

# How to configure DNS based FortiGuard web filtering with FortiOS v5.4

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## Products

FortiGate v5.4

## Description

This article provides a sample configuration for DNS based FortiGuard web filtering.

In FortiOS v5.2 the DNS web filtering is one option of 'Web Filter' profile. In FortiOS v5.4 this feature has moved to separate 'DNS Filter' security profile.

The use of this feature is straightforward:

- Create and configure 'DNS Filter' profile
- Create and configure firewall policy
- Assign the profile to the firewall policy

FortiOS intercepts DNS requests from clients to DNS servers and asks FortiGuard servers for rating.

It is recommended to filter client's DNS requests only and not the DNS requests from client internal DNS servers.

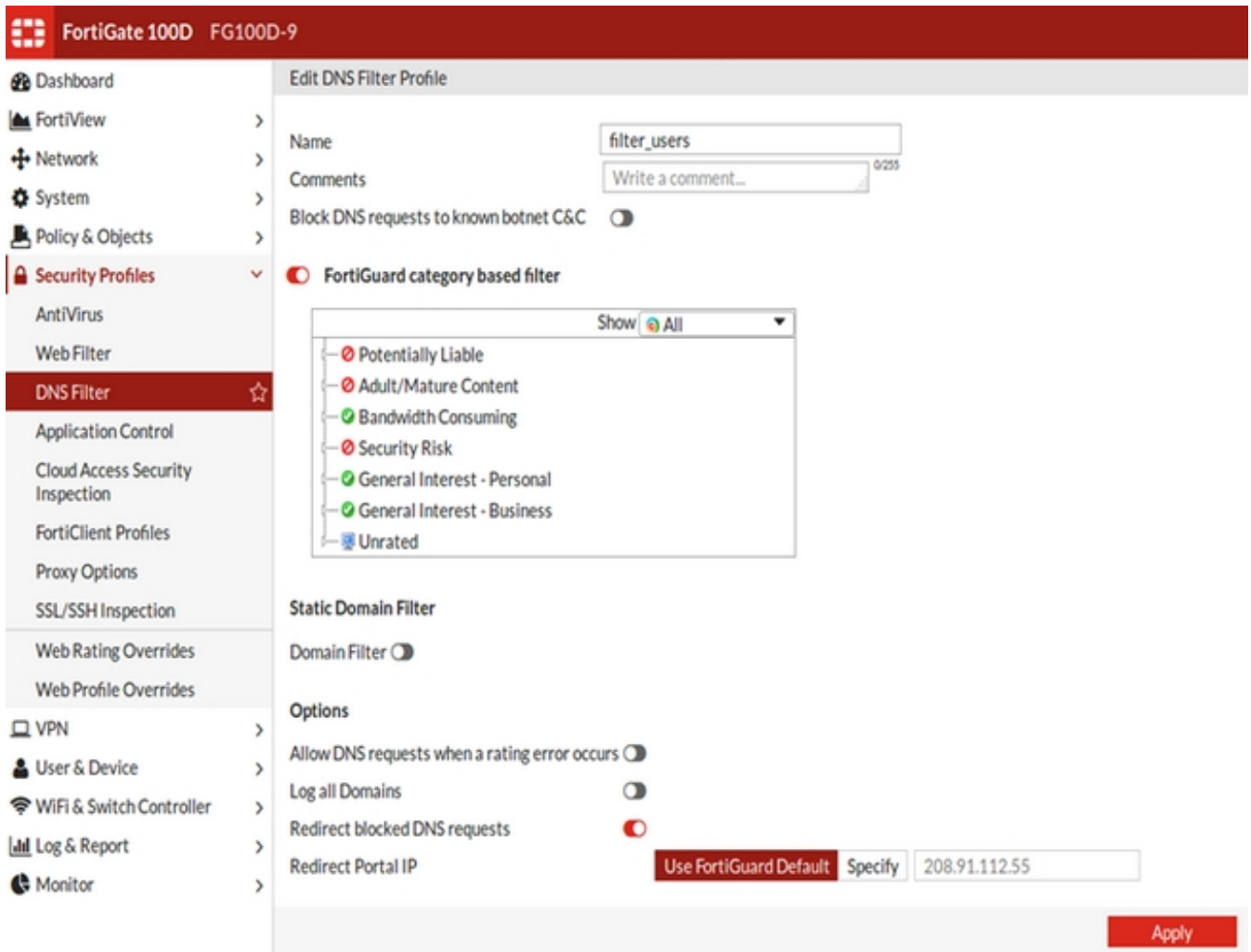
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**Internet w/ DNS servers === (wan1)[FG100D](lan) === PCs in LAN**

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config dnsfilter profile
edit "filter_users"
config ftgd-dns
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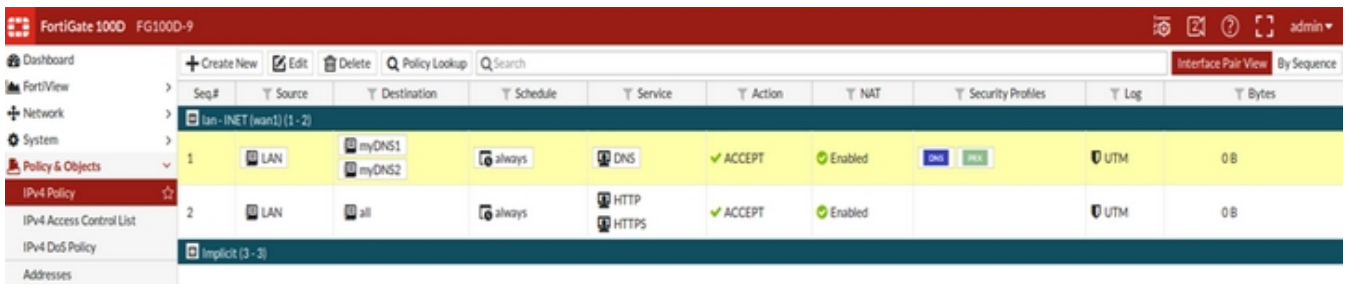
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config filters
  edit 1
    set category 83
    set action block
  next
  edit 2
    set category 5
    set action block
  next
  edit 3
    set category 1
    set action block
  next
  edit 4
    set category 6
    set action block
  next

  ... truncated ...

  edit 29
  next
end
end
next
end
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## Configure firewall policies



The screenshot shows the FortiGate 100D FG100D-9 configuration interface. The left sidebar is expanded to 'Policy & Objects' > 'IPv4 Policy'. The main area displays a table of firewall policies. Policy 1 is highlighted in yellow. Policy 2 is also visible below it. The table has columns for Seq.#, Source, Destination, Schedule, Service, Action, NAT, Security Profiles, Log, and Bytes.

| Seq.# | Source | Destination      | Schedule | Service       | Action | NAT     | Security Profiles | Log | Bytes |
|-------|--------|------------------|----------|---------------|--------|---------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| 1     | LAN    | myDNS1<br>myDNS2 | always   | DNS           | ACCEPT | Enabled | UTM               | UTM | 0 B   |
| 2     | LAN    | all              | always   | HTTP<br>HTTPS | ACCEPT | Enabled |                   | UTM | 0 B   |

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```
config firewall policy
edit 1
set srcintf "lan"
set dstintf "wan1"
set srcaddr "LAN"
set dstaddr "myDNS1" "myDNS2"
set action accept
set schedule "always"
set service "DNS"
set utm-status enable
set dnsfilter-profile "filter_users"
set profile-protocol-options "default"
set nat enable
next
edit 2
set srcintf "lan"
set dstintf "wan1"
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```
set srcaddr "LAN"  
set dstaddr "all"  
set action accept  
set schedule "always"  
set service "HTTP" "HTTPS"  
set nat enable  
  
next  
end
```

To troubleshoot use the following command:

```
diag debug enable  
diag debug application dnsproxy -1
```

When finished, disable debug with:

```
diag debug reset  
diag debug disable
```

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