[source context]" below .
primaryrule (rule)	Searches for all issues related to the specified sink rule.
probability	Searches for issues based on the probability value specified (1.0 through 5.0).
remediation effort	Searches for issues based on the remediation effort value specified. The valid values are whole numbers from 1.0 to 12.0.
response	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the response from the protocol used in penetration test results.
severity (sev)	Searches for issues based on the specified severity value (legacy metadata).
sink	Searches for issues that have the specified sink function name. Also see "[primary context]" above .
source	Searches for dataflow issues that have the specified source function name. Also see "[source context]" below .
[source context]	Searches for dataflow issues that have the source function call in the specified code context. Also see "source" above and "[primary context]" above .
sourcefile	Searches for dataflow issues with the source function call that the specified file contains. Also see file .
sourceline	Searches for dataflow issues having taint source entering the flow on the specified line.
status	Searches issues that have the status reviewed, not reviewed, or under review.

Search Modifier	Description
suppressed	Searches for suppressed issues.
taint	Searches for issues that have the specified taint flag.
trigger	Searches for issues that contain the search term in the part of the response that shows that a vulnerability occurred for penetration test results.
url	Searches for issues based on the specified URL.
user	Searches for issues assigned to the specified user.

Search Query Examples

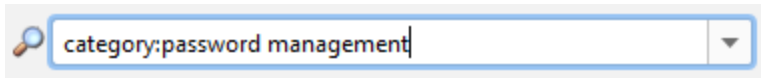
The following table contains search query examples.

To search for...	Type...
All privacy violations in file names that contain jsp with getSSN() as a source	category:"privacy violation" source:getssn file:jsp
All file names that contain com/test/123	file:com/test/123
All paths that contain traces with mydbcode.sqlcleanse as part of the name	trace:mydbcode.sqlcleanse
All paths that contain traces with cleanse as part of the name	trace:cleanse
All issues that contain cleanse as part of any modifier	cleanse
All suppressed vulnerabilities with asdf in the comments	suppressed:true comments:asdf
All categories except for SQL Injection	category:!SQL Injection
All issues that have a value specified for a custom tag labeled version	version:!<none>

Performing Searches

To perform a simple search, do one of the following:

- Type a search query in the search box and press **Enter**.



- To select a search query you used before, click the arrow in the search box, and then select a search query from the list.

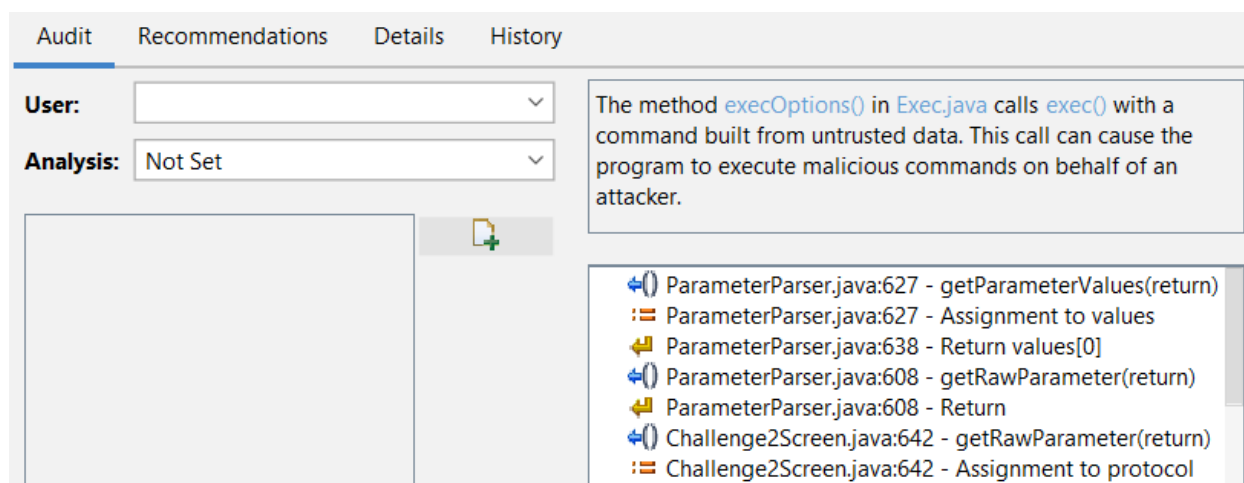
Viewing Issue Information

After you select an issue, the Fortify Remediation Plugin displays the issue-specific content on the **Audit**, **Recommendations**, **Details**, and **History** tabs.

Audit Tab

The **Audit** tab provides a dashboard of analysis information for the selected issue.

Note: Any changes you make on the **Audit** tab are automatically uploaded to the application version in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center.

A screenshot of the Audit tab interface. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Audit', 'Recommendations', 'Details', and 'History'. Below the tabs, there are two dropdown menus: 'User:' (empty) and 'Analysis:' (set to 'Not Set'). To the right of these is a text box containing the description: 'The method execOptions() in Exec.java calls exec() with a command built from untrusted data. This call can cause the program to execute malicious commands on behalf of an attacker.' Below the text box is a list of audit events with icons and text: 'ParameterParser.java:627 - getParameterValues(return)', 'ParameterParser.java:627 - Assignment to values', 'ParameterParser.java:638 - Return values[0]', 'ParameterParser.java:608 - getRawParameter(return)', 'ParameterParser.java:608 - Return', and 'Challenge2Screen.java:642 - getRawParameter(return)'. To the left of the list is a large empty box with a plus icon and a document icon.

The following table describes the **Audit** tab features.

Element	Description
User	The user assigned to the selected issue. If the box is empty, no user is

Element	Description
	assigned to the selected issue. For instructions on how to assign a user to an issue, see "Assigning Users to Issues" on page 28 .
Analysis	Your assessment for the selected issue. To change the assessment, select an item from the list. This is the primary tag defined in Fortify Software Security Center for the application version. The default primary tag is Analysis , but your organization might have a different tag designated as the primary tag.
<custom_tagname>	<p>Any custom tags your organization has defined in Fortify Software Security Center. If available, these are displayed below the primary tag. For information on how to make changes to these tags, see "Assigning Tags to Issues" on page 29.</p> <p>If the audit results have been submitted to Audit Assistant in Fortify Software Security Center, then in addition to any other custom tags, the tab displays the following tags:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA_Prediction—Exploitability level that Audit Assistant assigned to the issue. You cannot modify this tag value. • AA_Confidence—Confidence level from Audit Assistant for the accuracy of its AA_Prediction value. This is a percentage, expressed in values that range from 0.000 to 1.000. For example, a value of 0.982 indicates a confidence level of 98.2 percent. You cannot change this tag value. • AA_Training—Whether to include or exclude the issue from Audit Assistant training. You can modify this value. <p>For more information about Audit Assistant, see the <i>Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center User Guide</i>.</p>
Comments (bottom left)	Any additional information added to the issue. For instructions on how to add comments, see "Adding Comments to Issues" on page 29 .
Issue Abstract (top right)	A summary of the selected issue.
Analysis Trace (bottom right)	Items of evidence that the analyzer uncovered. The analysis trace evidence is presented in the order it was discovered. For descriptions of the analysis trace icons, see "Analysis Trace" on the next page .










See Also




["Adding Audit Information" on page 28](#)

Analysis Trace

The analysis trace on the **Audit** tab is presented in sequential order. For dataflow issues, this trace is a presentation of the path that the tainted data follows from the source function to the sink function. For example, when you select an issue that is related to potentially tainted dataflow, the analysis trace box shows the direction of the dataflow in this section of the source code.

The analysis trace box uses the icons described in the following table to show how the dataflow moves in this section of the source code or execution order.

Icon	Description
	Data is assigned to a field or variable
	Information is read from a source external to the code (HTML form, URL, and so on)
	Data is assigned to a globally scoped field or variable
	A comparison is made
	The function call receives tainted data
	The function call returns tainted data
	Passthrough, tainted data passes from one parameter to another Note: This is typically shown as <code>functionA(x : y)</code> to indicate that data is transferred from x to y. The x and y values are one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An argument index• <code>return</code>—The return value of a function• <code>this</code>—The instance of the current object• A specific object field or key
	An alias is created for a memory location
	Data is read from a variable

Icon	Description
	Data is read from a global variable
	Tainted data is returned from a function
	A pointer is created
	A pointer is dereferenced
	The scope of a variable ends
	The execution jumps
	A branch is taken in the code execution
	A branch is not taken in the code execution
	Generic
	A runtime source, sink, or validation step
	Taint change

The analysis trace box can contain inductions. Inductions provide supporting evidence for their parent nodes. Inductions consist of:

- A text node displayed in italics as a child of the trace node. This text node is expanded by default.
- An induction trace, displayed as a child of the text node (a box surrounds the induction trace).

The italics and the box distinguish the induction from a standard subtrace. To display the induction reference information for that induction, click it.

Recommendations Tab

The **Recommendations** tab provides suggestions and examples on how to secure a vulnerability or remedy a bad practice. The following table describes the sections on this tab.

Section	Description
Recommendations/Custom Recommendations	Describes possible solutions for the selected issue. It can also include examples and recommendations defined by your organization.
Tips/Custom Tips	Provides useful information specific to the selected issue, and any custom tips defined by your organization.
References/Custom References	Lists references for the recommendations provided, including any custom references defined by your organization.

Details Tab

The **Details** tab provides an abstract of the selected issue description, a detailed explanation, and examples. The following table describes the sections on this tab.

Section	Description
Abstract/Custom Abstract	Summary of the selected issue, including any custom abstracts defined by your organization.
Explanation/Custom Explanation	Description of the conditions under which an issue of the selected type occurs. This includes a discussion of the vulnerability, the constructs typically associated with it, ways in which attackers can exploit it, and the potential ramifications of an attack. This section also includes any custom explanations defined by your organization.
Instance ID	Unique identifier for the issue.
Primary Rule ID	Identifier for the primary rule used to uncover the issue.
Priority Metadata Values	Priority metadata values for this issue including impact and likelihood.

Section	Description
Legacy Priority Metadata Values	Legacy priority metadata values for the issue including severity and confidence.
Remediation Effort	Relative amount of effort required to fix and verify the issue.

History Tab

The **History** tab displays a history of audit actions, including details such as the time and date, and the name of the user who modified the issue.

Locating Issues in your Source Code


Because the Fortify Remediation Plugin works as a plugin to IntelliJ IDEA, Android Studio, PyCharm, and WebStorm, you can use it to locate security-related issues in your code. You must have the same project open in the IDE as you selected from Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center with the Fortify Remediation Plugin.

To locate issues in the source code, do one of the following:

- Select an issue in the issue pane.
- From the **Audit** tab, select a line in the analysis trace box.

The IDE places the focus on the line of code that contains the security-related issue displayed in the Fortify Remediation Plugin.

Adding Audit Information

After you select and review an issue, you can add audit information on the **Audit** tab. To see any updates to the audit results made in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center, click **Refresh** ().

Assigning Users to Issues

To assign a user to an issue:

1. From a folder in the issue pane, select an issue.
2. Select the **Audit** tab, and then, from the **User** list, select a user name.
To leave the issue unassigned, select the blank value from the list.

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Assigning Tags to Issues

To assign tag values to an issue:


1. From a folder in the issue pane, select an issue.
2. From the **Analysis** list on the **Audit** tab, select a value that reflects your evaluation of this issue.

This is the primary tag as defined in Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center. The default primary tag is **Analysis**, but your organization might have a different tag designated as the primary tag.

3. If custom tags defined for the project exist, provide values for them.

The Fortify Remediation Plugin displays all custom tags assigned to the application version; however, you can only provide values for tags that your Fortify Software Security Center user account has permission to edit.

Text-type custom tags accept up to 500 characters (HTML/XML tags and newlines are not allowed).


For date-type custom tags, type a date or click **Select Date** () to select a date from a calendar.

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Adding Comments to Issues

The comments box below the **Analysis** (primary) tag displays any comments submitted for the selected issue.

To add a comment to an issue:

1. From a folder in the issue pane, select an issue.
2. From the **Audit** tab, click **Add Comment** ()
3. In the Add Comment for Issue dialog box, type your comment.
4. Click **OK**.

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Configuration Options

This topic describes the options you can configure for the Fortify Remediation Plugin for IntelliJ IDEA and Android Studio. The options are stored as properties in a plain text file with the name `fortify.properties`. In this file, each property consists of a pair of strings: the first string is the property name and the second string is the property value. For example, the following property sets the pagination count to 40:

```
com.fortify.remediation.PaginationCount=40
```

To specify any of these properties:

1. Navigate to `<IDE_product_plugins_dir>/Fortify/config`.

The following is an example location on Windows:

```
C:\Users\jsmith\AppData\Roaming\JetBrains\IdeaIC2022.1\plugins\Fortify\config
```

2. If the file does not already exist, use a text editor to create a `fortify.properties` file.

The following table describes the properties that you can set in the `fortify.properties` file.

Property Name	Description
<code>com.fortify.AuthenticationKey</code>	Specifies the directory used to store the encrypted Micro Focus Fortify Software Security Center authentication token. Default: <code>\${com.fortify.WorkingDirectory}/config/IntelliJRemediation-<version></code>
<code>com.fortify.InstallationUserName</code>	Specifies the default user name for logging in to Fortify Software Security Center for the first time. Default: <code>\${user.name}</code>
<code>com.fortify.remediation.PaginationIssues</code>	If set to <code>true</code> or if no value is specified, the Fortify Remediation Plugin uses pagination during issue download. If set to <code>false</code> , the Fortify Remediation Plugin downloads all the issues at once. Default: <code>true</code>

Property Name	Description
com.fortify. remediation.PaginationCount	If com.fortify.remediation.PaginateIssues is set to true, specifies the number of issues to display per subfolder. Default: 20
com.fortify. WorkingDirectory	Specifies the working directory that contains all user configuration and working files for the plugin. To configure this property, you must have write access to the directory. Defaults: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows—\${win32.LocalAppdata}/Fortify• Non-Windows—\${user.home}/.fortify

Locating Log Files

For help diagnosing a problem with the Fortify Remediation Plugin, provide the log file to Micro Focus Fortify Customer Support. The default location of the log file is:

- On Windows:
C:\Users*<username>*\AppData\Local\Fortify\IntelliJRemediation-*<version>*\log
- On Linux and macOS:
<userhome>/.fortify/IntelliJRemediation-*<version>*/log

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