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Getting Started Guide





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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Getting Started Guide* provides instructions for getting started using QRadar SIEM. We suggest you follow the recommendations in this guide to effectively evaluate QRadar SIEM functionality.

Intended Audience

This guide is intended for all QRadar SIEM users responsible for investigating and managing network security. This guide assumes that you have QRadar SIEM access and a knowledge of your corporate network and networking technologies.

Documentation Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout this guide:

▶ Indicates that the procedure contains a single instruction.

NOTE

Indicates that the information provided is supplemental to the associated feature or instruction.



CAUTION

Indicates that the information is critical. A caution alerts you to potential loss of data or potential damage to an application, system, device, or network.



WARNING

Indicates that the information is critical. A warning alerts you to potential dangers, threats, or potential personal injury. Read any and all warnings carefully before proceeding.

Technical Documentation

For information on how to access more technical documentation, technical notes, and release notes, see the *Accessing IBM Security QRadar Documentation Technical Note*.

(http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?rs=0&uid=swg21614644)

Contacting Customer Support

For information on contacting customer support, see the *Support and Download Technical Note*.

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1 OVERVIEW

QRadar SIEM is a network security management platform that provides situational awareness and compliance support through the combination of flow-based network knowledge, security event correlation, and asset-based vulnerability assessment.

Using this guide you can perform basic QRadar SIEM configuration, begin collecting event and flow data, and learn how to generate your own custom or default reports.

This section includes the following topics:

- Supported Web Browsers
- Logging In to QRadar SIEM
- Log Activity Tab
- Network Activity Tab
- Assets Tab
- Offenses Tab
- Reports Tab

Supported Web Browsers

You can access the Console from a standard web browser. When you access the system, a prompt is displayed asking for a username and a password, which must be configured in advance by the QRadar SIEM administrator.

Table 2-1 Supported Web Browsers

Web Browser	Supported Versions
Mozilla Firefox	• 10.0
	Due to Mozilla's short release cycle, we cannot commit to testing on the latest versions of the Mozilla Firefox browser. However, we are fully committed to investigating any issues that are reported.
Microsoft Windows Internet Explorer, with Compatibility View Enabled	• 8.0
	• 9.0
	For instructions on how to enable Compatibility View, see Enabling Compatibility View for Internet Explorer.

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Enabling Compatibility View for Internet Explorer

To enable Compatibility View for Internet Explorer 8.0 and 9.0:

Step 1 Press F12 to open the Developer Tools window.

Step 2 Configure the following compatibility settings:

Table 2-2 Internet Explorer Compatibility Settings

Browser Version	Option	Description
Internet Explorer 8.0	Browser Mode	From the Browser Mode list box, select Internet Explorer 8.0.
	Document Mode	From the Document Mode list box, select Internet Explorer 7.0 Standards.
Internet Explorer 9.0	Browser Mode	From the Browser Mode list box, select Internet Explorer 9.0.
	Document Mode	From the Document Mode list box, select Internet Explorer 7.0 Standards.

Logging In to QRadar SIEM

To log in to QRadar SIEM:

Step 1 Open your web browser.

Step 2 Type the following address in the address bar:

https://<IP Address>

Where <IP Address> is the IP address of the QRadar SIEM system.

Step 3 Type the default user name and password.

The default values are:

User name: admin

Password: <root password>

Step 4 Click Login To QRadar.

NOTE

To log out of QRadar SIEM, click **logout** in the top left corner of the user interface.

A default license key provides you access to the user interface for five weeks. A window is displayed, providing the date that the temporary license key expires. For more information about installing a license key, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

NOTE

QRadar SIEM uses a self-assigned SSL certificate for encryption. These certificates are not recognized by most web browsers. An error message can be displayed regarding an invalid SSL certificate. If you are using Mozilla Firefox, you must add an exception to Mozilla Firefox to log in to QRadar SIEM. For more information, see your Mozilla documentation. If you are using Internet Explorer, a certificate error message is displayed. You must select the **Continue to this website** option to continue.

Log Activity Tab

The **Log Activity** tab displays event information as records from a log source, such as a firewall or router device, allowing you to monitor and investigate events in real time or perform advanced searches. Using the **Log Activity** tab, you can:

- Perform in-depth investigations on event data.
- Investigate event logs sent to QRadar SIEM in real time.
- · Perform advanced events searches.
- · View log activity using configurable time-series charts.
- Quickly identify false positives and tune QRadar SIEM.

For more information, see Investigating Events.

Network Activity Tab

The **Network Activity** tab allows you to investigate the communication sessions between two hosts. You can use this information to determine how the traffic is communicated, and what was communicated (if the content capture option is enabled). Using the **Network Activity** tab, you can:

- Investigate flows sent to QRadar SIEM in real time.
- · Perform powerful searches.
- View network activity using configurable time-series charts.

For more information, see Investigating Flows.

Assets Tab

QRadar SIEM automatically creates asset profiles by discovering your network assets (servers and hosts), using passive flow data and vulnerability data. Asset profiles provide information about each known asset in your network, including the services that are running. Asset profile information is used for correlation purposes, which helps reduce false positives. Using the **Assets** tab, you can:

- · Search for assets.
- View all the learned assets.
- View identity information for learned assets.
- · Tune false positive vulnerabilities.

For more information, see Searching Assets.

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Offenses Tab

The **Offenses** tab allows you to view all offenses occurring on your network. To locate offenses, you can use various navigation and search options. From the **Offenses** tab, you can investigate an offense to determine the root cause of an issue. Using the **Offenses** tab, you can:

- Investigate offenses, source and destination IP addresses, network behaviors, and anomalies on your network.
- Correlate events and flows sourced from multiple networks to the same destination IP address.
- Investigate each offense in your network. You can navigate the various pages
 of the Offenses tab to investigate event and flow details to determine the
 unique events that caused the offense.

For more information about **Offenses** tab, see **Investigating Offenses**.

Reports Tab

You can create custom reports in QRadar SIEM or use default reports. You can customize and rebrand default reports and distribute these to other QRadar SIEM users. Administrative users can view all reports created by other QRadar SIEM users. Non-administrative users can only view reports that they created or reports which are shared by other users. Using the **Reports** tab, you can:

- Create, distribute, and manage reports for any data within QRadar SIEM.
- Create customized reports for operational and executive use.
- Combine information (such as, security or network) into a single report.
- Use pre-installed report templates.
- Brand your reports with customized logos enabling you to support various unique logos for each report. This is beneficial for distributing reports to different audiences.

For more information about reports, see Managing Reports.

DEPLOYING QRADAR SIEM

Before you can evaluate QRadar SIEM key capabilities, you must first install the QRadar SIEM appliance, configure your installation, and start collecting data.

This section includes the following topics:

- Installing the QRadar SIEM Appliance
- Initially Configuring QRadar SIEM
- **Collecting Data**
- **Tuning and Configuring QRadar SIEM**

Installing the **QRadar SIEM Appliance**

The QRadar SIEM evaluation appliance is a two-unit rack mount server. Rack rails or shelving are not provided with evaluation equipment. Before installing the QRadar SIEM evaluation appliance, ensure that you have the following:

- Space for a two-unit appliance
- Rack rails and shelving (mounted)
- USB keyboard and standard VGA monitor for Console access (optional)

The QRadar SIEM appliance includes four network interfaces. For this evaluation, use the interface labeled ETH0 as the management interface.

You can use the three remaining monitoring interfaces for flow collection. The QRadar QFlow Collector provides full network application analysis and can perform packet captures on the beginning of each conversation. Depending on the QRadar SIEM appliance, flow analysis automatically begins when a span port or tap is connected to any interface other than ETHO. Additional steps can be required to enable the QRadar QFlow Collector component within QRadar SIEM.

For more information, see the IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide.

NOTE ______ The QRadar SIEM evaluation appliance has a 50 Mbps limit for flow analysis. Ensure that the aggregate traffic on the monitoring interfaces for flow collection does not exceed this total.

To install the QRadar SIEM appliance:

- **Step 1** Connect the management network interface to the port labeled ETH0.
- **Step 2** Ensure that dedicated power connections are plugged into the rear of the appliance.
- Step 3 If you need Console access, connect the USB keyboard and standard VGA monitor.
- **Step 4** If there is a front panel on the appliance, remove the panel by pushing in the tabs on either side and pulling the panel away from the appliance.
- Step 5 Power on the appliance.

The power button is located on the front of the appliance.

The appliance begins the boot process.

Initially Configuring QRadar SIEM

You can access the Console from a standard web browser. When you access QRadar SIEM, a prompt is displayed for a username and password, which were configured in advance by your Q1 Labs field engineer. For more information on logging in to QRadar SIEM, see Logging In to QRadar SIEM. For more information on supported web browsers, see Supported Web Browsers.

Communication between the web browser and QRadar SIEM is encrypted with Secure Socket Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS).

Before you begin, confirm that the desktop you plan to use to access the QRadar SIEM Console has the following installed:

- Java[™] Runtime Environment (JRE) You can download Java version 1.6.0_u20 at the following website: http://java.com/.
- Adobe Flash 10.x

This section includes the following topics:

- Reviewing Your Network Hierarchy
- Configuring Automatic Update Settings

Reviewing Your Network Hierarchy

Using the network hierarchy feature, you can:

- View different areas of your network organized by their business function.
- Prioritize threat and policy information according to business value risk.

QRadar SIEM uses the network hierarchy to:

- · Understand your network traffic and allows you to view network activity.
- Monitor specific logical groups or services in your network, such as marketing, DMZ, or VoIP.

- Monitor all traffic and profile the behavior of each group and host within the group.
- Identify which hosts are local and which are remote.

For evaluation purposes, a default network hierarchy is included that contains predefined logical groups. Review the network hierarchy for accuracy and completeness. If your environment includes network ranges that are not displayed in the preconfigured network hierarchy, you must add them manually.

NOTE

If your system does not include a completed network hierarchy, use the **Admin** tab to create a hierarchy specific to your environment. For more information, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

To review your network hierarchy:

Step 1 Click the Admin tab.

For more information on the settings available in the **Admin** tab, see the *IBM* Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide.

- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click System Configuration.
- Step 3 Click the Network Hierarchy icon.

NOTE

The objects defined in your network hierarchy do not need to be physically located in your environment. All logical network ranges belonging to your infrastructure should be defined as a network object.

Step 4 From the Manage Group:Top list, click Regulatory Compliance Servers.

If your network hierarchy does not include a regulatory compliance server component, you can use your Mail component for the remainder of this procedure.

Step 5 Click the Edit this object icon.

The Properties For Regulatory Compliance pane is displayed.

- Step 6 To add compliance servers:
 - a In the **IP/CIDR(s)** field, type the IP address or CIDR range of your compliance servers.
 - b Click Add.
 - c Repeat for all compliance servers.
 - d Click Save.
 - e Repeat this process for any other networks that you want to edit.
- Step 7 On the Admin tab menu, click Deploy Changes.
- Step 8 Close the Network Hierarchy window.

Configuring Automatic Update Settings

Using the automatic update settings, you can customize the frequency, update type, server configuration, and backup settings. QRadar SIEM update files can include the following updates:

- Configuration updates, which include configuration file changes, vulnerability, QID map, and security threat information updates.
- DSM updates, which include corrections to parsing issues, scanner changes, and protocol updates.
- Major updates, which include items such as updated Java™ Archive (JAR) files.
- Minor updates, which include items such as additional Online Help Content or updated scripts.

To configure automatic updates settings:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click System Configuration.
- Step 3 Click the Auto Update icon.

The Updates window is displayed.

Step 4 On the navigation menu, click Change Settings.

The Update Configuration page is displayed.

- **Step 5** In the Auto Update Schedule pane, accept the default parameters.
- **Step 6** In the Update Types pane, configure the following parameters:
 - a From the Configuration Updates list box, select Auto Update.
 - **b** For the following parameters accept the default values:
 - DSM, Scanner, Protocol Updates.
 - Major Updates.
 - Minor Updates.
- Step 7 Clear the Auto Deploy check box.

If this check box is clear, a system notification is displayed on the **Dashboard** tab indicating that you must deploy changes after updates are installed. By default, the check box is selected.

- Step 8 Click the Advanced tab.
- **Step 9** In the Server Configuration pane, accept the default parameters.
- **Step 10** In the Other Settings pane, accept the default parameters.
- Step 11 Click Save and close the Updates window.
- Step 12 From the toolbar, click Deploy Changes.

You have now configured your QRadar SIEM automatic update settings. For more detailed information on the parameters and configurations options, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Users Guide*.

Collecting Data

QRadar SIEM can accept information in various formats and from a wide range of devices, including security events, network traffic, and scan results. This data is categorized in three major sections: events, flows, and Vulnerability Assessment (VA) information.

This section includes the following topics:

- Collecting Events
- Collecting Flows
- Importing Vulnerability Assessment Information

Collecting Events

Log sources such as firewalls, routers, UNIX, Linux, or Windows servers, and Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) or Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS), generate event logs. The majority of log sources send information to QRadar SIEM using the syslog protocol. QRadar SIEM also supports Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), Java Database Connectivity (JDBC), and Security Device Event Exchange (SDEE). By default, QRadar SIEM automatically detects log sources after a specific number of identifiable logs are received within a certain time frame. After the log sources are successfully detected, QRadar SIEM adds the appropriate Device Support Module (DSM) to the Log Sources window in the **Admin** tab.

Although most DSMs include native log sending capability, several DSMs require additional configuration or an agent or both to send logs. Configuration varies between DSM types. You must ensure the DSMs are configured to send logs in a format that QRadar SIEM supports. For more information on configuring DSMs, see the *Configuring DSMs Guide*.

NOTE

Certain log source types, such as routers and switches, do not send enough logs for QRadar SIEM to quickly detect and add them to the Log Source list. You can manually add these log sources. For more information on manually adding log sources, see the *Log Sources Users Guide*.

To review log sources:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click **Data Sources**.
- Step 3 Click the Log Sources icon.
- **Step 4** Review the list of log sources and make any necessary changes to the log source. For information on configuring log sources, see the *Log Sources User Guide*.
- Step 5 Close the Log Sources window.
- Step 6 On the Admin tab menu, click Deploy Changes.

Collecting Flows

Flows provide information on network traffic and can be sent to QRadar SIEM in a variety of formats, including flowlog files, NetFlow, J-Flow, sFlow, and Packeteer. QRadar SIEM accepts multiple flow formats simultaneously. Flow information allows QRadar SIEM to detect threats and activity, that would otherwise be missed, by relying strictly on events for information.

QRadar QFlow Collectors provides full application detection of network traffic regardless of the port on which the application is operating. For example, if the Internet Relay Chat (IRC) protocol is communicating on port 7500/TCP, a QRadar QFlow Collector identifies the traffic as IRC and provides a packet capture of the beginning of the conversation. NetFlow and J-Flow only notifies you that there is traffic on port 7500/TCP without providing any context for what protocol is being used.

Common mirror port locations include core, DMZ, server, and application switches, with NetFlow providing supplemental information from border routers and switches.

QRadar QFlow Collectors are enabled by default and require a mirror, span, or tap to be connected to an available interface on the QRadar SIEM appliance. Flow analysis automatically begins when the mirror port is connected to one of the network interfaces on the QRadar SIEM appliance. By default, QRadar SIEM monitors on the management interface for NetFlow traffic on port 2055/UDP. You can assign additional NetFlow ports, if required.

To review flow sources:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, select Data Sources > Flows.
- Step 3 Click the Flow Sources icon.
- **Step 4** Review the list of flow sources and make any necessary changes to the flow sources.

For instructions on how to configure flow sources, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

- Step 5 Close the Flow Sources window.
- Step 6 On the Admin tab menu, click Deploy Changes.

NOTE

For more information on how to enable flows on third-party network devices, such as switches and routers, see your vendor documentation.

Importing Vulnerability Assessment Information

QRadar SIEM can import Vulnerability Assessment (VA) information from various third-party scanners. VA information helps QRadar SIEM identify active hosts, open ports, and potential vulnerabilities. QRadar SIEM uses VA information to rank the magnitude of offenses on your network. Depending on the VA scanner type, QRadar SIEM can import scan results from the scanner server or remotely launch a scan.

To add VA scanners:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, select Data Sources > Vulnerability.
- Step 3 Click the VA Scanners icon.

The VA Scanners window is displayed.

Step 4 Click Add.

The Add Scanner page is displayed.

Step 5 Enter the values for the parameters.

The parameters depend on the scanner type you want to add. For more information, see the *Managing Vulnerability Assessment Guide*.

NOTE

The CIDR Range specifies which networks QRadar SIEM integrates into the scan results. For example, if you want to conduct a scan against the 192.168.0.0/16 network and specify 192.168.1.0/24 as the CIDR range, only results from the 192.168.1.0/24 range are integrated.

- Step 6 Click Save.
- Step 7 On the Admin tab menu, click Deploy Changes.
- Step 8 Click the Schedule VA Scanners icon.

The Scan Scheduling window is displayed.

Step 9 Click Add.

The Add Schedule page is displayed.

Step 10 Specify the criteria for how often you want the scan to occur.

Depending on the scan type, this includes how frequently QRadar SIEM imports scan results or starts a new scan. You also must specify the ports to be included in the scan results.

Step 11 Click Save.

Tuning and Configuring QRadar SIEM

Now that you have successfully installed and configured your QRadar SIEM evaluation appliance, you can tune and configure QRadar SIEM to meet the needs of your environment.



CAUTION

Before you start this section, we recommend that you wait one day to allow QRadar SIEM to detect servers on your network, store event and flows, and create offenses based on existing rules.

This section includes the following topics:

- Payload Indexing
- Automatically Adding Servers to Building Blocks.
- Manually Adding Servers to Building Blocks.
- Configuring Rules.
- Cleaning the SIM Model.

Payload Indexing

The Quick Filter feature in both the **Log Activity** and **Network Activity** tabs is used to search event and flow payloads. To optimize this search feature you can enable a payload index on the Quick Filter feature. By default, the payload index retention period is one week. For more information, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.



CAUTION.

Enabling payload indexing could decrease system performance. We recommend that you monitor the index statistics after enabling payload indexing on the Quick Filter property. For more information on index management and statistics, see the IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide.

This section includes the following topics:

- Enabling Payload Indexing
- Disabling Payload Indexing

Enabling Payload Indexing

To enable payload indexing on the Quick Filter property:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click System Configuration.
- Step 3 Click the Index Management icon.

The Index Management window is displayed.

Step 4 In the Quick Search field, type Quick Filter.

The Quick Filter property is displayed for both events and flows.

- Step 5 Click the Quick Filter property you want to index.
- Step 6 Click Enable Index.

NOTE

You can also right-click a property and select **Enable Index** from the menu.

- Step 7 Click Save.
- Step 8 Click OK.

The selected properties are now indexed. In lists that include event or flow properties, indexed property names are appended with the following text: [Indexed].

NOTE

For more detailed information on the parameters displayed in the Index Management window, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

Disabling Payload Indexing

To disable payload indexing on the Quick Filter property:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click System Configuration.
- Step 3 Click the Index Management icon.

The Index Management window is displayed.

Step 4 In the Quick Search field, type Quick Filter.

The Quick Filter property is displayed for both events and flows.

- Step 5 Click the Quick Filter property you want to disable.
- Step 6 Click Disable Index.

NOTE

You can also right-click a property and select **Disable Index** from the menu.

Step 7 Click Save.

A confirmation window is displayed.

Step 8 Click OK.

The selected properties are no longer indexed. In lists that include event or flow properties, indexed property names are no longer appended with the following text: [Indexed].

NOTE

For more detailed information on the parameters displayed in the Index Management window, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

Automatically Adding Servers to Building Blocks

QRadar SIEM automatically discovers and classifies servers in your network, providing a faster initial deployment and easier tuning when network changes occur.

The Server Discovery function uses the asset profile database to discover several types of servers on your network. The Server Discovery function lists automatically discovered servers, enabling you to select which servers you want to include in building blocks.

NOTE

For additional information on discovering servers, see the IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide.

Using Building blocks, you can re-use specific rule tests in other rules. QRadar SIEM uses building blocks to tune the system and allows additional correlation rules to be enabled. This helps you to reduce the number of false positives detected by QRadar SIEM and focus on identifying business critical assets.

To automatically add servers to building blocks:

- Step 9 Click the Assets tab.
- Step 10 On the navigation menu, click Server Discovery.
- **Step 11** From the **Server Type** list box, select the server type you want to discover. Leave the remaining parameters as default.
- Step 12 Click Discover Servers.
- Step 13 In the **Matching Servers** table, select the check box of all servers you want to assign to the server role.
- Step 14 Click Approve Selected Servers.

NOTE

If required, you can right-click any IP address or hostname to display DNS resolution information.

Manually Adding Servers to Building Blocks

If a server is not automatically detected, you can manually add the server to its corresponding Host Definition Building Blocks. This ensures the appropriate rules are applied to the server type. You can add individual devices or entire address ranges of devices.

You can manually enter server types that do not conform to unique protocols into their respective Host Definition Building Block. For example, adding the following server types to building blocks reduces the need for further false positive tuning:

- Add Network management servers to BB:HostDefinition: Network Management Servers building block.
- Add Proxy servers to BB:HostDefinition: Proxy Servers building block.
- Add Virus and Windows Update Servers to BB:HostDefinition: Virus Definition and Other Update Servers building block.

Add VA Scanners to BB-HostDefinition: VA Scanner Source IP building block.

To manually add servers to building blocks:

- Step 1 Click the Offenses tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click Rules.

The rules page is displayed.

- Step 3 From the Display list box, select Building Blocks.
- Step 4 From the Group list box, select Host Definitions.

The name of the building block corresponds with the server type. For example, BB:HostDefinition: Proxy Servers applies to all proxy servers in your environment.

Building blocks include hosts that were automatically discovered when you performed the **Automatically Adding Servers to Building Blocks** task.

Step 5 To manually add a host or network, double-click the corresponding host definition Building Block appropriate to your environment.

The Rule Wizard window is displayed.

Step 6 In the Building Block field, click the underlined value after the phrase when either the source or destination IP is one of the following.

A Rules Wizard window is displayed.

- Step 7 In the Enter an IP address or CIDR and click 'Add' field, type the hostnames or IP address ranges that you want to assign to the building block.
- Step 8 Click Add.
- Step 9 Click Submit.
- Step 10 Click Finish.

Repeat these steps for each server type you want to add.

Configuring Rules

QRadar SIEM includes rules which detect a wide range of activities, including excessive firewall denies, multiple failed login attempts, and potential botnet activity. We recommend that you modify the default rules to match your security needs, as required. For more information on modifying rules criteria, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*. Using the **Offenses** tab, you can:

- · Enable or disable rules.
- Modify rule criteria.

To configure rules:

- Step 1 Click the Offenses tab.
- Step 2 On the navigation menu, click Rules.

The rules page is displayed.

Step 3 Click the **Enabled** column header to sort the rules by their enabled or disabled status.

The list of disabled rules are displayed at the top of the list.

- Step 4 From the Group list box, select Compliance.
- Step 5 Select the Compliance: Compliance Events Become Offenses rule.
- Step 6 From the menu, select Actions > Enable/Disable.
- Step 7 If you want to modify the rule criteria, select Action > Edit.

Cleaning the SIM Model

The Clean SIM Model feature ensures that offenses are based on the most current rules, discovered servers, and network hierarchy. In your evaluation, false positive offenses can occur before you perform tuning tasks. We recommend that you reset the data model to ensure each host on your network is creating new offenses based on your current configuration.

When you clean the SIM model, all existing offenses are closed. Cleaning the SIM model does not affect existing events and flows.

To clean the SIM model:

- Step 1 Click the Admin tab.
- Step 2 From the Advanced menu, select Clean SIM Model.

The Reset SIM Data Model window is displayed.

- Step 3 Select the Hard Clean option.
- Step 4 Select the Are you sure you want to reset the data model? check box.
- Step 5 Click Proceed.
- **Step 6** After the SIM reset process is complete, refresh your browser.

3 Using QRADAR SIEM

After you deploy and tune QRadar SIEM for your environment, you can use QRadar SIEM to:

- Perform event, flow, and asset searches.
- Investigate offenses.
- Create reports.

QRadar SIEM provides a powerful and flexible engine for searching large volumes of information. You can search information using default searches (Saved Searches) in the Log Activity and Network Activity tabs, or you can create and save your own custom searches.

This section includes the following topics:

- Investigating Events
- Investigating Flows
- Searching Assets
- Investigating Offenses
- Managing Reports

Investigating Events

Using the search feature, you can search event data using specific criteria and display events that match the search criteria in a results list. You can create a new search or load a previously saved set of search criteria. You can select, organize, and group the columns of event data to be displayed in the search results.

This section includes the following topics:

- Searching Events
- Saving Search Criteria
- Configuring a Time Series Chart

Searching Events

To search for all authentication events that QRadar SIEM has received in the last six hours:

Step 1 Click the Log Activity tab.

The Log Activity page displays events in streaming mode (real time).

Step 2 From the Search list box, select New Search.

The new event search page is displayed.

- **Step 3** In the Time Range pane, define the time range for the event search:
 - a Select the Recent option.
 - **b** From the list box under the **Recent** option, select **Last 6 Hours**.
- Step 4 In the Search Parameters pane, define the search parameters:
 - a From the first list box, select **Category**.
 - **b** From the second list box, select **Equals**.
 - c From the High Level Category list box, select Authentication. Leave the Low Level Category list box option as Any.
 - d Click Add Filter.

The filter is displayed in the **Current Filters** text box.

- **Step 5** From the **Display** list box in the Column Definition pane, select **Event Name**.
- Step 6 Click Search.

All authentication events in the last 6 hours are displayed, sorted by the **Event Name** column.

Saving Search Criteria

To save the specified search criteria for future use:

Step 1 On the Log Activity toolbar, click Save Criteria.

The Save Criteria window is displayed.

- Step 2 In the Search Name field, type the name Example Search 1.
- Step 3 In the Timespan options pane, select the Recent option.
- Step 4 From the list box, select Last 6 Hours.
- Step 5 Select the Include in my Quick Searches and Include in my Dashboard check boxes.

NOTE

If the Include in my Dashboard check box is not displayed, click Search > Edit Search to verify that you selected Event Name in the Column Definition pane.

Step 6 Click OK.

Configuring a Time Series Chart

Using time series charts, you can display interactive line charts that represent the records matched by a specific time interval search.

This procedure assumes that you have performed an event search and saved your search criteria. For more information, see **Searching Events** and **Saving Search Criteria**.

To configure a time series chart:

Step 1 In the left chart title bar, click the Configure icon.

Configuration options are displayed.

- Step 2 From the Value to Graph list box, select Destination IP (Unique Count).
- Step 3 From the Chart Type list box, select Time Series.
- Step 4 Select the Capture Time Series Data check box.
- Step 5 Click Save.

Wait a few minutes for the time series data to accumulate and for the chart to display.

Step 6 Click Update Details.

The list of events updates to display log activity according to your time series chart configuration.

- Step 7 Filter your search results:
 - a Right-click the event you want to filter.
 - b Select Filter on Event Name is <Event Name>.

The event list refreshes to include only that particular event.

- Step 8 To display the event list grouped by the username, select **Username** from the **Display** list box on the toolbar.
- **Step 9** Verify that your search is available from the Dashboard:
 - a Click the **Dashboard** tab.
 - b Click the New Dashboard icon.
 - c In the Name field, type Example Custom Dashboard.
 - d Click OK.

The new dashboard is displayed on the Dashboard page and is listed in the **Show Dashboard** list box. By default, the dashboard is empty.

e From the Add Item list box, select Log Activity > Event Searches > Example Search 1.

The results from your saved search display in the Dashboard.

Investigating Flows

Using the **Network Activity** tab, you can visually monitor and investigate flow data in real time, or perform advanced searches to filter the displayed flows. You can view flow information to determine how the traffic is communicated and what was communicated.

This section includes the following topics:

- Searching Flows
- Saving Search Criteria
- Creating a Dashboard Item

Searching Flows To search flows:

- Step 1 Click the Network Activity tab.
- Step 2 From the Search list box, select New Search.

The new flow search page is displayed.

- **Step 3** In the **Time Range** pane, define the flow search time range:
 - a Select the Recent option.
 - b From the list box, select Last 6 Hours.
- **Step 4** In the Search Parameters pane, define your search criteria:
 - a From the first list box, select **Flow Direction**.
 - **b** From the second list box, select **Equals**.
 - c From the third list box, select R2L.
 - d Click Add Filter.

The filter is displayed in the **Current Filters** text box.

- Step 5 From the Display list box in the Column Definition pane, select Application.
- Step 6 Click Search.

All flows with a flow direction of remote to local (R2L) in the last 6 hours are displayed, sorted by the **Application Name** field.

Saving Search Criteria

Save your search criteria:

Step 1 On the Network Activity toolbar, click Save Criteria.

The Save Criteria window is displayed.

- Step 2 In the Search Name field, type the name Example Search 2.
- Step 3 From the list box under the **Recent** option, select **Last 6 Hours**.
- Step 4 Select the Include in my Dashboard and Include in my Quick Searches check boxes.
- Step 5 Click OK.

Creating a Dashboard Item

To create a dashboard item.

Step 1 From the Network Activity toolbar, select Quick Searches > Example Search 2.

The search results page displays your flow search results.

Step 2 Verify that your search is included in the Dashboard:

- a Click the Dashboard tab.
- **b** From the **Show Dashboard** list box, select **Example Custom Dashboard**.

The Example Custom Dashboard is displayed in the new dashboard.

c From the Add Item list box, select Flow Searches > Example Search 2.
The results from your saved search are displayed on the Dashboard.

Step 3 Configure your dashboard chart:

- a Click the **Settings** icon to access configuration options.
- **b** Using the configuration options, change the value graphed, how many objects are displayed, the chart type, or the time range displayed in the chart.

The chart updates to represent your chart configuration changes.

Step 4 To investigate flows that are currently displayed in the chart, click **View in Network**Activity.

The Network Activity page displays results that match the parameters of your time series chart. For more information on time series charts, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Users Guide*.

Searching Assets

Using the **Assets** tab, you can view all the learned assets or search for specific assets in your environment.

QRadar SIEM automatically discovers assets on your network based on flows, vulnerability data, MAC addresses, and authentication information. QRadar SIEM uses this information to create an asset profile for each host. Asset profiles display what services are running on each asset. QRadar SIEM uses profile data to reduce false positives.

For example, if an exploit occurs on an asset, QRadar SIEM can determine if the asset is vulnerable to this exploit by correlating the exploit to the asset profile.

To search assets:

Step 1 Click the Assets tab.

The Assets Profile Search page is displayed.

Step 2 Choose one of the following options:

a To search for specific asset profiles, configure values for the search criteria and click **Search**.

b To search for all asset profiles in your deployment, click **Show All**. The list of assets is displayed.

Step 3 Double-click an asset for more information about that particular host.

The Asset Profile window is displayed with all known information on the host including:

- MAC address
- Last known username
- Hostname
- · Operating system information
- Business and technical owner information
- Open ports and known vulnerabilities

You can view event history.

Step 4 To view event history:

- a Double-click the asset you want to investigate.
- **b** On the toolbar, click **History**.

The Event Search window is displayed, prepopulated with event search criteria.

Step 5 Click Search.

The search results display all events within the last 24 hours for the asset you are investigating.

Investigating **Offenses**

Using the Offenses tab, you can investigate offenses, source and destination IP addresses, network behaviors, and anomalies on your network. QRadar SIEM can correlate events and flows with destination IP addresses located across multiple networks in the same offense, and ultimately the same network incident. This enables you to effectively investigate each offense in your network.

This section includes the following topics:

- Viewing Offenses
- **Configuring Rules**

Viewing Offenses To view an offense:

- Step 1 Click the Offenses tab.
- **Step 2** Double-click the offense you want to investigate.

The Offense Summary page is displayed.

Step 3 From the toolbar, select Display > Destinations.

You can investigate each destination to determine if the destination is compromised or exhibiting suspicious behavior.

Step 4 From the toolbar, click **Events**.

The List of Events window displays all events associated with the offense. For more information on searching, sorting, and filtering events, see **Searching Events**.

Configuring Rules

From the **Log Activity**, **Network Activity**, and **Offenses** tabs, you can configure rules or building blocks. Rules perform tests on events, flows, or offenses. If all the conditions of a test are met, the rule generates a response. For a complete list of default rules, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide*.

To investigate rules that contributed to an offense:

Step 1 Click the Offenses tab.

The All Offenses page is displayed.

- Step 2 Double-click the offense you want to investigate.
- Step 3 Click Display > Rules.

A list of all rules that were generated during the offense is displayed.

Step 4 Double-click a rule.

The Rules Wizard is displayed, allowing you to edit the selected rule. If required, you can further tune the rules. For more information on tuning rules, see the *IBM* Security QRadar SIEM Administration Guide.

- Step 5 Close the Rules wizard.
- Step 6 From the Rules page, click Actions and select one of the following options:
 - Follow up Select this option to flag the offense for follow-up.
 - **Hide** Select this option to hide the offense.
 - **Protect Offense** Select this option to protect the offense from being removed from the database after the offense retention period has elapsed.
 - Close Select this option to close the offense.
 - Email Select this option to email a summary of the offense to an administrator.
 - Add Note Select this option to add a note to the offense.
 - Assign Select this option to assign the offense to a user.

NOTE

For more information on the **Offenses** tab, see the *IBM Security QRadar SIEM Users Guide*.

Managing Reports

QRadar SIEM provides default report templates that you can use to generate reports. The report templates are grouped into report types, such as Compliance, Device, Executive, and Network reports. Using the Reports tab, you can:

- Edit a default report template to present customized data.
- Create custom report templates.

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- Set a schedule for generating both custom and default reports.
- Publish the report in a variety of formats.
- · Distribute reports to other QRadar SIEM users.

This section includes the following topics:

- Enabling Reports
- Creating a Custom Report

Enabling Reports

By default, some report templates are disabled in QRadar SIEM. Using the **Reports** tab, you can enable, disable, and edit the report templates as required. In the following example, you will enable Payment Card Industry (PCI) report templates.

To enable reports:

Step 1 Click the Reports tab.

The Reports page is displayed.

- Step 2 Clear the Hide Inactive Reports check box.
- Step 3 From the Group list box, select Compliance > PCI.

The list of PCI templates is displayed.

- **Step 4** Select all report templates on the list:
 - a Click the first report on the list.
 - **b** Select all report templets by hold down the Shift key, while clicking the last report on the list.
- Step 5 From the Actions list box, select Toggle Scheduling.

All PCI report templates are enabled. The next run time for report generation is displayed in the **Next Run Time** column.

- Step 6 To access generated reports:
 - a From the list box in the **Generated Reports** column, select the time-stamp of the report you want to view.
 - **b** From the **Format** column, click the icon for report format you want to view. The report is displayed in the selected format.

Creating a Custom Report

To create a custom report, you can import a search or create custom criteria. In the following procedure, you will create a report based on the event and flow searches you created in **Investigating Events** and **Investigating Flows**.

To create a custom report:

Step 1 Click the Reports tab.

The Reports page is displayed.

Step 2 From the Actions list box, select Create.

The Report Wizard is displayed.

NOTE

You can select the check box to disable the Welcome page.

Step 3 Click Next.

Step 4 Configure the report schedule:

- a Select the Daily option.
- **b** Select the **Monday**, **Tuesday**, **Wednesday**, **Thursday**, and **Friday** options.
- c Using the list boxes, select 8:00 and AM.
- d Make sure the Yes Manually generate report option is selected.
- e Click Next.

Step 5 Configure the layout of your report:

- a From the Orientation list box, select Landscape.
- **b** Select the layout with two chart containers.
- c Click Next.

Step 6 In the Report Title field, type Sample Report.

Step 7 Configure the top chart container:

- a From the Chart Type list box, select Events/Logs.
 - The Container Details Events/Logs page is displayed.
- b In the Chart Title field, type Sample Event Search.
- c From the Limit Events/Logs To Top list box, select 10.
- d From the Graph Type list box, select Stacked Bar.
- e Select the All data from the previous (24 hours) option.
- f Using the Base this event report on list box, select Example Search 1.

The remaining parameters automatically populate using the settings from the *Example Search 1* saved search.

q Click Save Container Details.

The report layout screen is displayed.

Step 8 Configure the bottom chart container:

- a From the **Chart Type** list box, select **Flows**.
- b In the Chart Title field, type Sample Flow Search.
- c From the Limit Flows To Top list box, select 10.
- d From the Graph Type list box, select Stacked Bar.
- e Select the All data from the previous 24 hours option.
- f From the Available Saved Searches list box, select Example Search 2.

The remaining parameters automatically populate using the settings from the *Example Search 2* saved search.

g Click Save Container Details.

The Report Layout Preview page is displayed.

Step 9 Click Next.

A preview of the report is displayed.

Step 10 Click Next.

The Report Format page is displayed.

Step 11 Choose the report format:

- a Select the PDF and HTML check boxes.
- b Click Next.
- Step 12 Choose the report distribution channels:
 - a Ensure the **Report Console** check box is selected.
 - b Select the Email check box.

Additional parameters are displayed.

- c In the Enter the report destination email address(es) field, type your email address.
- d Select the Include Report as attachment check box.
- e Click Next.

The Finishing Up window is displayed.

- Step 13 Complete the final Report Wizard details:
 - a In the **Report Description** field, type a description of the template.
 - b Select the Yes Run this report when the wizard is complete check box.
 - c Click Finish.

The Reports Wizard closes. Wait for the report to generate. Report generation can take several minutes.

- Step 14 Using the list box in the **Generated Reports** column, select the time-stamp of your report.
- Step 15 Click the PDF or HTML icon to view the report.

You have now completed the initial configuration, tuning, and operation of QRadar SIEM.

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GLOSSARY

CIDR See Classless Inter-Domain Routing.

Classless Inter-Domain Routing (CIDR) Addressing scheme for the Internet, which allocates and species Internet addresses used in inter-domain routing. With CIDR, a single IP address can be used to designate many unique IP addresses.

Demilitarized Zone (DMZ)

A demilitarized zone, or perimeter network, is a network area located between an organization's internal network and external network, usually the internet. It is separated by a firewall which only allows certain types of network traffic to enter or leave.

Device Support Module (DSM) Device Support Modules (DSMs) allow you to integrate QRadar with log sources.

DNS See Domain Name System.

DSM See Device Support Module (DSM).

Domain Name System (DNS) An online, distributed database used to map human-readable machine names into an IP address for resolving machine names to IP addresses.

encryption Encryption provides greater security for all QRadar traffic between managed hosts.

When encryption is enabled for a managed host, encryption tunnels are created for all client applications on a managed host to provide protected access to the

servers.

event Record from a device that describes an action on a network or host.

false positive When an event is tuned as false positive, the event no longer contributes to

custom rules, therefore, offenses do not generate based on the false positive event. The event is still stored in the database and contributes to reports.

flow Communication session between two hosts. A flow describes how traffic is

communicated, what was communicated (if content capture option has been selected), and includes such details as when, who, how much, protocols, priorities,

or options.

flow data Specific properties of a flow including: IP addresses, ports, protocol, bytes,

packets, flags, direction, application ID, and payload data (optional).

flow logs Record of flows that enables the system to understand the context of a particular

transmission over the network. Flows are stored in flow logs.

flow sources Source of flows that the QFlow Collector receives. Using the deployment editor,

you can add internal and external flow sources from either the System or Event

Views in the deployment editor.

IP See Internet Protocol.

Internet Protocol (IP) The method or protocol by which data is sent from one computer to another on the

Internet. Each computer (known as a host) on the Internet has at least one IP address that uniquely identifies it from all other systems on the Internet. An IP address includes a network address and a host address. An IP address can also

be divided by using classless addressing or subnetting.

item A Dashboard option that creates a customized portal that displays any permissible

view for monitoring purposes.

log source Log sources are external event log sources such as security equipment (for

example, firewalls and IDSs) and network equipment (for example, switches and

routers).

magnitude Specifies the relative importance of the offense and is a weighted value calculated

from the Relevance, Severity, and Credibility measures. The magnitude bar on the **Offenses** tab and Dashboard provides a visual representation of all correlated variables of the offense, source, destination, or network. The magnitude of an offense is determined by several tests that performed on an offense every time it has been scheduled for re-evaluation, typically because events have been added

or the minimum time for scheduling has occurred.

network hierarchy Contains each component of your network, and identifies which objects belong

within other objects. The accuracy and completeness of this hierarchy is essential to traffic analysis functions. The network hierarchy provides for storage of flow

logs, databases, and TopN files.

offense A message sent or event generated in response to a monitored condition. For

example, an offense can inform you about a policy breach or network attack.

Packeteer Packeteer devices collect, aggregate, and store network performance data. When

you configure an external flow source for Packeteer, you can send flow information

from a Packeteer device to QRadar.

payload data The actual application data, excluding any header or administrative information,

contained in an IP flow.

Payment Card Industry

An information security standard for organizations handling payment card information. It is used to increase controls and demonstrate compliance in the

handling of sensitive data.

See Remote To Local.

PCI

See Payment Card Industry.

protocol

A set of rules and formats that determines the communication behavior of layer entities in the performance of the layer functions. It may still require an authorization exchange with a policy module or external policy server before

admission.

R₂L

Remote to Local (R2L)

External traffic from a remote network to a local network.

reports

A function that creates executive or operational level charting representations of network activity based on time, sources, offenses, security, and events.

report interval

A configurable time interval at which the Event Processor must send all captured event and flow data to the Console.

rules

Collection of conditions and consequent actions. You can configure rules that allow QRadar to capture and respond to specific event sequences. The rules allow you to detect specific, specialized events and forward notifications to either the Offenses tab or log file, or e-mail a user.

severity

Indicates the amount of threat a source poses in relation to how prepared the destination is for the attack. This value is mapped to an event category in the QID map that is correlated to the offense.

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

A network management protocol used to monitor IP routers, other network devices, and the networks to which they attach.

SNMP See Simple Network Management Protocol.

System Time The right corner of the user interface displays System time, which is the time on

the QRadar Console. This is the time that determines the time of events and

offenses.

TCP See Transmission Control Protocol.

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)

A reliable stream service that operates at the transport-layer Internet protocol, which ensures successful end-to-end delivery of data packets without error.

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- Notices
- Trademarks

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