Qualys Integration Guide

Synack's Integration with Qualys Vulnerability Management

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Synack Integration with Qualys

Synack's integration with Qualys allows customers to easily import vulnerabilities found by their Qualys Vulnerability Management (VM) scanning into their Synack Penetration Testing as a Service (PTaaS) Suspected Vulnerability / Scanner Findings list. Once in the Synack Suspected Vulnerability / Scanner Findings list, connections between the vulnerabilities and the vulnerable assets are made, enabling testing of those assets by the Synack Red Team (SRT) and/or Synack Autonomous Red Agent (Sara). Synack triages which vulnerabilities are truly exploitable, assesses exposure of vulnerable assets, and provides remediation recommendations and patch verification. Synack testing helps you close critical security gaps before bad actors can exploit them.

To get started with the integration configuration installation, follow the steps provided below.

Step 1: Get Credentials from Qualys

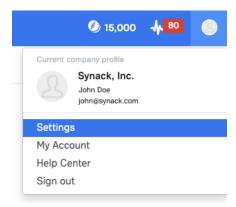
Ask your Qualys administrator to provide information which Synack's integration can use to create a connection between Qualys and Synack. You will need the following information before proceeding to next step;

- Username (note: User Role Manager is recommended, if Scanner or Reader Role is applied then scanned hosts must be assigned to the user using asset group(s). Allow access to API option must be checked for the user.)
- Password
- API URL (this differs from the Qualys Platform URL. The API Server URL can be found by the Qualys
 administrator in the Help -> About View -> Scanner Appliances section it will be in format such as
 qualysapi.xxx.qualys.com). For further background about possible API Server URLs please read
 here.

Step 2: Configure Qualys integration in Synack

Login to the Synack Portal at http://login.synack.com

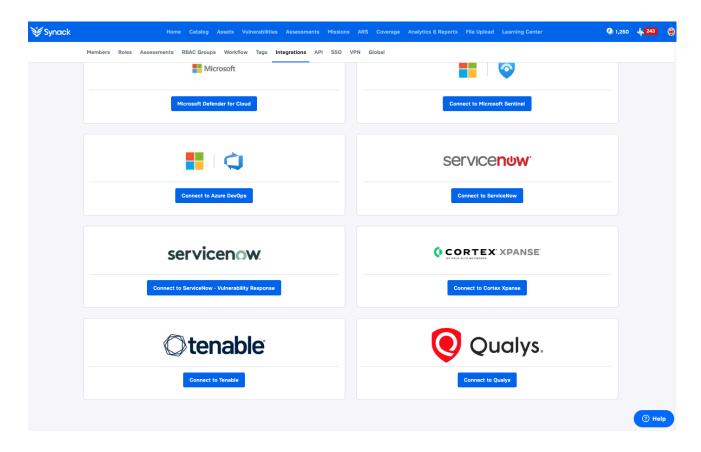
Click Profile Icon at Top Right corner of the Synack Portal, and then click Settings.





Next, click on the Integrations tab. Then click on the 'Connect to Qualys' button.

Note: your login must have a Synack Admin role in order to be able to configure Integrations.



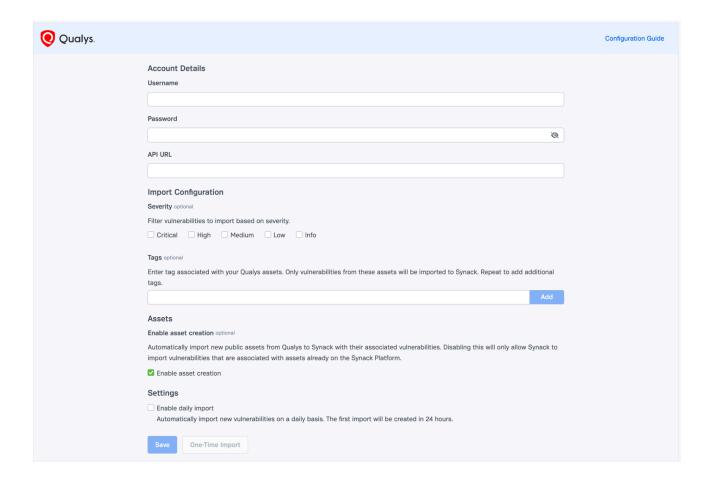


Enter the Username, Password, and API URL information which was provided by your Qualys admin.

Optionally, you can specify Asset Tags, and/or Vulnerability Severity from your Qualys implementation. These are used to limit scope of the vulnerability Import to a desired subset of Qualys vulnerabilities.

Note: if you omit these optional settings, Vulnerabilities imported ignore Tag and Severity values.

Enable asset creation (selected by default) - If a publicly accessible Host Asset is associated with a Qualys vulnerability scanning result, that Asset will be automatically added to the Synack Asset List (if it isn't already present). Host Assets in the Asset List are available for Synack Sara Triage, or testing by the SRT. Note: if Enable asset creation is de-selected - Synack will only import Qualys vulnerabilities associated with assets already on the Synack Asset List (i.e. those Assets associated with existing Syntax Testing Assessments, or otherwise previously added to the Asset List.)



You must then click 'Save' and your Qualys Integration configuration will be established.



Next you must initiate the Import of vulnerabilities from Qualys to Synack. From the Synack Platform's Qualys Integration screen where you just Saved your Qualys Account Details, you have 2 options to choose from:

Option A) Click on the 'One-Time Import'

One-Time Import

Option B) Check 'Enable daily import', then click 'Save'

Settings

Save

☐ Enable daily import

Automatically import new vulnerabilities on a daily basis.

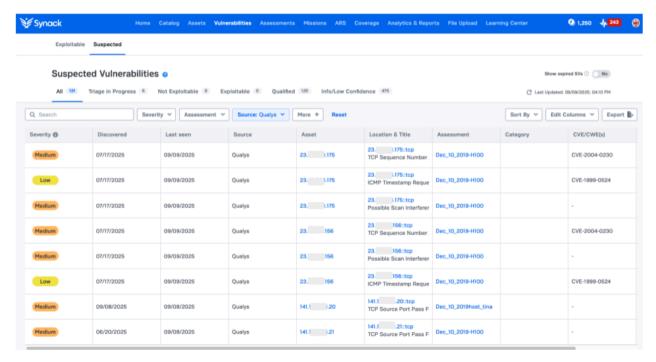
After several minutes, table will start to populate with Import History (note: Daily Import, or large One-Time imports may take longer to populate)

Import History Activity Vulnerabilities Imported (1) Created Status 01/20/2022 10:41 AM Daily Import In Progress 01/20/2022 10:41 AM 10 Daily Import Complete 01/19/2022 10:41 AM Daily Import Complete 50 01/18/2022 10:41 AM Complete One-Time Import 50 Showing 1-5 of 100



Viewing Vulnerabilities imported from Qualys in Synack Option 1 - Traditional SRT Workflow (default)

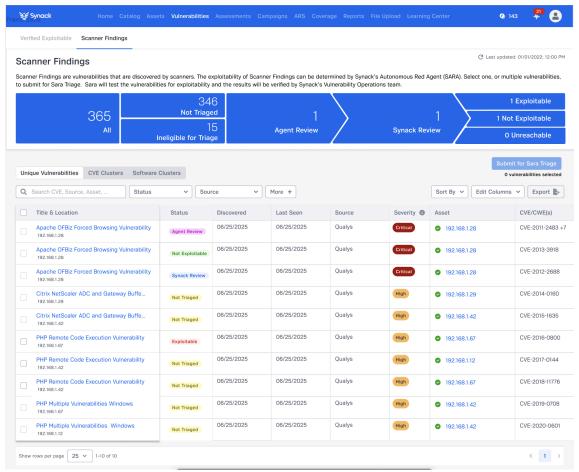
From the Synack Portal, click the 'Vulnerabilities' tab. Then click 'Suspected Vulnerabilities' (you may Search the Suspected Vulnerability List or filter it by 'Source' in order to see vulnerabilities that were imported by Qualys). Every vulnerability will be connected to an asset that may or may not be already included in an assessment. Assets that aren't in assessments can be added to new assessments. Once in an assessment, Synack can run Synack Penetration Tests, where human-led security testing by the Synack Red Team (SRT) can confirm and assess their exposure.





Option 2 - Sara Triage Workflow (new)

Note: to use this Workflow, please request your Synack CSM to have you on-boarded to the Synack Autonomous Red Agent (Sara) program. Using Sara Triage, eligible Qualys sourced Vulns can be autonomously Triaged to confirm exploitability.



Frequently Asked Questions

What Qualys products does Synack integrate with?

The Synack Integration works with Qualys Vulnerability Management (VM), or Qualys Vulnerability Management Detection and Response (VMDR).

Note: Synack's integration does NOT currently work with other Qualys scanning solutions such as Qualys TotalAppSec or Container Security

Why don't I see the Qualys choice in my Integrations page?

You must be a Synack Admin user to see the Integrations page.



I am a FedRAMP customer, can i use this integration?

Yes, assuming you are using Qualys Government Platform. Note: In this case you will login to FedRAMP instance of the Synack Portal at https://login.synack.us

I followed the instructions in this guide, but I am still not able to see any data. How long should this take?

If this is the initial configuration of the app, it can take some time for the initial data to be imported. Depending on the scope of vulnerabilities imported during 'One-Time Import' this can take anywhere from a minute to an hour. In the case of scheduled recurring imports, and depending on the time of day you 'Enable Daily Import' it may take up to 24 hours until the next daily import cycle kicks off.

Why don't i see some historical Qualys scanning results show up in Synack

Qualys vulnerabilities that are more than 14 days old will not be imported into Synack. Note: however if a Vulnerable Asset is being scanned by Qualys Daily or Weekly, and an associated Vulnerability has not been successfully patched, then the 'Last Seen' date of that Vulnerability will have been refreshed and it will be imported.

I saw a vulnerability in my Synack Suspected Vulnerability list before, but now it's gone, why might that be?

Once imported, Qualys vulnerabilities remain in Synack, but may not be displayed by default. By default only Suspected Vulnerabilities Last Seen within the last 14 days are displayed. To view current suspected vulnerabilities, as well as those Last Seen more than 14 days ago, enable Show Expired SVs.

I see vulnerabilities in Qualys, but I do not see them (or I only see some of them) imported into the Synack Suspected Vulnerability List, why might that be?

The Synack Qualys Integration will only import vulnerabilities that are associated with assets that are present in the Asset List of the Synack Platform. Assets may be added to the Synack Platform via Synack Attack Surface Discovery, Palo Xpanse ASM Integration, Assessment creation, or manual Add. **Note:** you may also specify 'Enable asset creation' in the configuration of the Qualys integration, in which case publicly accessible assets which are associated with Qualys vulnerability management scanning results will be automatically added to the Synack Asset List, however this method will not add Internal Assets.

The number of Vulnerabilities reported in my Qualys VM platform differs from the number of Suspected Vulnerabilities reported in Synack, why?

The manner in which Qualys and Synack report vulnerabilities may differ. Depending on the view, Qualys may report the vulnerability count as the number of uniquely vulnerable assets impacts, each of which may be impacted by multiple CVEs. Synack on the other hand counts every vulnerability individually, even when associated with the same asset. Thus, even when comparing for the same number of Assets, the count of Vulnerabilities imported into Synack may exceed what is reported in Qualys.

I am still having trouble with my Synack Qualys integration, who do I contact? Please reach out to help@synack.com

