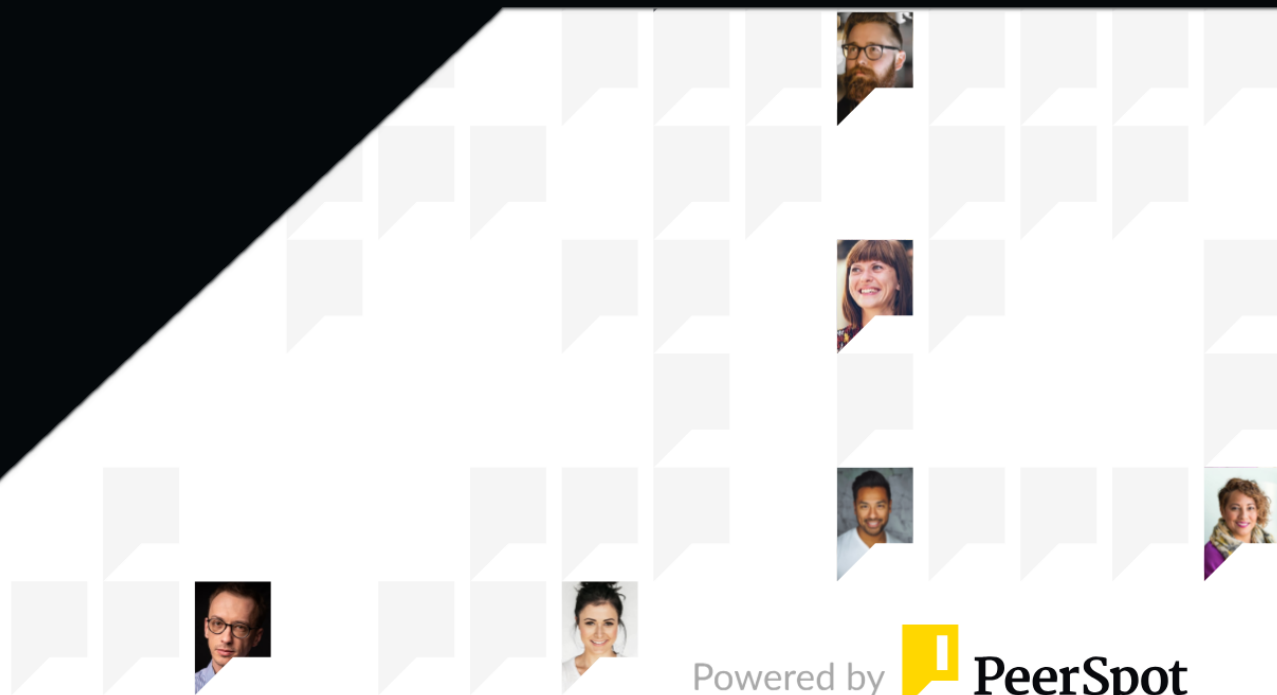




Fortinet FortiADC

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap



Fortinet FortiADC

Fortinet FortiADC Recap

Fortinet FortiADC offers reliable load balancing and server management with significant security features, ensuring streamlined traffic control. Its cost-effectiveness and integration with Fortinet platforms make it a compelling choice for businesses seeking scalability and enhanced network operations.

Fortinet FortiADC is designed to deliver streamlined application delivery and manage server traffic effectively. It integrates seamlessly with Fortinet technologies like FortiGate and FortiMail, enabling enhanced security features such as SSL offloading and certificate management. While its load balancing and traffic control are strong, improvements in algorithm precision and technical support are needed. The platform's licensing flexibility and high-level services like failover and redundancy underscore its scalability. However, revisions in configuration interfaces and performance optimizations indicate areas for future updates. A focus on automation and integration with existing FortiManager components could enhance usability.

What are the key features of Fortinet FortiADC?

- **SSL Offloading:** Streamlines secure data handling.
- **Load Balancing:** Manages traffic distribution efficiently.
- **Web Application Firewall:** Ensures robust security compliance.
- **Content Caching:** Enhances response speeds and reduces latency.
- **Traffic Control:** Offers precise network management options.

What benefits should you look for in FortiADC reviews?

- **Affordability:** Offers cost-effective licensing options.
- **Scalability:** Adapts to growing business needs.
- **Integration:** Works well with other Fortinet products for enhanced functionalities.
- **User Management:** Simplified configuration and management processes.
- **Performance:** Consistent and reliable load balancing with high availability.

Industries implement Fortinet FortiADC to improve application and data access, especially where high reliability and secure delivery are critical. It supports local and global content management, efficiently handling disaster recovery and ISP link balancing tasks, crucial for sectors requiring continuous, high-performance connectivity.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:

- ✓ “Fortinet FortiADC is a good product; we implemented a Fortinet FortiADC cluster and use application load balancing, and the implementation process is straightforward and cluster implementation is also very easy.”



Suraska Sanjaya

Team Lead at Adapt Information Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

- ✓ “Ultimately, Fortinet constructs every solution needed for each defense layer, making it comparatively better than Trellix, Trend Micro, or SentinelOne.”



GANESAN K

Senior Technical Engineer at Safezone Secure Solutions Private Limited

- ✓ “FortiADC provides load-balancing capabilities needed for integration with other Fortinet platforms.”



OusaidAbaz

Security Network Architect at novonordisc



“I use load balancing technology like Round Robin or low weight to maintain session-based connections. This ensures that clients can connect to their applications without interruption.”



Anil Gujja

Senior Network Engineer at SP SYSNET PTE. LTD.



“It helps with defining server load balancing tasks and managing SSL certificates, ensuring the communication flow through the Fortinet gateway.”



Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU



“Fortinet FortiADC is a good product because each and every piece of content is monitored by it.”



Sameer Ghewade

Manager, Information Technology at Parag Milk Foods Ltd



“We can do patches offline without causing customers outages. The web application firewall features, especially those related to the OWASP Top Ten, provide automated protections. This allows more flexibility in patching the backend applications. Additionally, it offers visibility into the requests being made to the applications, and you can't protect what you can't see.”



Andrew Reynolds

Senior Technical Consultant at CBR Cyber Pty Ltd

What users had to say about valuable features:

“In terms of analytics and reporting capability, when integrated, we integrated with FortiAnalyzer. As a standalone solution, it doesn't show much impact, but when integrated with FortiAnalyzer, it has much more significance..”

GANESAN K

Senior Technical Engineer at Safezone Secure Solutions Private Limited

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“Initially, I was intimidated by FortiADC. That said, it has a good user manual, allowing management even with basic knowledge. It helps with defining server load balancing tasks and managing SSL certificates, ensuring the communication flow through the Fortinet gateway..”

Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU

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“Fortinet FortiADC is a good product. We implemented a Fortinet FortiADC cluster, and we use application load balancing. The implementation process is straightforward, and cluster implementation is also very easy. It is a good product.

“We are doing the load balancing part mainly. It is very easy because we configure normally our two application servers and one virtual IP, and then it works without any errors..”

Suraska Sanjaya

Team Lead at Adapt Information Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

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“FortiADC provides load-balancing capabilities needed for integration with other Fortinet platforms. It allows for the creation of virtual IPs and applying various algorithms for traffic management.

Although it offers fewer algorithms than competing platforms like F5, its capability to manage load balancing makes it valuable. The security features depend on the environment, relying on firewalls like FortiGate..”

OusaidAbaz

Security Network Architect at novonordisc

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“I use server load balancing and employ layer seven features, which provide more granular traffic shaping and detailed logs.

Additionally, I use load balancing technology like Round Robin or low weight to maintain session-based connections. This ensures that clients can connect to their applications without interruption. In contrast, using standalone solutions can lead to network conditions that disrupt user connectivity and necessitate additional components before deploying FortiADC.

Primarily, I use this setup for trading platforms..”

Anil Gujja

Senior Network Engineer at SP SYSNET PTE. LTD.

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“I like the load-balancing components because they are very straightforward. The interface is easy to get around and follows a very logical pattern and the API's are very easy to follow. The basic OWASP protections it offers in the web application firewall are also useful.

The tool does what it says on the box. Setting up priority groups and using health monitors is easy.

We can do patches offline to application servers without causing outages that would affect the customer. The web application firewall features, especially those related to the OWASP Top Ten, provide easily integrated and automated protections. This helps with legislative compliance for our Apps and for compliance with the PCI security standards. This allows more flexibility in patching the back end applications and it offers visibility into the requests being made to the applications – you can't protect what you can't see..”

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Other Solutions Considered

“F5's LTM was evaluated, which offers more specialized traffic management capabilities compared to FortiADC's diverse devices for different functionalities..”

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“I evaluated another platform but found it a single-device system lacking fault tolerance. It was also more expensive and did not perform as effectively, so I chose Fortinet ADC..”

Najdat Turani

Network and Security Administrator at YU

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“A comparison was made with F5's local traffic management. Although F5 has more algorithms, FortiADC follows similar load balancing procedures. The platform's choice seems influenced by specialization in security across different devices..”

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“We previously used Coyote Equalizer, which became outdated. We needed to implement TLS 1.2, but it only supported TLS 1.0. Fortinet acquired Coyote, leading us to choose FortiADC..”

Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU

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“We did not implement SSL Offloading, as we use the HTTP side. In the future, the customer has an idea to implement the HTTPS side, and I will need to follow that HTTPS offloading as well in the near future..”

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“When comparing Fortinet to other competitors such as SentinelOne, Trend Micro, and Trellix, Fortinet provides a comprehensive platform that goes beyond just solutions; it creates an end-to-end security platform. You can have mail security, web security, and firewall perimeter security. In contrast, Trellix and Trend Micro mostly focus on endpoint security levels and occasionally offer secure web gateway or mail security solutions. Rarely do they cover as much as Fortinet. SentinelOne focuses heavily on the attacking path regarding endpoint security and identity security. Their roadmap is extending to data DLP, data security, and cloud security. They have begun working on cloud security and their product is promising. Ultimately, Fortinet constructs every solution needed for each defense layer, making it comparatively better than Trellix, Trend Micro, or SentinelOne..”

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Senior Technical Engineer at Safezone Secure Solutions Private Limited

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“The main reason a client wants this load balancer is because there is a load on the web server and one of them becomes unresponsive and that means a big loss for the company. It's the main reason they purchase FortiADC. Once they implement this solution there are no issues with the load server. .”

VinothKumar12

Senior Cyber Security Engineer at a tech services company with 201-500 employees

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“If I consider traffic shaping and latency, FortiADC does not add any more latency within our internal network. Monitoring the application is very helpful. The alert system is efficient, sending alerts within a fraction of a second if any power issues arise.

In comparison, Kemp support is not at the same level. If any hardware fails, Fortinet ensures a next business day delivery, whereas Kemp often asks many questions and does not support as effectively. I have encountered many issues with Kemp compared to FortiADC..”

Anil Gujja

Senior Network Engineer at SP SYSNET PTE. LTD.

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Use Case

“Mostly, I use FortiADC for web applications. For example, we have multiple trading websites where we need to load payments for many clients accessing from outside..”

Anil Gujja

Senior Network Engineer at SP SYSNET PTE. LTD.

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“The tool offers Web Application Firewall to protect against threats such as what is outlined in the OWASP Top 10 and robust load-balancing functionality with in depth health monitoring of application availability..”

Andrew Reynolds

Senior Technical Consultant at CBR Cyber Pty Ltd

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“We are expanding our internal network with more virtual servers, and each needs to be defined on the Fortinet gateway. The FortiADC facilitates communication for servers meant for public access and supports load balancing. My main tasks involve defining new servers and importing SSL certificates..”

Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU

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“The primary use case involves load balancing, which can be integrated with various platforms such as FortiGate and FortiMail. Administrators choose FortiADC as a load-balancing platform due to its integration capabilities with end-user technologies.

It supports the creation of virtual IPs and configuration of server nodes, applying algorithms like route roaming, which depends on the administrator's choice..”

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“We are implementing FortiFirewall, FortiAnalyzer, and we have implemented one ADC, Fortinet FortiADC. Those are the products we are implementing.

“We are a multiple vendor company. We do Sophos and Palo Alto. Fortinet is our best-selling product, actually.

“Palo Alto is not selling much in Sri Lanka. Mostly Sophos and FortiGate are sold. Sophos gets most customers, as they request a Sophos firewall..”

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Team Lead at Adapt Information Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

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“Our clients are using Fortinet FortiADC primarily for load balancing, which serves as the application server load balancer. We have worked with one or two cases of Fortinet FortiADC. For application load balancer solutions, we prefer either A10, which is a leader product present in Gartner leader and Forrester leader, or Radware. We worked with a customer who was in the Fortinet environment, so we suggested Fortinet FortiADC, which helps integrate with FortiWeb, a WAF solution.

“For integration purposes, we implemented Fortinet FortiADC, and they had around four applications and 20 servers. We were able to do the load balancing based on the round robin method in that ADC, which was the use case objective of having the ADC solution. It was placed behind the WAF solution, so SSL offloading and transitions were taken care of in the SLB part, specifically Fortinet FortiADC.

“Regarding SSL offloading, we had the same use case since they need the certificate for external communications, but for internal communications, they had a separate certificate. We just offloaded the SSL in WAF, and we do the SSL transition in the Fortinet FortiADC part.

“When speaking about load balancing, this refers to GSLB, which stands for Global Server Load Balancing. The use case was to balance the loads in a hospital environment with one main application and other side applications supporting doctors, the database for their medical equipment, and related systems. The main application was an online consulting application. The task of Fortinet FortiADC was to load balance the number of hits based on the round robin algorithm and manage the balances between the four or five servers allocated to the application..”

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“I carefully reviewed the documentation and configured the product, avoiding default settings. While the setup was complex, thorough preparation facilitated a smooth deployment. It took approximately a year to complete it..”

Najdat Turani

Network and Security Administrator at YU

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“The initial setup is easy to install. The process is straightforward.

The deployment takes around two to three days, considering the installation and configuration of some applications. We can easily configure the profiles..”

Validated user

Manager BU Network/Security at a tech services company with 11-50 employees

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“The product's setup is straightforward. The WAF took more time because we had to find a configuration that avoided a lot of false positives. We required only two people to handle the tool's deployment. .”

Aymar Tala Defo

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Cyber Security Analyst at a educational organization with 10,001+ employees

“The initial setup is straightforward and depends on the number of nodes and applications. Deploying one node takes around 50 minutes.

It depends on the node and server application, source address, communication delivery control, URL, or port ID..”

Validated user

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Security Technical Manager at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

“I rate Fortinet FortiADC's deployment a ten out of ten. It takes a couple of hours to complete, and it's usually deployed in a network that's already set up for application delivery. The interface is very similar to what you would see on a FortiGate firewall, and is very intuitive. Once you have set up basic networking, setting up your first VIP takes a matter of minutes – the majority of the rest of your setup time is testing the application and fail over to ensure that the apps teams are happy..”

Andrew Reynolds

Senior Technical Consultant at CBR Cyber Pty Ltd

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“The initial setup and configuration are very easy because the solution includes a simple OS. Initial configuration takes about ten minutes for simple environments.

It is important to assess the environment and decide what services, servers, and web applications are needed.

The solution can be configured in router mode or one-arm mode which uses source NAT as destination NAT to send traffic to the firewall. One-arm mode is more complex and requires discussions with our engineers.

For example, you have a website with Node.js for your programming language, Amazon S3 for your CDN, NGINX for your web server, and you use both React and reCAPTCHA. Our team meets with your developer to learn your website and OS through a multi-step process and then we configure the solution to protect everything. .”

Saeid Khanipour Ghobani

IT Manager at Technology Evaluation Center

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Customer Service and Support

“Customer service is excellent. The support team is knowledgeable and efficiently assists with automation and configuration problems. They provide timely responses and thorough explanations for user queries..”

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“We communicate with the technical support team from the company that sold us FortiADC. They have been helpful, with the representative demonstrating strong instincts in problem-solving..”

Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU

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“I had a terrible experience with Fortinet support. I only used support once when I bought the solution. I got no response for two days. However, I believe that it's no longer the case. Fortinet solutions have problems when they're launched. For example, we had issues with Fortinet's authenticator when it came out. We also had trouble with FortiNAC in the beginning. .”

Bruno Moreira

Network Security Consultant at SigmaTelecom

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“I have not used technical support for the solution but have used it for other Fortinet products.

Colleagues work for the company so I can get quick solutions for issues.

For one particular issue, technical support was not able to resolve our issue so they sent us a new version of the solution and that solved the problem. .”

Saeid Khanipour Ghobani

IT Manager at Technology Evaluation Center

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“Technical support from Fortinet is satisfactory. It varies depending on the engineer assigned; in most cases, we resolve issues on the first attempt. There have been one or two rare instances where they fail to provide complete support, but it's not solely their fault; overall, the support is good.

“On a scale from one to ten, the support deserves an eight..”

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Senior Technical Engineer at Safezone Secure Solutions Private Limited

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“Fortinet technical support is very good, and they provide us with better support.

“The response time is good, and the support quality is also good.

“Local support is mostly not available to us. If we get stuck in some situation, we open global support..”

Suraska Sanjaya

Team Lead at Adapt Information Technologies (Pvt) Ltd

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Other Advice

“Find a reliable partner for technical support to ensure peace of mind. Without proper support, addressing problems can be challenging. I rate FortiADC a nine out of ten..”

Otilia Lavros

System administrator at ALSU

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“I would rate FortiADC eight out of ten. I did not explore FortiADC's link balancing features; my focus has been primarily on server wellbeing, not on link balancing. This is a feature I need to explore..”

Anil Gujja

Senior Network Engineer at SP SYSNET PTE. LTD.

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“I rate Fortinet FortiADC an eight. While it effectively integrates load balancing within the Fortinet ecosystem, F5 is rated higher due to its specific capabilities in traffic management. However, FortiADC aligns with Fortinet's specialization in security..”

OusaidAbaz

Security Network Architect at novonordisc

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“The product's advanced capability improves network efficiency and performance by concurrently managing thousands of client connections and optimizing overall network traffic.

I recommend it to others and rate it a seven out of ten. It performs very well for the functions it provides..”

Najdat Turani

Network and Security Administrator at YU

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“The deployment and the audio trimming may take one day.

FortiADC is stable and operates on a proprietary operating system. One advantage it has over some competitors, which run on Linux, is the strength of its operating system. This strengthens its security control. It offers a good service.

Overall, I rate the solution an eight out of ten..”

Validated user

Security Technical Manager at a tech services company with 51-200 employees

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“The [WAF](#) function can be enabled in Fortinet FortiADC. It would be better if we could implement that very easily.

“The WAF function is not well-known among our customers.

“I only performed the load balancing part and did not go into a deep implementation. Based on my knowledge, I rate Fortinet FortiADC an eight out of ten..”

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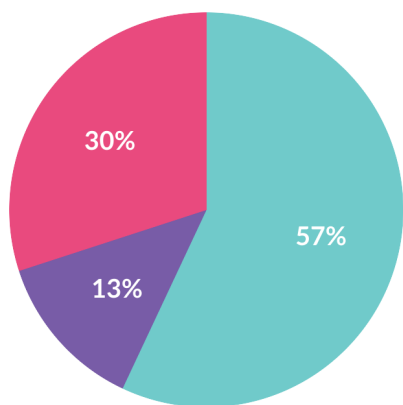
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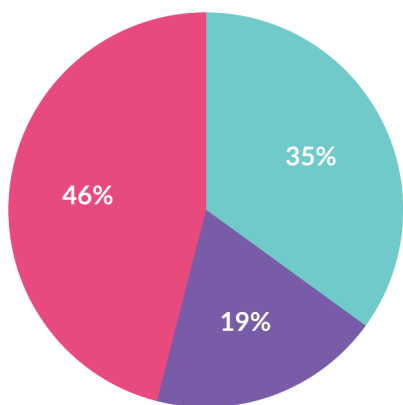


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