Preface

Welcome to Qualys Cloud Platform! In this guide, we’ll show you how to install and use the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector to see your Qualys WAS scan data in Azure DevOps.

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About Web Application Scanning Documentation

This document provides information about using the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector for Azure DevOps.

For information on using the Web Application Scanning UI to monitor vulnerabilities in web applications, refer to the Qualys Web Application Scanning User Guide.

For information on using the Web Application Scanning API, refer to the Web Application Scanning API User Guide.
Introduction to Qualys Web App Scanning Connector for Azure DevOps

The Qualys Web App Scanning Connector empowers DevOps teams to build application vulnerability scans into their existing CI/CD processes. By integrating scans in this manner, application security testing is accomplished earlier in the SDLC to catch and eliminate security flaws. The plugin can be configured to fail or pass the builds based on the vulnerabilities detected.

We’ll help you: Install the Plugin | Upgrade the Plugin | Configure the Plugin

Install the Plugin from Azure DevOps marketplace

You can install the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector for Azure DevOps from Azure DevOps marketplace.

Install the Plugin

1) To install the plugin from the Azure DevOps marketplace, log in to your Azure DevOps instance.

2) Click the icon on the top pane at the right side of the page and choose Browse marketplace. A new browser will open to show you the plugins/extensions for Azure DevOps.

3) In the search bar, enter Qualys to search for all the Qualys plugins.

4) Click the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector plugin in the plugin list.

5) Click Get it free. You will be navigated to the Visual Studio Marketplace screen.

6) Select the organization and click Install to install the plugin in your Azure DevOps instance. You can see the installed plugin in the Installed tab when you navigate to Organization Settings > Extension.

The Qualys Web App Scanning Connector gets installed/updated in your Azure DevOps instance. In case of an update, your existing configuration will continue to work. In case of a fresh install, you perform the configuration steps provided further in this document.

That’s it! The installation is now complete. Read on to learn about configuring the plugin.
Upgrade the Plugin
If you have already installed the plugin, then follow these steps to upgrade the plugin:

1. Go to Organizational Settings > Extensions > Installed.

2. Click **Action Required** and then from the right pane, click **Review** to view and authorize the scope/permissions of the new plugin version.

3. Click **Authorize** after reviewing the scope of new version of the plugin.

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Authorize Qualys Web App Scanning Connector

A new version of Qualys Web App Scanning Connector is available and now requires these permissions:

- **Build (read and execute)**
- **Build (read)**
- **Service Endpoints (read)**
- **Service Endpoints (read, query and manage)**
- **Release (read, write, execute and manage)**
- **Task Groups (read, create and manage)**

By clicking Authorize, you authorize this extension on behalf of all users in this organization.
You will see the plugin version updated to the latest version.

Note that to use the upgraded plugin in your existing release pipeline project in which you have added the plugin as a task, go to the plugin task and then select the latest task version from the Task Version drop-down field.

In the Scan Name field, enter the scan name with this format or a custom name:

$$($\text{DefinitionName})_\text{azureDevOps}_$$($\text{ID}$)

Optionally, you can click the help icon provided for the Scan Name field and copy this format from the help text.

To use the upgraded plugin in your existing build pipeline, go to the plugin task and just select the latest task version. Then you can run the job. For existing build pipeline projects, changing the scan name is optional.
**Prerequisites for configuring the plugin**

1. The current version of the Web App Scanning Connector supports only Azure DevOps Services. You can use self-hosted agents or Microsoft agents.

2. You must have a valid account credentials for an active Qualys WAS subscription. The account must have API access enabled as well as a role assigned with all necessary permissions.

3. You need the web application, option profile and authentication record preconfigured in your Qualys WAS account for the plugin to populate them in the respective fields on the configuration form.

4. Ensure that the Azure DevOps User account used for configuring WAS plugin should be part of Project Collection Administrators group. To view the Project Collection Administrators group, go to Organization Settings > Permissions > Project Collection Administrators.

**Configure the Plugin**

The Qualys Web App Scanning Connector can be added as a task in your Build and Release Pipelines. The steps to configure plugin in both Build and Release pipelines are same.

**Configure the Plugin for Build Pipelines Projects**

You can use this Qualys Web App Scanning Connector extension as a pre-deployment task in your project pipeline. After installing the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector, you see this plugin as a task in your pipeline. In the **Tasks** tab, click **Add** Task under your agent job, and search for **“Scan Web Application with Qualys WAS”**. Click **Add** to add the plugin as a task in the build pipeline.

You will see the task under the agent job. Click the task to configure the plugin.

![Configure Plugin Task](image)

The first step after entering the display name is to configure the WAS service end point. To connect to the WAS APIs, you need to configure the service endpoint with Qualys account and
proxy (if needed) on your Azure DevOps instance for Organization in which Qualys Web App Scanning Connector is installed. Go to the WAS service/server endpoint field and click **New**.

In the New service connection screen, enter the Qualys API server URL where your Qualys WAS account resides and your account credentials for authenticating to the WAS API server. Provide a name to the new service connection and click **Save**. Once added, the WAS service endpoint is listed in the “WAS service/server endpoint” drop-down field.

Note that what you select here depends on the Qualys platform your organization is using. [Learn more](#). We expect the user to provide “qualysapi” specific URL for their respective platform as an input for “API Server URL”.

If your Azure DevOps instance does not have direct Internet access and a proxy is required, click the “Use Proxy Settings” check box, and enter the required information.

Note that if your Qualys account resides on a private cloud platform, specify the API server URL of your Private Cloud Platform as your ‘API Server URL’ and your account credentials to access the API.
Launch Scan API Parameters

Next, assuming you have selected the correct platform for your subscription and the credentials are valid, we will fetch all the web applications from your Qualys account. Select the web application that you want to scan.

![Launch Scan API Parameters](image)

By default, the WAS scan name will be:

\$(DefinitionName)_azureDevOps_$\$(ID)+timestamp

You can edit the existing scan name, but a timestamp will automatically be appended regardless.

If you are using plugin version 1.0.0, then the default WAS scan name will be:

[Build.DefinitionName]_azureDevOps_build_[ Build.BuildID] + timestamp

You can continue using this format for your existing build pipeline projects after upgrading your plugin version or choose the new format.

You can choose to run a Discovery scan or Vulnerability scan. The default is the Vulnerability scan.

Optional Parameters

Next, configure optional scan parameters.

![Optional Parameters](image)

Authentication Record – You can choose to run the scan without authentication (the default) but keep in mind the scanner will not be able to log into the web application and test the authenticated surface area of the application in that case. You may instead want to select "Use Default", in which case the default authentication record for the web app in WAS (if any) will be used. Optionally, you can also select the Other option and choose a specific authentication record ID if desired.
Option Profile – The option profile contains the various scan settings such as the vulnerability types that should be tested (detection scope), scan intensity, error thresholds, etc. Selecting "Use Default" will use the default option profile for the web app in WAS. This is the recommended setting; however, you can also select the Other option and choose a specific option profile ID if desired.

Cancel Options – The default is not to cancel the scan; in which case the scan will run to completion. However, you can choose to cancel the scan after a set number of hours. Keep in mind you may not get any results if the scan is canceled before finishing. Next, configure the pass/fail criteria for a build, scan status polling frequency, and timeout duration for the scan.

**Build Failure Conditions**

Next, configure the scan pass/fail criteria to fail a build job.

You can set conditions to fail a build by:

1. **Vulnerability Severity** - To fail the build by vulnerability severity, specify the count of vulnerabilities for one or more severity types. A build will fail if in scan results the number of detections exceeds the number specified for one or more severity types. For example, to fail a build if the severity 5 vulnerabilities count is more than 2, select the “Fail with more than severity 5” option and specify 2.

   Note that a Qualys severity “5” rating is the most dangerous vulnerability while severity “1” is the least.

2. **Qualys WAS Vulnerability Identifiers (QIDs)** – To fail a build by QIDs, select the “Fail with any of these QIDs” check box and specify a comma-separated list of QIDs or range of QIDs.

3. You may also choose to fail the build in case the plugin initiates the scan but the WAS module could not complete this scan due to some issues such as scanners not found and so on. If any of these three conditions are satisfied, then build is failed.
**Timeout Settings**

In the Timeout settings, specify the polling frequency in minutes for collecting the WAS scan status data and the timeout duration for a running scan.

Next, save the configuration and click **Queue** to run the pipeline.

**Configure the Plugin for Release Pipeline Projects**

The plugin can be added as a task in the release pipeline projects (Pipelines > Releases) and launch WAS scans. If you are using the plugin first time in your project then first, install the Qualys Web App Scanning Connector Plugin from the Azure DevOps marketplace. See [Install the Plugin](#). Next, create a new release pipeline project and then configure the plugin as a task. The steps to configure plugin in the Build and Release pipeline are same. To configure the plugin, see [Configure the Plugin for Build Pipelines Projects](#).

Note that you need to upgrade your plugin version, if you want to launch a WAS scan with an existing Release pipeline project that you created using plugin version 1.0.0. See [Upgrade the Plugin](#).

**Qualys WAS Scan Status**

After the scan is complete, the Build Summary tab will show two sections: Summary of vulnerabilities and Pass/Fail Criteria Results Summary. The Summary section shows graphical data of the number of vulnerabilities by severity types for the Web application. Pass/Fail Criteria Results Summary shows the pass/fail criteria and whether they are violated or satisfied. When a criterion is violated, the ✗ icon is shown while for the satisfied criteria, the ✓ icon is shown.

Click the link shown in the Scan Report field to view the detailed WAS scan report on the Qualys portal.
Move the mouse over the ✗ and ✓ icons to view the value that you have configured for the criteria, and the actual value obtained after the scan.

The Vulnerabilities tab is available to provide you the details of vulnerabilities, such as QIDs, vulnerability titles, URLs where the vulnerabilities occur, and authentication status.

View Qualys WAS Scan Status for Release Pipeline

To view the WAS scan report, go to your release pipeline after the scan is completed. Click the ellipsis (…) and select the Release (old view) option. A new page opens in a new browser.

Select Qualys WAS Scan Status on the right pane to view the report.
A sample WAS Scan Status report generated for release pipeline.

Troubleshooting

You entered valid Qualys credentials, but the drop-down menu to select a Web application, Authentication Record Name, or Profile Name is empty or does not show the desired values.

Check that the Azure DevOps User account used for configuring WAS plugin is part of Project Collection Administrators group. To view the Project Collection Administrators group, go to Organization Settings > Permissions > Project Collection Administrators.

Also, verify that Qualys account provided have a proper role or scope to access the web application you wish to scan, the auth record or option profile you wish to use. Ensure that the account has been set up with the required roles and scope.
What’s New

Improvements in 1.1.0

**Added Support for Release Pipeline**

Qualys Web App Scanning Connector now supports web application scanning using Release Pipeline. This means you can add plugin as a task to your Release Pipeline project and scan your web application. The steps to configure the plugin for Build and Release pipelines are same. See [Configure the Plugin for Release Pipelines Projects](#).

**New Default Scan Name for WAS Scans**

With this release, we changed the default WAS scan name to

$$\text{(DefinitionName)}_{\text{azureDevOps}}$$\text{.}$$\text{(ID)} + \text{timestamp}$$

The values for the “DefinitionName” and “ID” will be automatically replaced by the extension depending on the type of pipeline (build or release) used. You can edit the existing scan name, but a timestamp will automatically be appended regardless.

After upgrading the plugin, you can launch the WAS scan using the existing Release pipeline project created with plugin version 1.0.0. You need to do these settings. Go to the Release pipeline project, select 2.* as the latest task version and change the scan name to the new default scan name. All the other configurations will remain same.

For existing Build pipeline projects, you can use either the new default scan name or the old default scan name.