

IBM Security QRadar
Version 7.3.1

Community Edition

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Note

Before you use this information and the product that it supports, read the information in “Notices” on page 7.

Product information

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QRadar Community Edition Overview

IBM QRadar® Community Edition is a free version of IBM® Security QRadar intended for individual use, and is released without a warranty.

IBM QRadar Community Edition provides many of the same capabilities as QRadar with a license for 50 events per second and 5,000 flows per minute.

Anyone can download and try QRadar Community Edition for free. Download Community Edition if:

- You are a SOC analyst who wants to try QRadar in your environment to see whether the integrated analytic platform is a good fit for your organization.
- You are a developer who is creating QRadar apps, and you need an environment where you can test apps without affecting your production QRadar system.
- You are a QRadar user who needs to test and validate new use cases without affecting your production QRadar system.

The following table shows the features that are supported in QRadar Community Edition:

Table 1. Comparison of QRadar capabilities

Capability	QRadar SIEM	QRadar Community Edition
Full administrative capabilities	Yes	Yes
Customizable dashboards	Yes	Yes
Custom rules engine	Yes	Yes
Manage network and security events	Yes	Yes
Manage host and application logs	Yes	Yes
Threshold-based alerts	Yes	Yes
Compliance templates	Yes	Yes
Data archiving	Yes	Yes
WinCollect stand-alone deployments*	Yes	Yes
WinCollect managed deployments*	Yes	Yes
Network activity monitoring	Yes	Yes
Asset profiling	Yes	Yes
Offenses management	Yes	Yes
Network flow capture and analysis	Yes	Yes
Auto-updates	Yes	Yes
IBM Security X-Force® Threat Intelligence IP reputation feed integration	Yes	Yes
Historical correlation	Yes	No
Offline forwarding	Yes	No
QRadar Vulnerability Manager	Yes	No
QRadar Risk Manager integration	Yes	No
QRadar Incident Forensics integration	Yes	No
QRadar Network Insights integration	Yes	No

Table 1. Comparison of QRadar capabilities (continued)

Capability	QRadar SIEM	QRadar Community Edition
High Availability	Yes	No
Uploading a license	Yes	No
Software upgrades	Yes	No

* You need an IBM customer number to access WinCollect from IBM Fix Central.

For help with QRadar Community Edition, visit the developerWorks forum (<https://developer.ibm.com/answers/topics/qradarce/?sort=newest&filter=all>).

System requirements for QRadar Community Edition

You must have a system with a CentOS Linux or RHEL 7.5 minimal installation that meets the following requirements to install QRadar Community Edition.

Table 2. System requirements for QRadar Community Edition

Requirement	Description
Memory (RAM)	Minimum: 6 GB Note: You need 8 GB if you are using X-Force tests or Ariel queries. You might need more RAM (or an app node) for some apps.
Free disk space	Minimum: 110 GB Optimal: 130 GB or higher
Processor	Minimum 2 CPU cores Note: For optimal performance, you need a minimum of 6 CPU cores if you are using X-force tests. You need a minimum of 8 CPU cores if you are using Ariel queries with X-force data.
Network adapter	You need at least one network adapter with access to the internet. Note: If you are using a locally hosted virtual machine with a local IP address, you must forward port 8444 to port 443 to access QRadar in a web browser. Forward port 2222 to port 22 to use ssh to connect to QRadar.

Note: QRadar Community Edition can't be installed in a Docker container.

Installing an operating system for QRadar Community Edition

You must install a CentOS Linux or RHEL V7.5 minimal operating system for QRadar Community Edition.

About this task

- Your system must meet the requirements that are listed in “System requirements for QRadar Community Edition.”
- Your system must have internet access, or QRadar Community Edition installation fails.
- Use 8 GB for the SWAP partition and the defaults for other partitions.
- Disable SELinux. Restart your system after you disable SELinux or the installation fails.
- QRadar Community Edition can't be installed in a Docker container.

See the RHEL documentation (https://access.redhat.com/documentation/en-us/red_hat_enterprise_linux/) for help installing and configuring CentOS or RHEL.

Procedure

1. Select the USB or DVD drive as the boot option.
2. When prompted, log in to the system as the root user.
3. Follow the instructions in the installation wizard to complete the installation:
 - a. Set the language to English (US).
 - b. Click **Date & Time** and set the time for your deployment.
 - c. Click **Installation Destination** and select the **I will configure partitioning** option.
 - d. Click **Click here to create them automatically** to create the default mount points.
 - e. Set the /swap partition to a minimum of 8 GB if it isn't already, and then click **Done**.
 - f. Click **Accept Changes**.
 - g. Click **Network & Host Name**.
 - h. Enter the host name for your appliance.
 - i. Select the interface in the list, move the switch to the **ON** position, and click **Configure**.
 - j. On the **General** tab, select the **Automatically connect to this network when it is available** option.
 - k. On the **IPv4 Settings** tab, select **Manual** in the **Method** list.
 - l. Click **Add** to enter the IP address, Netmask, and Gateway for the appliance in the **Addresses** field.
 - m. Add two DNS servers.
 - n. Click **Save > Done > Begin Installation**.
4. Set the root password, and then click **Finish configuration**.
5. Disable SELinux and restart the appliance after the installation finishes.

What to do next

“Installing QRadar Community Edition”

Installing QRadar Community Edition

Install IBM Security QRadar Community Edition on CentOS or Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) in a virtual machine. Community Edition is based on QRadar 7.3.1.

Before you begin

You must have a system with a CentOS Linux or RHEL 7.5 minimal installation that meets the following requirements to install QRadar Community Edition. See “Installing an operating system for QRadar Community Edition” on page 2.

Notes:

- QRadar Community Edition can't be installed in a Docker container.
- It is not possible to uninstall QRadar Community Edition, or to restart the installation process if it fails after the initial prechecks. Consider creating a snapshot of your operating system before you begin.

Procedure

1. Verify that you have internet access on the appliance.
2. Download the QRadar Community Edition ISO from IBM developerWorks® (<https://developer.ibm.com/qradar/ce/>).
3. Copy the ISO to /tmp.
4. Create a /media/cdrom directory by using the following command:

```
sudo mkdir /media/cdrom
```
5. Mount the QRadar Community Edition ISO by using the following command:

```
sudo mount -o loop /tmp/<qradar_community_edition.iso> /media/cdrom
```

6. Run the QRadar setup by using the following command:

```
sudo /media/cdrom/setup
```

7. When prompted, restart your system to apply a kernel update. After you restart the system, repeat steps 4 and 5.

8. Set the admin password by typing the following command:

```
sudo /opt/qradar/support/changePasswd.sh -a
```

Note: Passwords must contain at least 3 of the following attributes:

- Uppercase characters
- Lowercase characters
- Special characters
- Numbers

9. Restart tomcat by typing the following command:

```
sudo systemctl restart tomcat
```

10. Log in to QRadar Community Edition user interface and accept the EULA. You can access QRadar Community Edition in a web browser at https://<ip_address>/console. If you are using a locally hosted virtual machine with a local IP address, you can access QRadar Community Edition in a web browser on your host system at https://<ip_address>:8444/console.

What to do next

See “Getting Started with QRadar Community Edition.”

Getting Started with QRadar Community Edition

Depending on who you are, there are next steps to take:

- If you're a SOC analyst, you need to feed data into QRadar Community Edition.
 - See “Getting events from sources that are not supported by the default installation.”
- If you're a developer, you need to understand the QRadar app framework.
 - See QRadar App Development on IBM developerWorks (<https://developer.ibm.com/qradar/>) to download the QRadar SDK.
 - Check out information about QRadar apps (https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS42VS_7.3.1/com.ibm.appfw.doc/c_appframework_Extintro.html).
- If you're a user, you need to get an overview of how QRadar works.
 - Check out the Getting Started topics in the Knowledge Center (https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SS42VS_7.3.1/com.ibm.qradar.doc/c_qradar_oview.html).
 - Watch some QRadar videos, and see other training material in the IBM Security Learning Academy (<https://www.securitylearningacademy.com/local/navigator/index.php?level=sisi01>).

Getting events from sources that are not supported by the default installation

To monitor events from software, devices, or appliances that aren't supported by the default installation of IBM QRadar Community Edition, you must install a DSM (Device Support Module).

About this task

A *Device Support Module (DSM)* is a code module that parses received events from multiple log sources and converts them to a standard taxonomy format that can be displayed as output. Each type of log source has a corresponding DSM.

The *IBM Security QRadar DSM Configuration Guide* (http://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/security/products/qradar/documents/iTeam_addendum/b_dsm_guide.pdf) lists the DSMs that are supported in QRadar. Only a few of the available DSMs are included by default in QRadar Community Edition, but you can add others.

The following DSMs are included by default in QRadar Community Edition:

- DSM-AssetProfiler
- DSM-BluecoatProxySG
- DSM-IBMCustomDSM
- DSM-IBMHealthMetrics
- DSM-IBMSense
- DSM-GNULinuxServer
- DSM-McAfeeIntrushield
- DSM-MicrosoftWindows
- DSM-OracleDbAudit
- DSM-PaloAltoPaSeries
- DSM-SearchResults
- DSM-SIMNotification
- DSM-SIMAudit
- DSM-SIMGenericLog
- DSM-SIMUniversal
- DSM-SourceFireSnort
- DSM-STEALTHbitsStealthINTERCEPT
- DSM-SymantecEndpointProtection
- DSM-UniversalCEF
- DSM-UniversalLEEF
- PROTOCOL-IBMSIMJDBC
- PROTOCOL-JDBC
- PROTOCOL-JdbcSophos
- PROTOCOL-LEA
- PROTOCOL-LogFileProtocol
- PROTOCOL-TCP syslog

Procedure

1. Mount the QRadar Community Edition ISO by using the following command:

```
sudo mount -o loop /tmp/<qradar_community_edition.iso> /media/cdrom
```
2. Go to the `/media/cdrom/post/dsmrpms` directory by using the following command:

```
cd /media/cdrom/post/dsmrpms
```
3. Type the following command, where `<rpm_filename>` is the name of a DSM that you want to install:

```
yum -y install <rpm_filename>
```
4. Log in to the QRadar Community Edition user interface.
5. On the **Admin** tab, click **Deploy Changes**.

6. On the **Admin** tab, select **Advanced > Restart Web Server**.

What to do next

See the *IBM Security QRadar DSM Configuration Guide* to help you add a log source.

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