



ForeScout

Core Extensions Module: Device Data Publisher Configuration Guide

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About the Documentation

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About the Device Data Publisher

The Device Data Publisher is a component of the Forescout® Core Extensions Module. See [Core Extensions Module Information](#) for details about the module.

The Device Data Publisher gathers endpoint and system information from Appliances in your Forescout deployment and sends it securely to Forescout research servers. This information helps Forescout improve the security platform effectiveness.

For more information about which data is uploaded and how the data is uploaded, refer to *Forescout Research Program Terms & Conditions version 2.0*. Your Forescout representative can provide you with this guide.

How It Works




Licensed customers are requested to complete a one-time customer verification process during login. After customer verification is complete, the Device Data Publisher begins gathering endpoint and system information.

The Forescout Cloud Uploader compresses the data and uses encrypted protocol to send it to Forescout cloud services where the data is processed and analyzed. For more information, refer to the *Forescout Cloud Uploader Configuration Guide*.

Ensure That the Component Is Running

After installing the component (and configuring it, if necessary), ensure that it is running.

To verify:

1. Select **Tools > Options > Modules**.
2. Navigate to the component and hover over the name to view a tooltip indicating if it is running on Forescout devices in your deployment. In addition, next to the component name, you will see one of the following icons:
 -  - The component is stopped on all Forescout devices.
 -  - The component is stopped on some Forescout devices.
 -  - The component is running on all Forescout devices.
3. If the component is not running, select **Start**, and then select the relevant Forescout devices.
4. Select **OK**.

Configure the Plugin

The Device Data Publisher needs no configuration.

Test the Plugin

After customer verification is complete, you can test the plugin to ensure that the Forescout platform can connect to the Forescout servers.

To test the Device Data Publisher:

1. In the Console, select **Tools > Options > Device Data Publisher**.
2. Select **Test**.
3. Ensure that the results indicate that the connection to the Forescout servers was successful.

Core Extensions Module Information

The Device Data Publisher is installed with the Forescout Core Extensions Module.

The Forescout Core Extensions Module provides an extensive range of capabilities that enhance the core Forescout solution. These capabilities enhance detection, classification, reporting, troubleshooting, and more. The following components are installed with the Core Extensions Module:

Advanced Tools Plugin	Device Data Publisher	IoT Posture Assessment Engine
CEF Plugin	DNS Client Plugin	
Cloud Uploader	DNS Enforce Plugin	NBT Scanner Plugin
DHCP Classifier Plugin	DNS Query Extension Plugin	Packet Engine
Dashboards Plugin	External Classifier Plugin	Reports Plugin
Data Publisher	Flow Analyzer Plugin	Syslog Plugin
Data Receiver	Flow Collector	Technical Support Plugin
Device Classification Engine	IOC Scanner Plugin	Web Client Plugin

The Core Extensions Module is a Forescout Base Module. Base Modules are delivered with each Forescout release. Upgrading the Forescout version or performing a clean installation installs this module automatically.

Additional Forescout Documentation


For information about other Forescout features and modules, refer to the following resources:

- [Documentation Downloads](#)
- [Documentation Portal](#)
- [Forescout Help Tools](#)

Documentation Downloads

Documentation downloads can be accessed from the [Forescout Resources Page](#), and one of two Forescout portals, depending on which licensing mode your deployment is using.

- **Per-Appliance Licensing Mode** – [Product Updates Portal](#)
- **Flexx Licensing Mode** – [Customer Portal](#)

 *Software downloads are also available from these portals.*

To identify your licensing mode:

- From the Console, select **Help > About Forescout**.

Forescout Resources Page

The Forescout Resources Page provides links to the full range of technical documentation.

To access the Forescout Resources Page:

- Go to <https://www.Forescout.com/company/resources/>, select **Technical Documentation** and search for documents.

Product Updates Portal

The Product Updates Portal provides links to Forescout version releases, Base and Content Modules, and eyeExtend products, as well as related documentation. The portal also provides a variety of additional documentation.

To access the Product Updates Portal:

- Go to <https://updates.forescout.com/support/index.php?url=counteract> and select the version you want to discover.

Customer Portal

The Downloads page on the Forescout Customer Portal provides links to purchased Forescout version releases, Base and Content Modules, and eyeExtend products, as well as related documentation. Software and related documentation will only appear on the Downloads page if you have a license entitlement for the software.

To access documentation on the Forescout Customer Portal:

- Go to <https://Forescout.force.com/support/> and select **Downloads**.

Documentation Portal

The Forescout Documentation Portal is a searchable, web-based library containing information about Forescout tools, features, functionality, and integrations.

To access the Documentation Portal:

- Go to https://updates.forescout.com/support/files/counteract/docs_portal/

Forescout Help Tools

Access information directly from the Console.

Console Help Buttons

Use context sensitive *Help* buttons to quickly access information about the tasks and topics you are working with.

Forescout Administration Guide

- Select **Administration Guide** from the **Help** menu.

Plugin Help Files

- After the plugin is installed, select **Tools > Options > Modules**, select the plugin and then select **Help**.

Documentation Portal

- Select **Documentation Portal** from the **Help** menu to access the [Documentation Portal](#).