



Vulnerability Notification for Teams

Quick Start

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Inform your teams on vulnerabilities

The Qualys KnowledgeBase has the largest and most up to date number of vulnerability tests available in the world. By setting up the vulnerability notification feature your teams will be informed on vulnerabilities they are interested in - new and updated vulnerabilities will be included.

Start sending notifications to your teams

Create new users (optional). Vulnerability notifications can be sent to existing users in your subscription and to users outside of the subscription. Notifications may also be sent to KnowledgeBase Only users when this option is enabled for your subscription.

Associate users with vulnerabilities. Create search lists to identify vulnerabilities your teams will be alerted on, and assign them (and users) to distribution groups.

We'll start sending notifications to users! Your users will receive notifications on the vulnerabilities that match search lists in distribution groups they are assigned to.

Tell me about KnowledgeBase Only users

- KnowledgeBase Only is a user role with limited access to the UI. This user role is available only when enabled for your subscription. Don't have this? Contact your Technical Account Manager or our Support Team.

- KnowledgeBase Only users can send and receive vulnerability notifications, and view vulnerabilities in the Qualys KnowledgeBase. They are in the Unassigned business unit and do not have any assets.

How do I create users with KnowledgeBase Only access

You'll create new users from the Users section.

The screenshot shows the 'Users' section of the Qualys KnowledgeBase interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Vulnerability Management' and a dropdown menu. Below it, a secondary navigation bar includes 'Dashboard', 'Scans', 'Reports', 'Remediation', 'Assets', 'KnowledgeBase', and 'Users'. The 'Users' section is active, showing a sub-navigation bar with 'Users', 'Business Units', 'Distribution Groups', 'Activity Log', and 'Setup'. The main content area is titled 'Get Started Tutorials: Users' and includes a description: 'This is where you can manage users, business units and security configurations.' Below this, there are four tutorial cards: 'Change Your Password' (with a lock icon and a checkmark), 'Set Up Security' (with a lock icon), 'Manage User Accounts' (with a user icon), and 'Manage Business Units' (with a building icon). Each card has a brief description of its function.

Go to the Users tab and select New > User and enter user information like any other user.

The screenshot shows the 'New User' form with the 'General Information' tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

General Information	
First Name: *	Company: Qualys, Inc.
Alyssa	Address 1: * 1600 Bridge Parkway
Last Name: *	Address 2:
Green	City: * Redwood City
Title: *	Country: * United States of America
Security Manager	State: * California
Phone: *	ZIP Code: 94065
650 801 6100	External ID: 12345
Fax:	
650 801 6101	

For user role select "KnowledgeBase Only". You'll notice this user is not assigned any assets.

The screenshot shows the 'New User' form with the 'User Role' tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

User Role	
User Role: *	KnowledgeBase Only
Allow access to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GUI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> API
Business Unit:	Unassigned
<button>New Business Unit</button>	

By default the user will receive the Latest Vulnerabilities notification on a weekly basis. This email lists all vulnerabilities and potential vulnerabilities added to the Qualys KnowledgeBase since the previous week. You can change the email frequency to daily or turn it off.

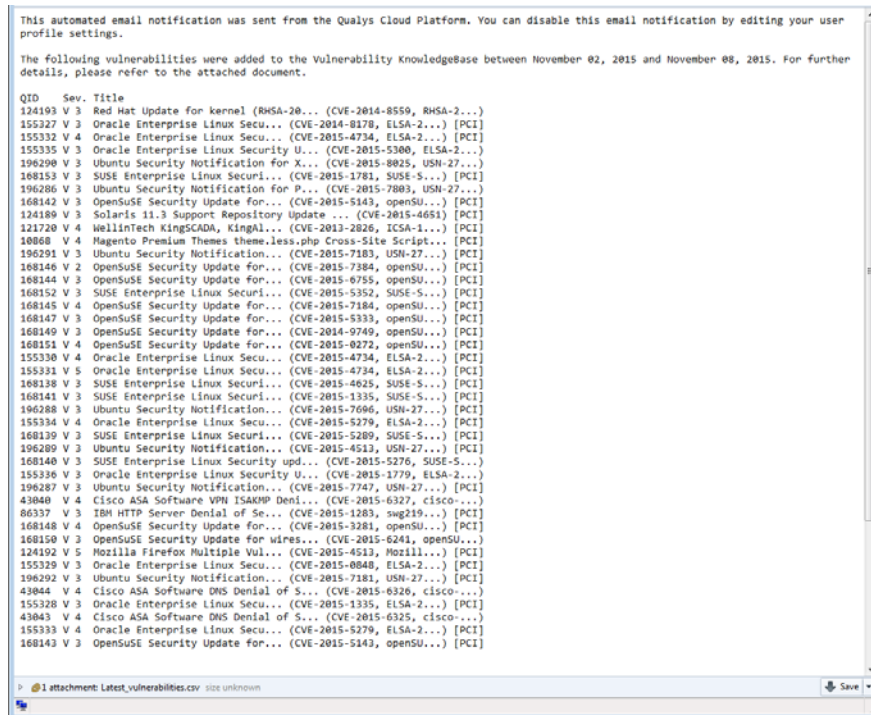
The screenshot shows the 'New User' form with the 'Options' tab selected. The form contains the following fields:

Notification Options	
The following selections will configure when this user will receive notifications from Qualys and what they will receive them for.	
Latest Vulnerabilities:	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Weekly <input type="radio"/> Daily <input type="radio"/> None	

Inform your teams on vulnerabilities

User creation using the API

This sample Latest Vulnerabilities notification shows vulnerabilities added between November 2, 2015 and November 8, 2015. A CSV file is attached to provide additional details for each QID.



User creation using the API

Our Qualys API supports adding KnowledgeBase Only users. The User API v1 (/msp/user.php) can be used to create users using the parameter **user_role=kbuser**.

Sample API request

This request creates a new KnowledgeBase Only user including all required parameters:

```
https://qualysapi.qualys.com/msp/user.php?action=add&user_role=kbuser&business_unit=Unassigned&first_name=Jason&last_name=Kim&title=Security+Consultant&phone=2126667777&email=jason@mycompany.com&address1=500+Charles+Avenue&city=New+York&country=United+States+of+America&state=New+York
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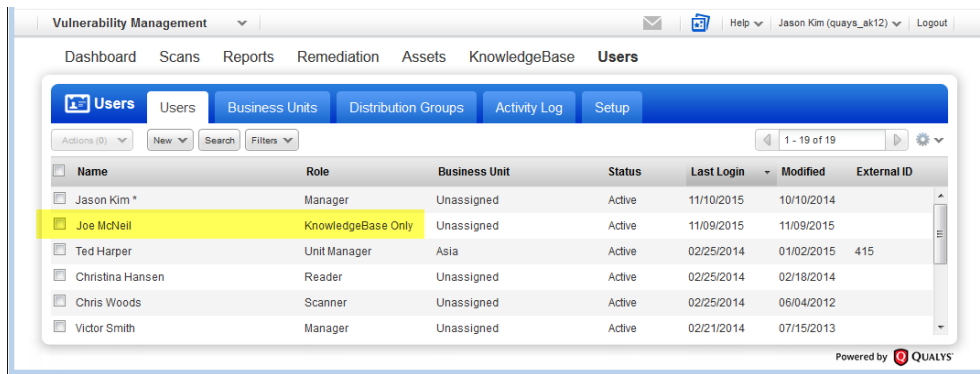
(where "qualysapi.qualys.com" is the platform URL associated with the API user's account)

Each new user receives their login credentials and instructions via email

All the user has to do is login to complete their account registration. After this the user is activated and ready to receive vulnerability email notifications you set up for them.

New users are added to your account

You'll see KnowledgeBase Only users listed with other users in your account.



Name	Role	Business Unit	Status	Last Login	Modified	External ID
Jason Kim *	Manager	Unassigned	Active	11/10/2015	10/10/2014	
Joe McNeil	KnowledgeBase Only	Unassigned	Active	11/09/2015	11/09/2015	
Ted Harper	Unit Manager	Asia	Active	02/25/2014	01/02/2015	415
Christina Hansen	Reader	Unassigned	Active	02/25/2014	02/18/2014	
Chris Woods	Scanner	Unassigned	Active	02/25/2014	06/04/2012	
Victor Smith	Manager	Unassigned	Active	02/21/2014	07/15/2013	

How do I create custom notifications

It's easy to configure different vulnerability notifications for different teams. For example, you may want a group of IT Managers tasked with maintaining Windows systems to be notified when new critical Microsoft vulnerabilities are added to the KnowledgeBase. You may want a separate group responsible for monitoring cyber threats to be notified about all vulnerabilities with known exploits so they can be proactive and take appropriate actions even before a scan is launched.

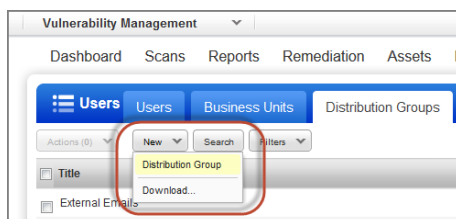
Who can do this?

Manager users and KnowledgeBase Only users can set up custom vulnerability notifications.

Let's get started!

You'll create distribution groups with 1) users and 2) search lists that tell us which vulnerabilities those users should be informed about. When a vulnerability (QID) matches the search list, the entire distribution group is notified by email.

Go to Users > Distribution Groups, and choose New > Distribution Group.



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Give your distribution group a name and add the list of users who are members of the group.

The 'New Distribution Group' dialog box is shown with the 'Email List' tab selected. The 'Email List' section contains instructions to give the group a title and add email addresses. The 'Distribution Group Title' field is set to 'Windows Team'. The 'Email List' section includes a dropdown for 'Users' with 'Patrick Slimmer' selected, a table with one row for 'Patrick Slimmer', and a text field for additional email addresses containing 'jt@qualys.com, windows_team@qualys.com'. The 'Save' button is highlighted.

Name	Remove
Patrick Slimmer *	Remove

Include email addresses for users in the subscription (simply select users from the list) and email addresses for users outside of the subscription (type them into the field provided).

Select vulnerabilities that will trigger emails. Use search lists to tell us which vulnerabilities should result in an email notification for this particular distribution group.

The 'New Distribution Group' dialog box is shown with the 'Vulnerability Notification' tab selected. The 'Vulnerability Notification' section contains instructions to send an email notification for new/updated vulnerabilities. The 'Search Lists' section includes a 'Create New' button, a dropdown for 'Search Lists' with 'Microsoft QIDs with Patch Available' selected, and a table with one row for 'Microsoft QIDs with Patch Available'. The 'Save' button is highlighted.

Title	Updated	New	Remove
Microsoft QIDs with Patch Available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Remove

Configure the notification to be sent for new vulnerabilities, updated vulnerabilities or both.

Here's a sample notification. A CSV file is attached to provide additional details for each QID.

This automated email notification was sent from Qualys Cloud Platform. We've added and/or updated vulnerabilities in the Qualys KnowledgeBase. Vulnerabilities included in this notification are filtered by technologies that may be of interest to you. Qualys Managers are responsible for customizing these vulnerability filters. Want to disable or change this notification? Please contact a Qualys Manager.

The following **40** vulnerabilities were updated.

QID	43093
CVE ID	CVE-2005-3426
Vendor Name	cisco
Product Affected	content_services_switch_11500
Vulnerability Description	<p>Cisco 11500 Content Services Switch is a load balancing device designed to provide scalable network services for datacenters. The device performs an analysis of protocol headers and directs requests to the appropriate resources based on policy configuration.</p> <p>The Cisco 11500 Content Services Switch is prone to a denial of service condition when processing malformed SSL client certificates. The device can be configured to manage digital certificates and provide SSL acceleration services through Integrated SSL modules.</p> <p>This issue only exists when the Content Services Switch is configured to support SSL termination services. This is not configured by default.</p> <p>Cisco 11500 Content Services Switch running WebNS operating system Versions 7.1 through 7.5 are vulnerable to this issue.</p>
Severity Rating	3
Remediation Link	66280: http://www.cisco.com/en/US/products/hw/contnetw/ps792/products_security_notice09186a0080512ff7.html

QID	43094
CVE ID	CVE-2005-3481
Vendor Name	cisco
Product Affected	ios
Vulnerability Description	<p>Cisco IOS is prone to heap-based buffer overflow exploitation. Cisco has released an advisory stating that IOS upgrades are available to address the possibility of exploitation of heap-based buffer overflow vulnerabilities.</p> <p>In the referenced advisory, Cisco describes countermeasures they have implemented in IOS. The specific countermeasures against heap-based buffer overflows include integrity checks for system timers.</p>
Severity Rating	3
Remediation Link	cisco-sa-20051102-timers: http://tools.cisco.com/security/center/content/CiscoSecurityAdvisory/cisco-sa-20051102-timers

1 attachment: vulnerability_notification.csv size unknown

Save



How users stay updated on vulnerabilities

Users are able to send and receive vulnerability notifications, and view vulnerabilities in the KnowledgeBase.

View vulnerabilities in the KnowledgeBase

Search the KnowledgeBase, dig into vulnerability details, and create search lists (on the Search Lists tab). You'll need search lists for custom vulnerability notifications. The KnowledgeBase is the default landing page for KnowledgeBase Only users.

The screenshot shows the 'KnowledgeBase' tab in the 'Vulnerability Management' section. It displays a table of vulnerabilities with columns: QID, Title, Category, CVE ID, Vendor Reference, CVSS Base, Bugtraq ID, Modified, and Published. The table lists several vulnerabilities, including Redis Server Accessible Without Authentication (QID 19994) and IBM AIX BIND Denial of Service Vulnerability (QID 124199).

QID	Title	Category	CVE ID	Vendor Reference	CVSS Base	Bugtraq ID	Modified	Published
19994	Redis Server Accessible Without Authentication	Database			10		11/09/2015	11/09/2015
124199	IBM AIX BIND Denial of Service Vulnerability	Local	CVE-2015-5722	IBM AIX BIND Advisory	7.8		11/09/2015	11/09/2015
124200	IBM Security AppScan Enterprise Multiple Security Vulnerabilities	Local	CVE-2013-4062, CVE-2013-4061, CVE-2013-5430, CVE-2013-3989	swg21653287	6.8		11/09/2015	11/09/2015
168155	SUSE Enterprise Linux Security update for xen (SUSE-SU-2015:1894-1)	SUSE	CVE-2015-4037, CVE-2014-0222, CVE-2015-7835, CVE-2015-7311 ...	SUSE-SU-2015:1894-1	7.5		11/09/2015	11/09/2015
168156	SUSE Enterprise Linux Security update for xen (SUSE-SU-2015:1908-1)	SUSE	CVE-2015-4037, CVE-2014-0222, CVE-2015-7835,	SUSE-SU-2015:1908-1	7.5		11/09/2015	11/09/2015

Set up custom vulnerability notifications

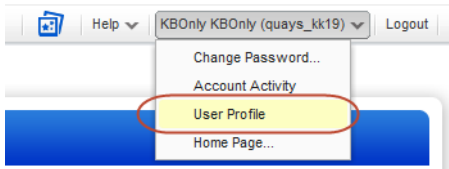
Jump over to the Users section to create distribution groups and set up your own custom vulnerability notifications. It's easy to do. Go [here](#) for step-by-step instructions.

The screenshot shows the 'Users' tab in the 'Vulnerability Management' section. It displays a table of users with columns: Title, # Emails, Created By, Created, and Modified. The table lists one user: KB Only Users.

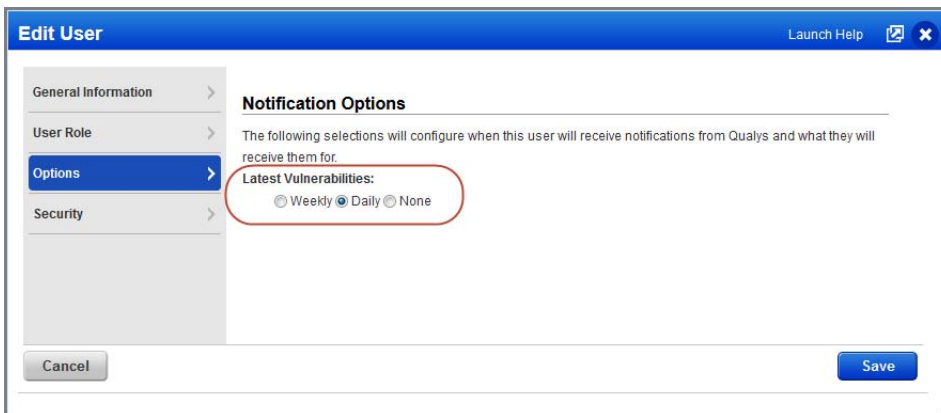
Title	# Emails	Created By	Created	Modified
KB Only Users	3	KBOnly KBOnly (quays_kk19)	11/09/2015	11/09/2015

Configure the Latest Vulnerabilities notification

This email notification is sent weekly, by default. Would you prefer to receive it daily or not at all? Simply choose User Profile below your user name (in the top right corner).



Then go to the Options section to change the notification setting for your account.





User permissions and controls

Tell me about user permissions

KnowledgeBase Only users have these permissions:

Can edit their own user profile.

Can view the Qualys KnowledgeBase.

Can create Search Lists and edit or delete their own Search Lists.

Cannot create or edit global Search Lists.

Can create Distribution Groups and edit or delete their own Distribution Groups.

Idefense and Predictions tabs will be shown when enabled.

Can run basic APIs when enabled in the UI.

Basic API support

APIv1

- 1) /msp/time_zone_code_list.php
- 2) /msp/scan_options.php
- 3) /msp/ticket_list.php
- 4) /msp/asset_ip_list.php
- 5) /msp/asset_domain_list.php
- 6) /msp/action_log_report.php

APIv2

- 1) /api/2.0/fo/scan/
- 2) /api/2.0/fo/report/scorecard/ (launch scorecard report)
- 3) /api/2.0/fo/asset/ip/
- 4) /api/2.0/fo/asset/excluded_ip/?action=list&echo_request=0
- 5) /api/2.0/fo/asset/group/



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