

Cybersecurity Operations

Mini-Project Guide

This guide provide step by step the deployment of a security solution Wazuh.



Wazuh, The Open-Source Security Platform.

Wazuh is a free, open source and enterprise-ready security monitoring solution for threat detection, integrity monitoring, incident response and compliance management.

Hardware requirements.

The following requirements have to be in place before the Wazuh VM can be imported into a host operating system:

- 1- The host operating system has to be a 64-bit system.
- 2- Hardware virtualization has to be enabled on the firmware of the host.
- 3- A virtualization platform, such as VirtualBox, should be installed.

The Wazuh VM is configured with the following specifications:

CPU : 4 cores
RAM : 8 GB
Storage: 50 GB

1. Installation

- 1- Download the latest version of Wazuh from the link below:

<https://documentation.wazuh.com/current/deployment-options/virtual-machine/virtual-machine.html>

The screenshot shows the Wazuh documentation website. The main content area is titled "Virtual Machine (OVA)" and includes a red arrow pointing to the text "Click here to start the download" above the phrase "virtual appliance (OVA)" in the text "Download the virtual appliance (OVA)". The page lists the components included in the virtual appliance: CentOS 7, Wazuh manager 4.3.8, Wazuh indexer 4.3.8, Filebeat-OSS 7.10.2, and Wazuh dashboard 4.3.8. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with "Installation alternatives" expanded to show "Virtual Machine (OVA)". The right sidebar has a section "ON THIS PAGE" with links to "Virtual Machine (OVA)", "Hardware requirements", "Import and access the virtual machine", "Access the Wazuh dashboard", "Configuration files", "VirtualBox time configuration", and "Upgrading the VM".

2- Download the latest version of VirtualBox from the link below:

<https://www.virtualbox.org>

VirtualBox

Welcome to VirtualBox.org!

VirtualBox is a powerful x86 and AMD64/Intel64 virtualization product for enterprise as well as home use. Not only is VirtualBox an extremely feature rich, high performance product for enterprise customers, it is also the only professional solution that is freely available as Open Source Software under the terms of the GNU General Public License (GPL) version 2. See "About VirtualBox" for an introduction.

Presently, VirtualBox runs on Windows, Linux, Macintosh, and Solaris hosts and supports a large number of guest operating systems including but not limited to Windows (NT 4.0, 2000, XP, Server 2003, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10), DOS/Windows 3.x, Linux (2.4, 2.6, 3.x and 4.x), Solaris and OpenSolaris, OS/2, and OpenBSD.

VirtualBox is being actively developed with frequent releases and has an ever growing list of features, supported guest operating systems and platforms it runs on. VirtualBox is a community effort backed by a dedicated company: everyone is encouraged to contribute while Oracle ensures the product always meets professional quality criteria.

Download VirtualBox 6.1

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- **phpVirtualBox** AJAX web interface [project site](#)

News Flash

- **New** **September 2nd, 2022** **VirtualBox 6.1.38 released!** Oracle today released a 6.1 maintenance release which improves stability and fixes regressions. See the [Changelog](#) for details.
- **Important!** **August 30th, 2022** **We're hiring!** Looking for a new challenge? We're hiring a VirtualBox Principal Software Developer (US, UK, Romania).
- **New** **July 19th, 2022** **VirtualBox 6.1.36 released!** Oracle today released a 6.1 maintenance release which improves stability and fixes regressions. See the [Changelog](#) for details.

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Then click on "Windows hosts" to start the download.

VirtualBox

Download VirtualBox

Here you will find links to VirtualBox binaries and its source code.

VirtualBox binaries

By downloading, you agree to the terms and conditions of the respective license.

If you're looking for the latest VirtualBox 6.0 packages, see [VirtualBox 6.0 builds](#). Please also use version 6.0 if you need to run VMs with software virtualization, as this has been discontinued in 6.1. Version 6.0 will remain supported until July 2020.

If you're looking for the latest VirtualBox 5.2 packages, see [VirtualBox 5.2 builds](#). Please also use version 5.2 if you still need support for 32-bit hosts, as this has been discontinued in 6.0. Version 5.2 will remain supported until July 2020.

VirtualBox 6.1.38 platform packages

- [Windows hosts](#)
- [OS X hosts](#)
- [Linux distributions](#)
- [Solaris hosts](#)
- [Solaris 11 IPS hosts](#)

The binaries are released under the terms of the GPL version 2.

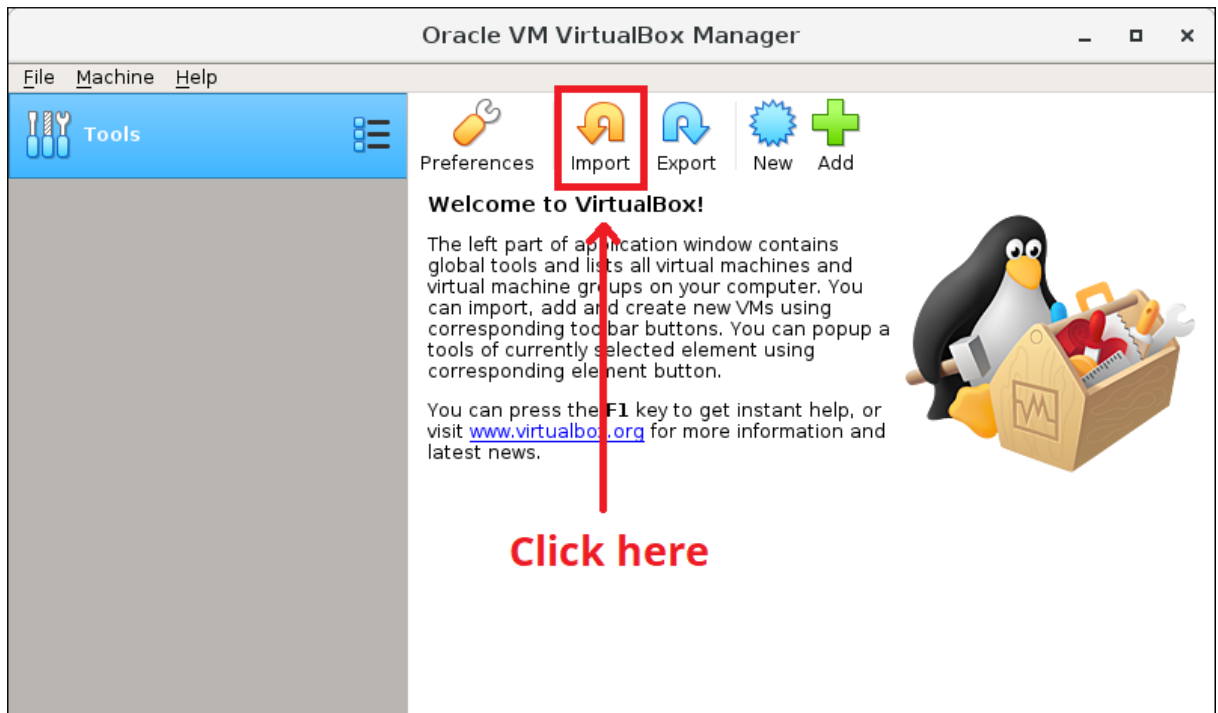
See the [changelog](#) for what has changed.

You might want to compare the checksums to verify the integrity of downloaded packages. *The SHA256 checksums should be favored as the MD5 algorithm must be treated as insecure!*

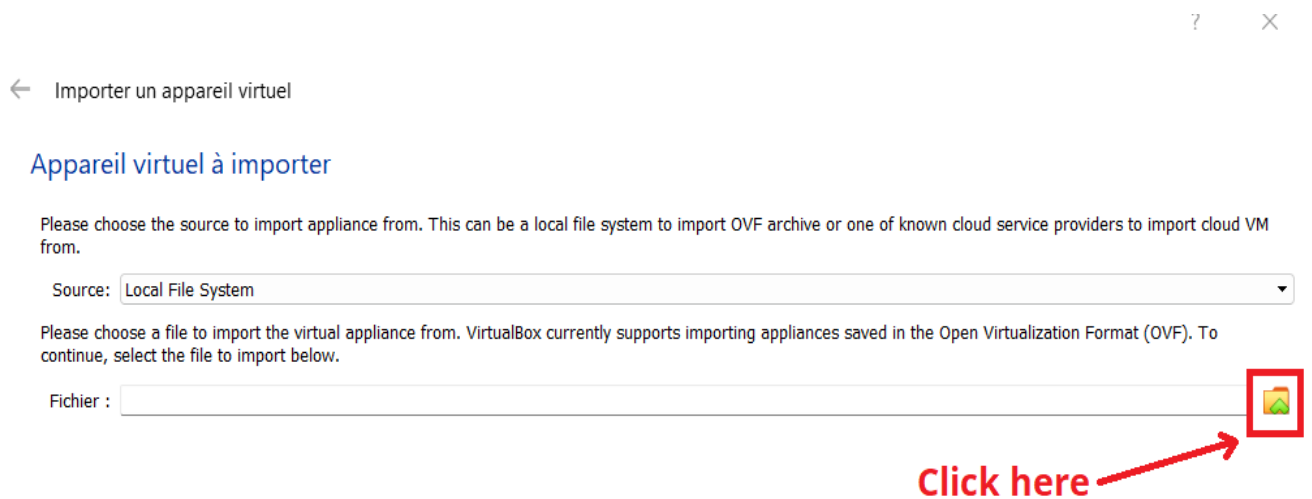
- [SHA256 checksums](#), [MD5 checksums](#)

Note: After upgrading VirtualBox it is recommended to upgrade the guest additions as well.

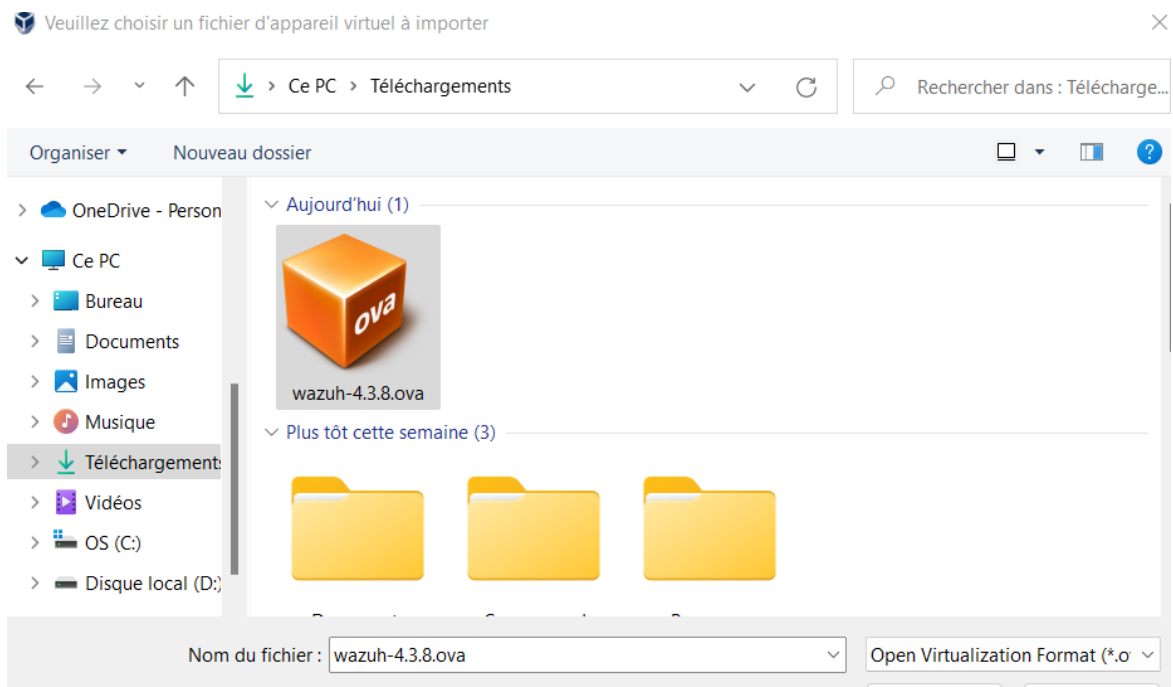
3- After the installation, launch VirtualBox and click on Import.



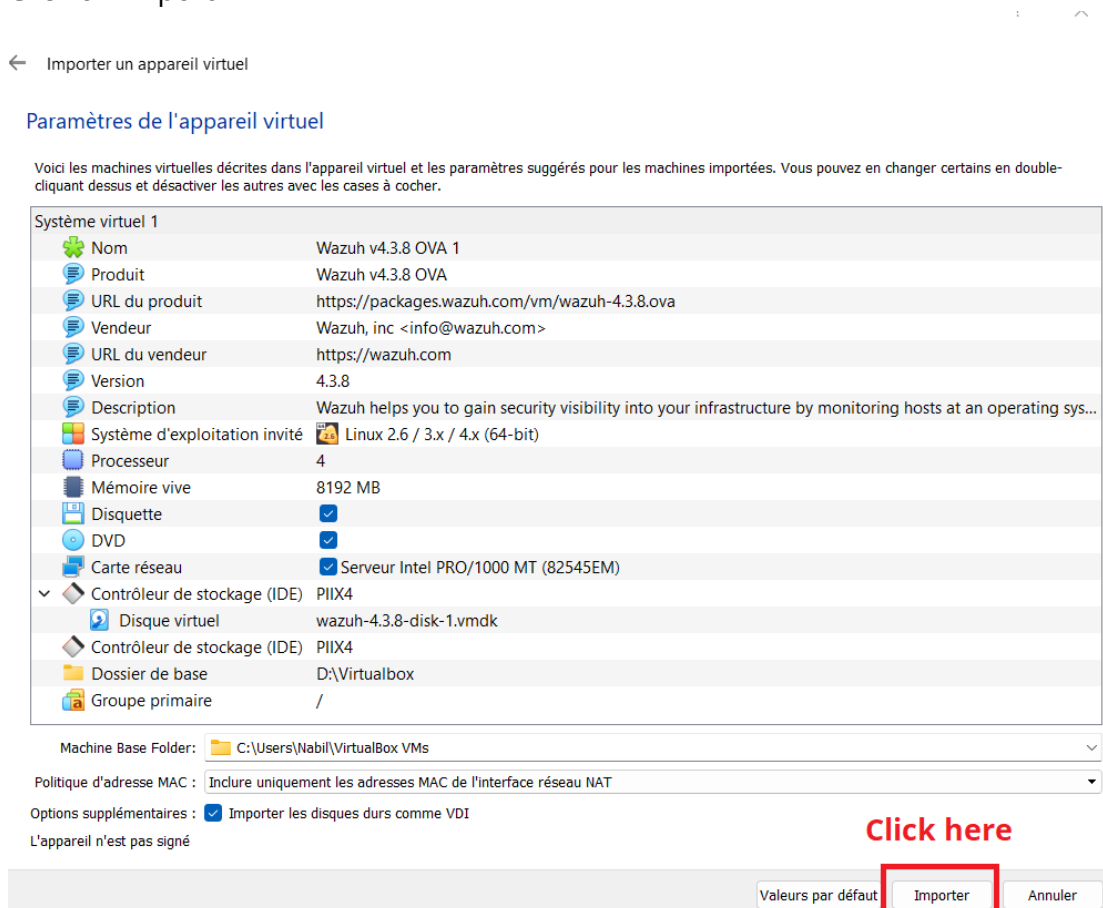
4- Then click on the icon to select the OVA VM previously downloaded.



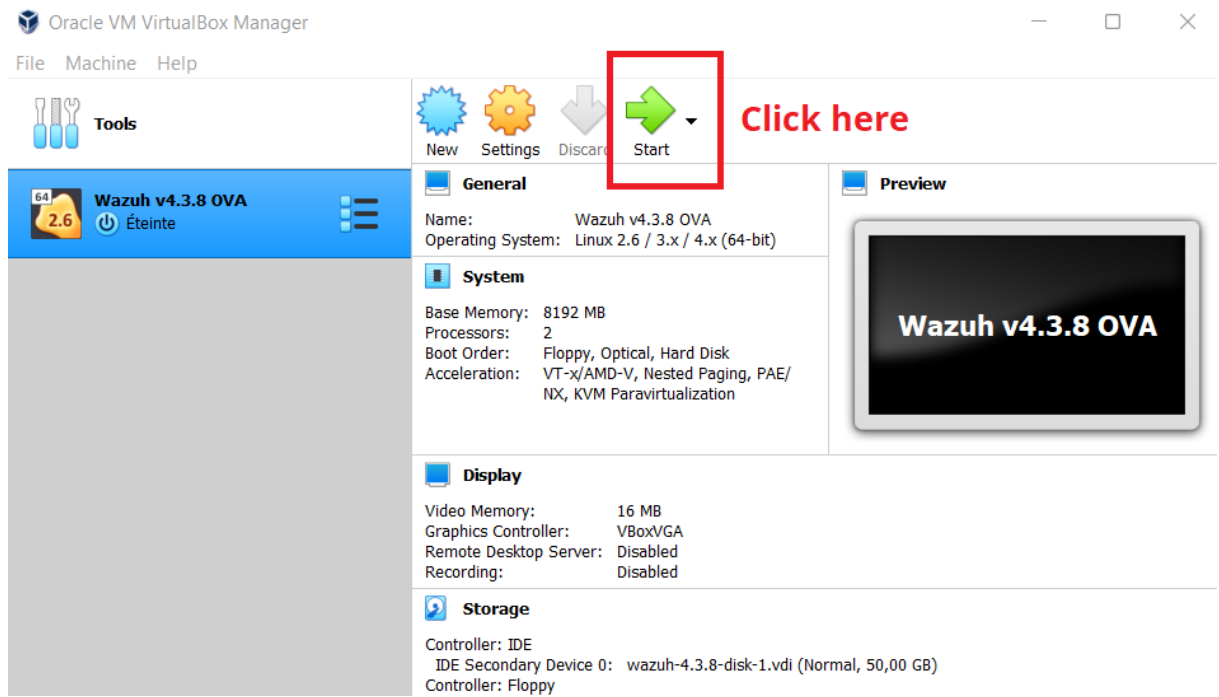
5- Select the OVA VM and click open.



6- Then, click on Next, and you should see the configuration of the OVA VM. Click on Import



- 7- Now, you should see that your VM has successfully imported. Click on start to start the machine.



- 4- By default, the server gets an IP address from a DHCP server, so the config should be like this.

```
# Automatically generated by the vm import process
DEVICE=eth0
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=dhcp
TYPE=Ethernet
NM_CONTROLLED=no
```

- 5- Press the "i" button and edit the config file:
Change the BOOTPROTO value from dhcp to none
Add those lines under NM_CONTROLLED=no :
- PREFIX=24
 - IPADDR=<your IP address>
 - GATEWAY=<your gateway>
 - DNS1=8.8.8.8

And now your config file should look like this:

```
# Automatically generated by the vm import process
DEVICE=eth0
ONBOOT=yes
BOOTPROTO=none
TYPE=Ethernet
NM_CONTROLLED=no
PREFIX=24
IPADDR= 172.16.40.200
GATEWAY= 172.16.40.1
DNS1=8.8.8.8
```

- 6- Press "ESC" button:



Press ":" button:



Then type, "wq" to save and quit.

- 7- Then you need to restart the network service using the following command:
sudo systemctl restart network

You will be asked to enter your password “**wazuh**”, do it and press enter.

```
[wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~]#  
[wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~]# sudo systemctl restart network  
[sudo] password for wazuh-user:  
[wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~]#
```

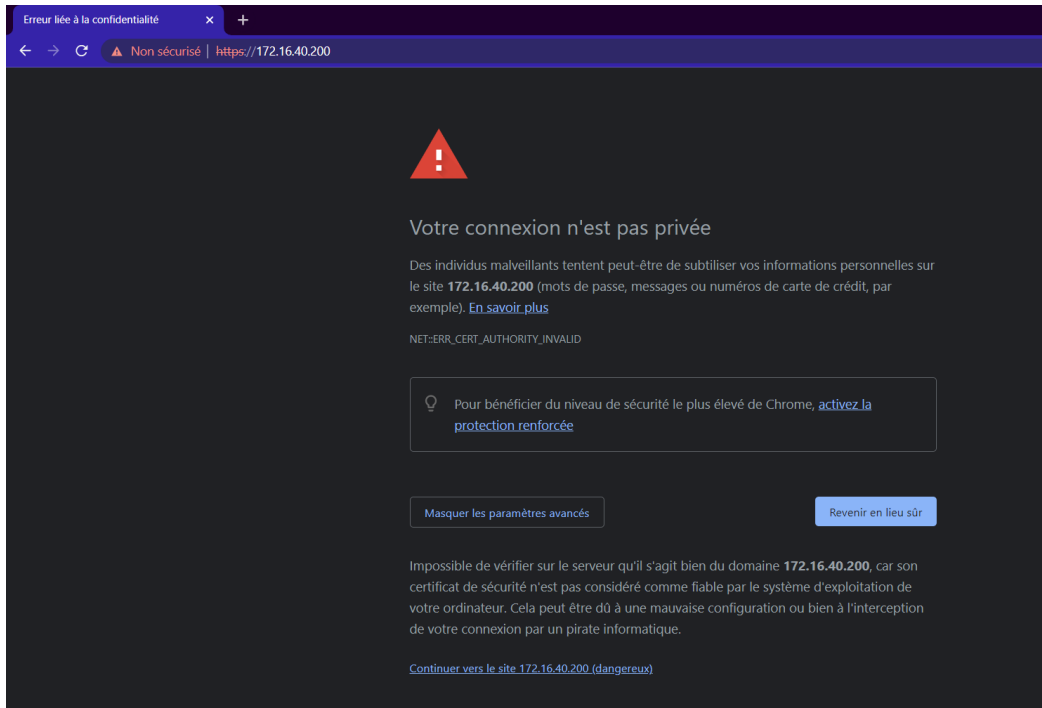
- 8- The last step is to ensure that the IP has successfully assigned.
Use the command: **ip a**

```
[wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~]# ip a  
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000  
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00  
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
2: eth0: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state UP group default qlen 1000  
    link/ether 08:00:27:59:dc:58 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff  
    inet 172.16.40.200/24 brd 172.16.40.255 scope global eth0  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
    inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe59:dc58/64 scope link  
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever  
[wazuh-user@wazuh-server ~]#
```

3. GUI interface Access

1. Navigate to your Web browser and type: **https://<your-IP-address>**

You should see a warning like this, don't worry it's only because you don't have a certificate, click on Advanced settings, and click on: Continue.



2. Now you are in the Wazuh GUI interface.

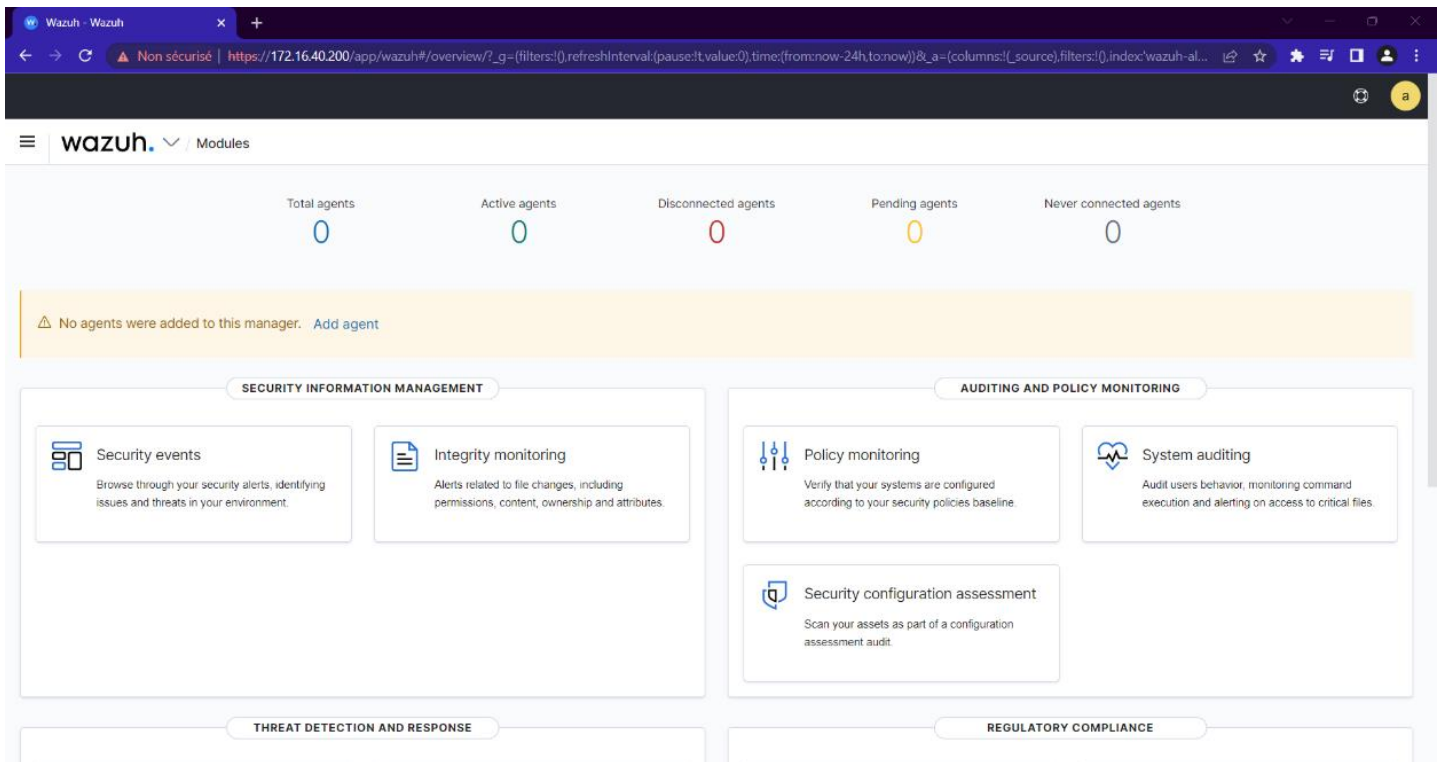
You should sign in with those credentials:

Username: **admin**

Password: **admin**



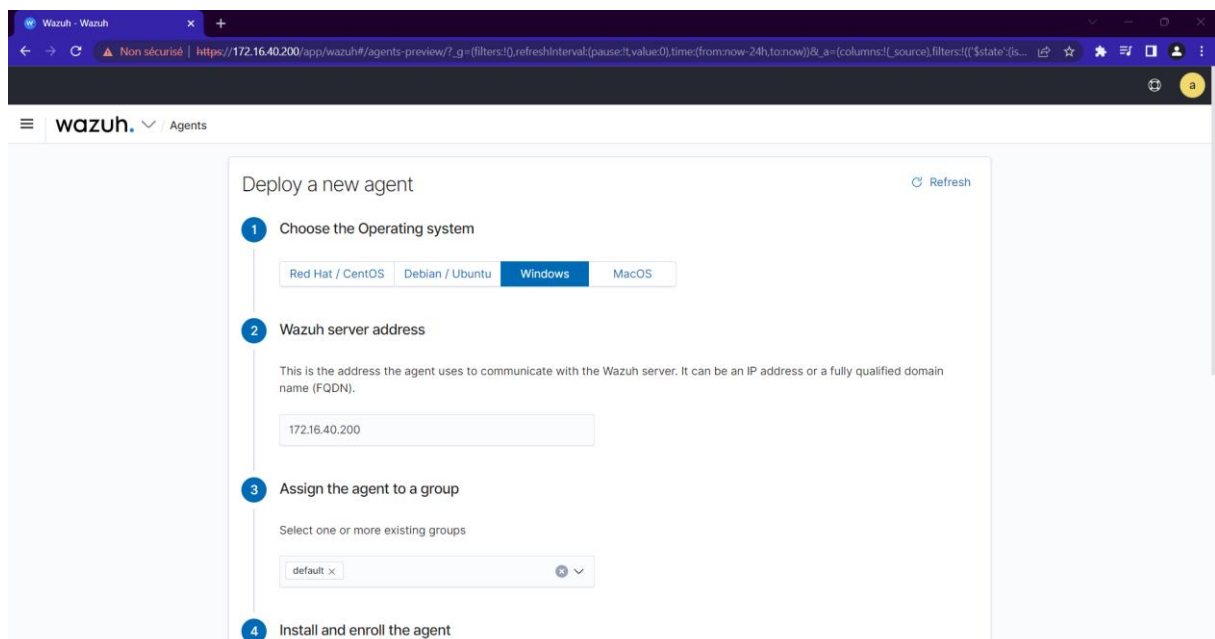
This is the **Wazuh Manager** home page.



3. The next step is to add agents in other VMs or Physical machines that already have successful connectivity with the Wazuh Manager:

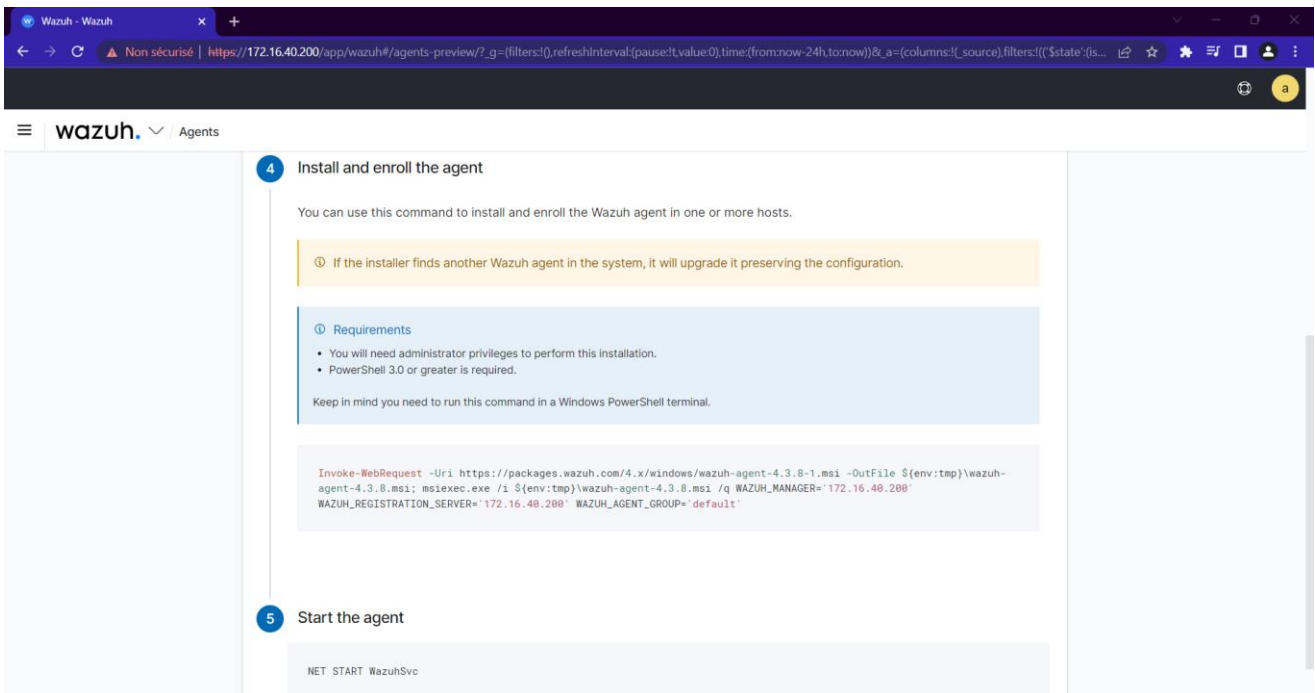
A. Deploy a Windows Wazuh Agent:

1. Choose the operating system --> Windows
2. Wazuh server address --> ex: 172.16.40.200
3. Assign the agent to a group --> default



Note: you can create multiple groups, and assign each host to the appropriate one.

4. Install and enroll the agent



The screenshot shows the Wazuh web interface at the URL `https://172.16.40.200/app/wazuh#/agents-preview/?g=(filters:!0,refreshInterval:(pause:!t,value:0),time:(from:now-24h,to:now))&t_a=(columns:!_source,filters:!($state:(is...))`. The page is titled "wazuh. Agents" and displays a step-by-step guide for installing and enrolling the agent.

4 Install and enroll the agent

You can use this command to install and enroll the Wazuh agent in one or more hosts.

ⓘ If the installer finds another Wazuh agent in the system, it will upgrade it preserving the configuration.

ⓘ Requirements

- You will need administrator privileges to perform this installation.
- PowerShell 3.0 or greater is required.

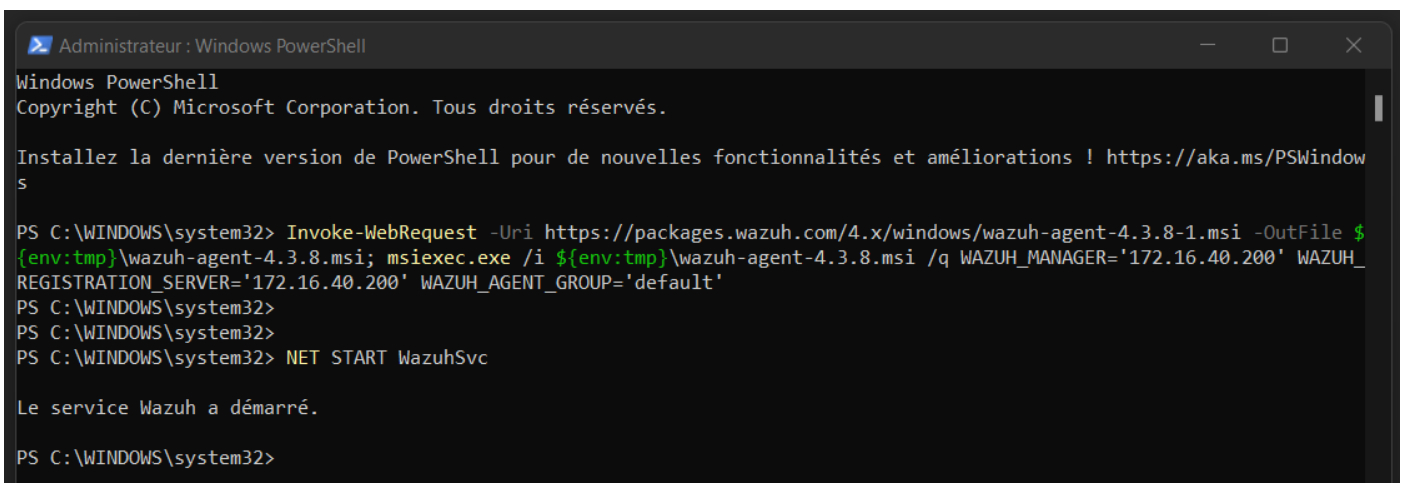
Keep in mind you need to run this command in a Windows PowerShell terminal.

```
Invoke-WebRequest -Uri https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/windows/wazuh-agent-4.3.8-1.msi -OutFile $(env:tmp)\wazuh-agent-4.3.8.msi; msixec.exe /i $(env:tmp)\wazuh-agent-4.3.8.msi /q WAZUH_MANAGER='172.16.40.200' WAZUH_REGISTRATION_SERVER='172.16.40.200' WAZUH_AGENT_GROUP='default'
```

5 Start the agent

```
NET START WazuhSvc
```

You need to execute the provided commands in the windows hosts using PowerShell terminal (run as administrator), and do not forget to start the wazuh agent with the command: “ **NET START WazuhSvc** “



The screenshot shows a Windows PowerShell terminal window titled "Administrateur : Windows PowerShell". The terminal output is as follows:

```
Windows PowerShell
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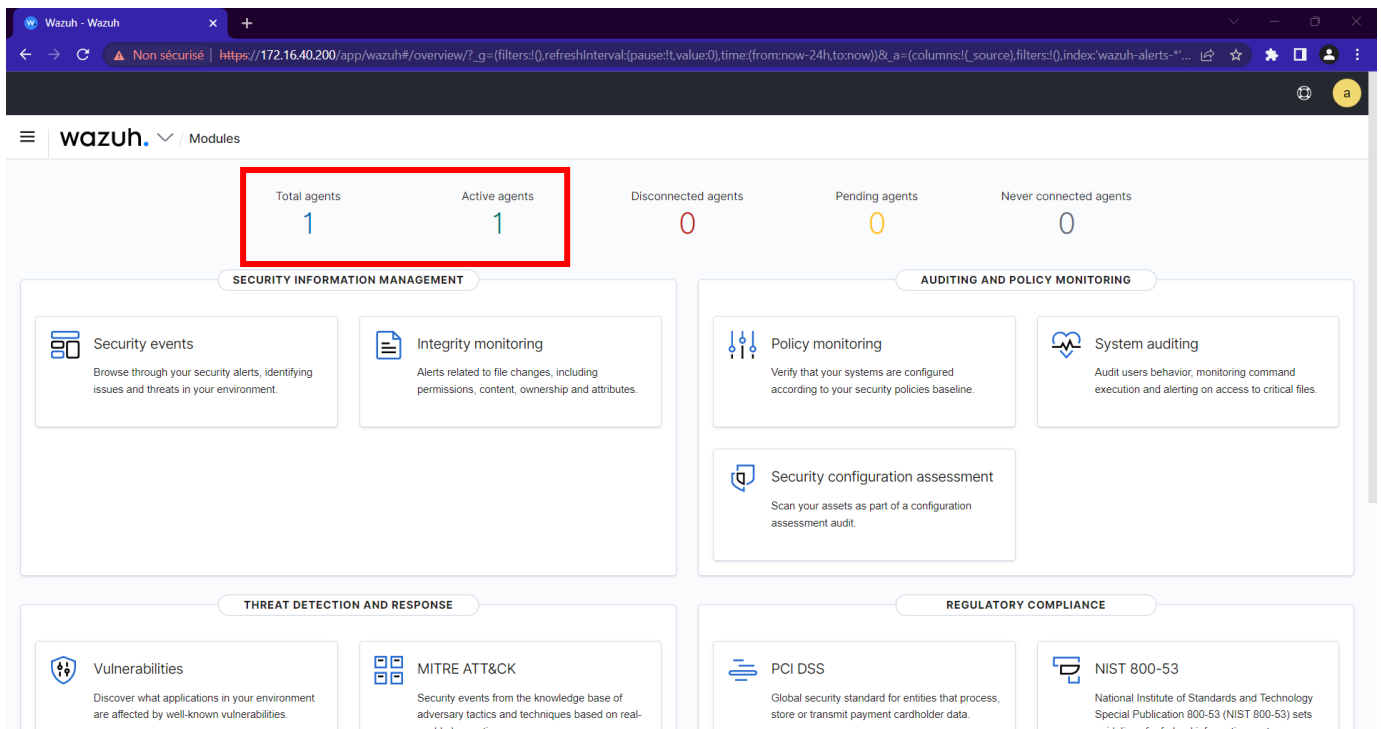
Installez la dernière version de PowerShell pour de nouvelles fonctionnalités et améliorations ! https://aka.ms/PSWindow
s

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri https://packages.wazuh.com/4.x/windows/wazuh-agent-4.3.8-1.msi -OutFile $(
{env:tmp}\wazuh-agent-4.3.8.msi; msixec.exe /i $(env:tmp)\wazuh-agent-4.3.8.msi /q WAZUH_MANAGER='172.16.40.200' WAZUH_
REGISTRATION_SERVER='172.16.40.200' WAZUH_AGENT_GROUP='default'
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> NET START WazuhSvc

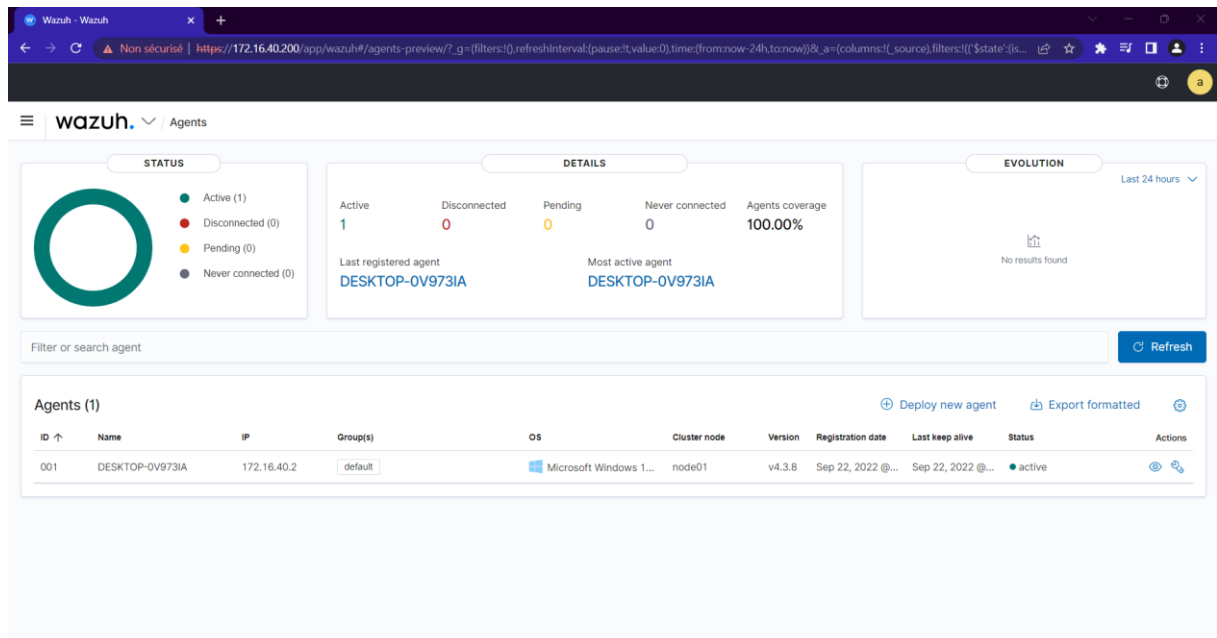
Le service Wazuh a démarré.

PS C:\WINDOWS\system32>
```

Going back to the Wazuh Manager home page, we can see our new agent is successfully deployed, and its state is: Active.



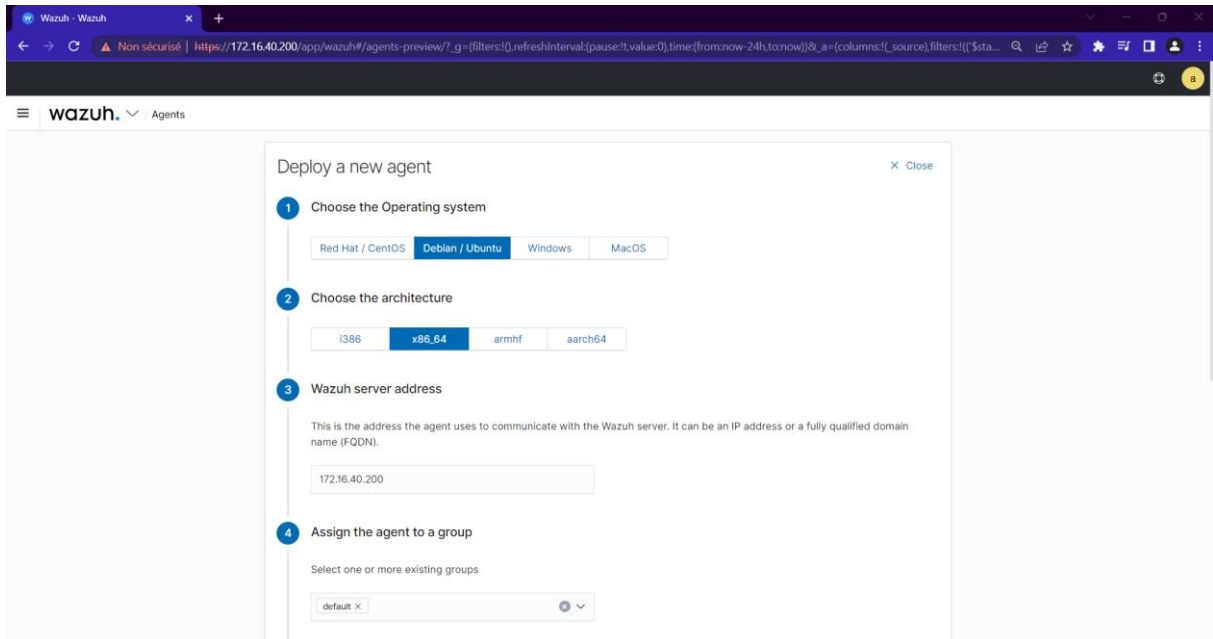
Click on the Active agent to see more details about it.



B. Deploy a Linux Wazuh Agent:

Add new agents

1. Choose the operating system --> linux (choose either Debian or RedHat distribution)
2. Choose the architecture --> x86_64
3. Wazuh server address --> 172.16.40.200
4. Assign the agent to a group --> default



Deploy a new agent

1 Choose the Operating system

Red Hat / CentOS **Debian / Ubuntu** Windows MacOS

2 Choose the architecture

i386 **x86_64** armhf aarch64

3 Wazuh server address

This is the address the agent uses to communicate with the Wazuh server. It can be an IP address or a fully qualified domain name (FQDN).

172.16.40.200

4 Assign the agent to a group

Select one or more existing groups

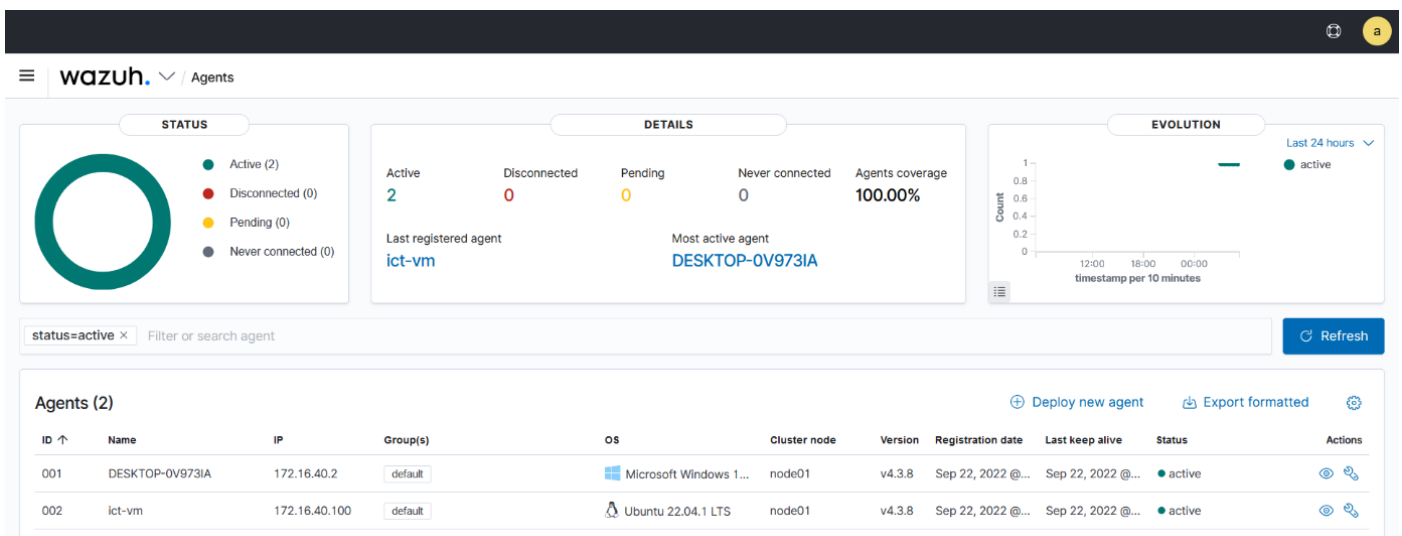
default X

5- Install and enroll the agent

You should use the provided commands to install Wazuh agent in the Debian distro hosts.

6.Start the agent

After installing the agent and starting the service, we can see the Linux agent is added.



Agents (2)

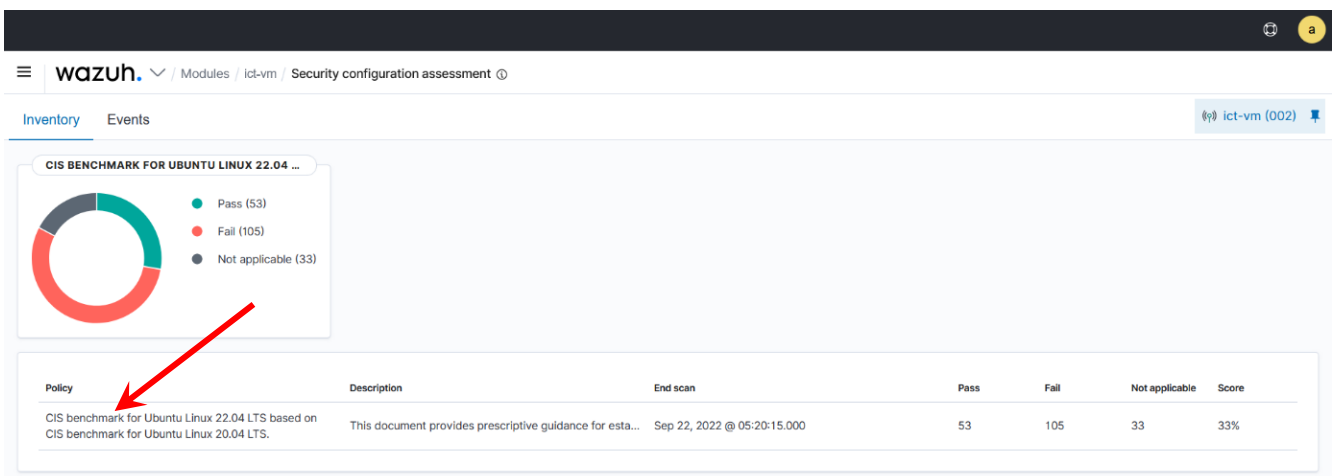
ID	Name	IP	Group(s)	OS	Cluster node	Version	Registration date	Last keep alive	Status	Actions
001	DESKTOP-0V973IA	172.16.40.2	default	Microsoft Windows 1...	node01	v4.3.8	Sep 22, 2022 @...	Sep 22, 2022 @...	active	
002	ict-vm	172.16.40.100	default	Ubuntu 22.04.1 LTS	node01	v4.3.8	Sep 22, 2022 @...	Sep 22, 2022 @...	active	

4. Security Configuration Assessment – SCA

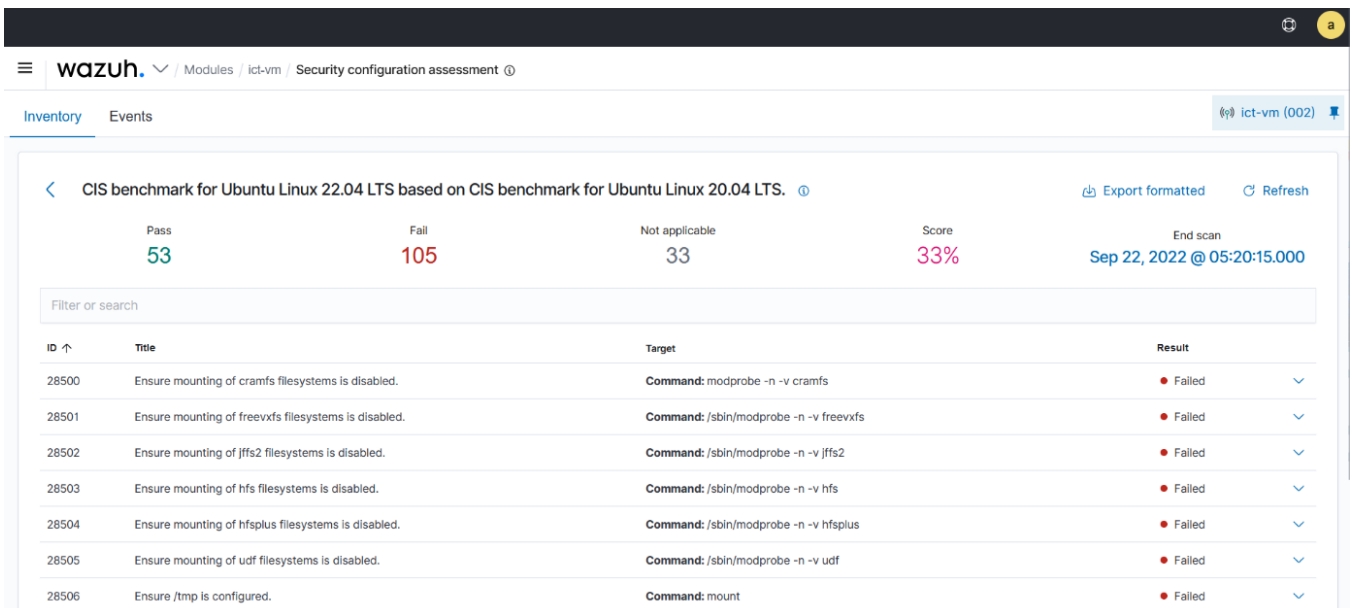
SCA performs scans to discover exposures or misconfigurations in monitored hosts. Those scans assess the configuration of the hosts using policy files that contain rules to be tested against the actual configuration of the host.

For example, SCA could assess whether it is necessary to change password related configuration, remove unnecessary software, disable unnecessary services, or audit the TCP/IP stack configuration.

Wazuh is distributed with a set of policies, most of them based on the **CIS benchmarks**, a well-established standard for ensuring **Compliance Management**.



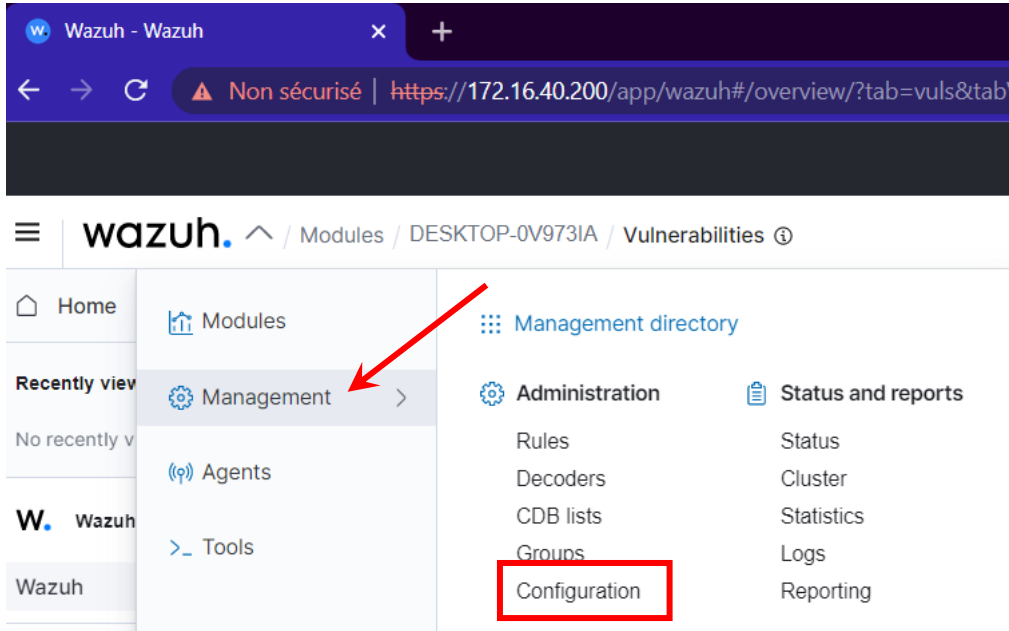
A summary is shown in the main page of SCA. For more details you can click on CIS benchmark.



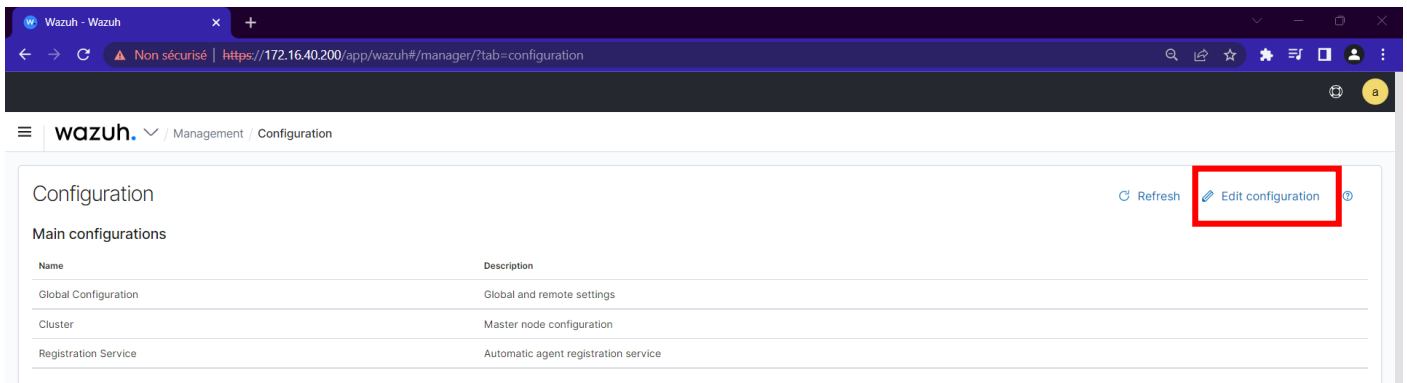
This is an example of SCA for the Linux machine. You can open each control to see the whole description about it, the risk behind, the remediation...

5. Customizing SCA interval scan.

We can customize SCA options by clicking on the Management > Configuration



And then Edit the configuration.



Scroll down until you see SCA section, edit the interval value to be 5m (for example), and make sure that scan on start is enabled: "yes", Save and restart the manager.

```
96
97 <sca>
98   <enabled>yes</enabled>
99   <scan_on_start>yes</scan_on_start>
100  <interval>5m</interval>
101  <skip_nfs>yes</skip_nfs>
102 </sca>
```


6. Vulnerability Management

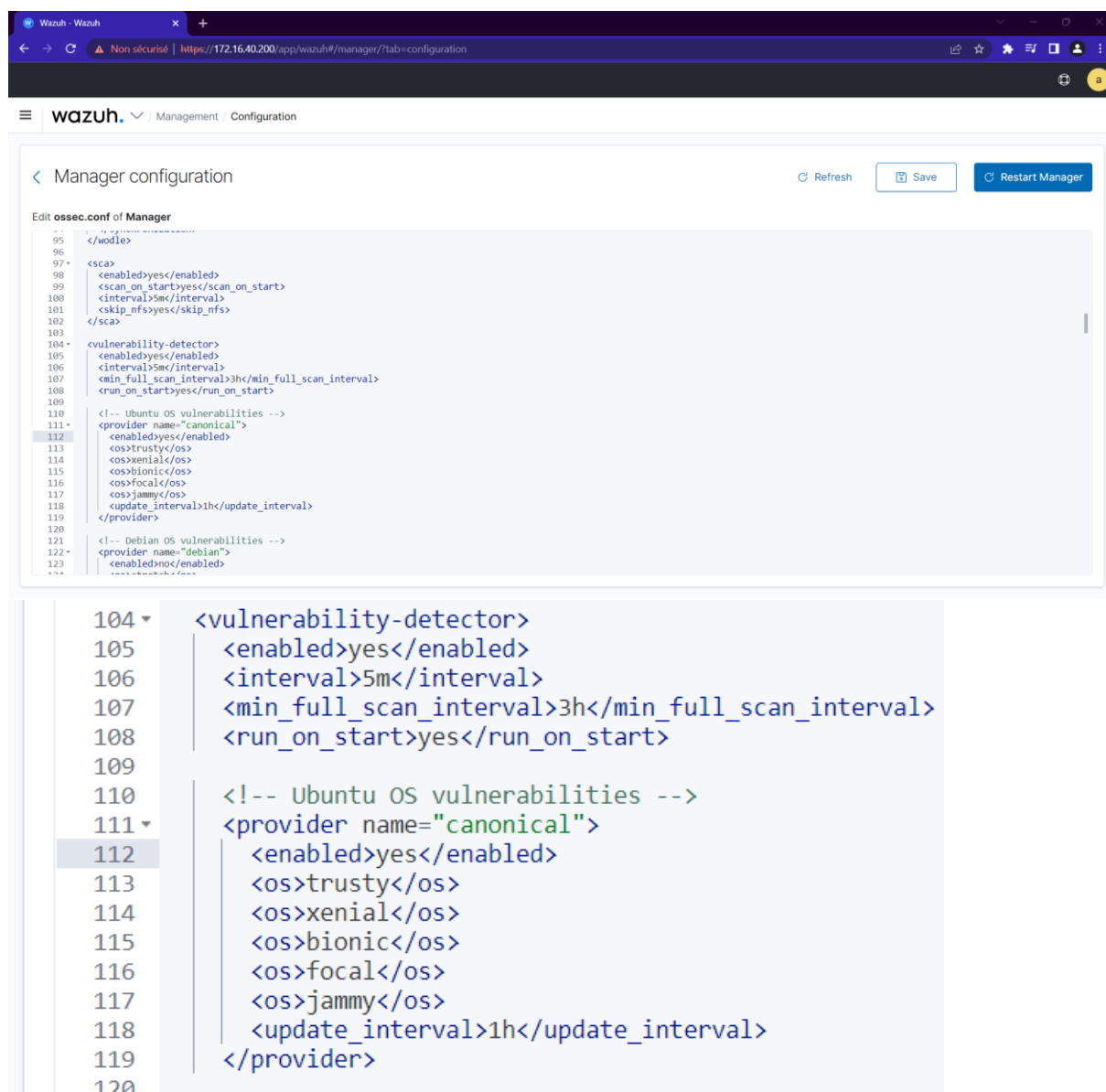
To be able to detect vulnerabilities, agents can natively collect a list of installed applications (System inventory), sending it periodically to the manager. Also, the manager builds a global vulnerability database from publicly available CVE repositories.

Vulnerability detector is enabled by default, but only Windows system that can be scanned, so we need to enable vulnerability detector for the other systems we need to scan.

To do that we will go edit the config file in: Management > Configuration (as shown in previous section), scroll down until you see vulnerability detector section.

Enable each system you want by modifying the value <enabled> by yes.

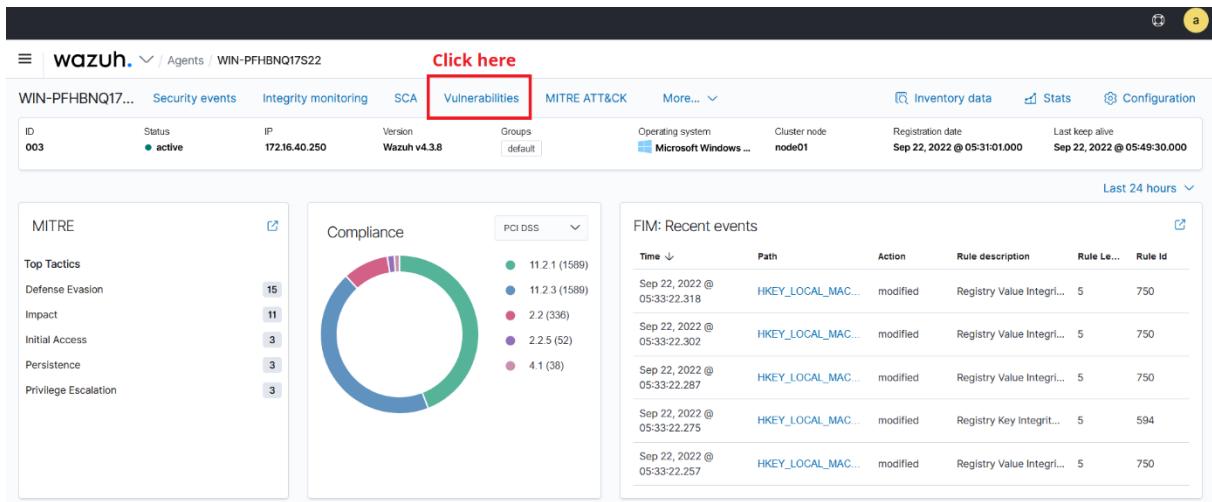
You can also edit the interval of time between scans, the interval of doing update...



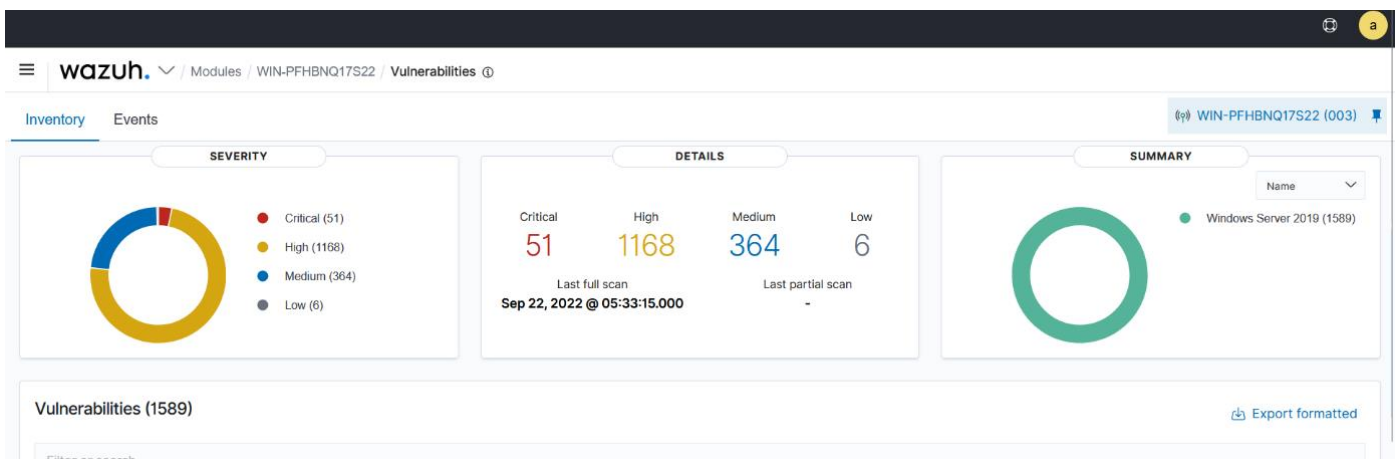
The screenshot shows the Wazuh Manager configuration interface. The browser address bar indicates the URL <https://172.16.40.200/app/wazuh#/manager/?tab=configuration>. The page title is "Manager configuration" and it includes "Refresh", "Save", and "Restart Manager" buttons. The main content area displays the XML configuration for the ossec.conf file, specifically the vulnerability detector section. The configuration is as follows:

```
104 <vulnerability-detector>
105   <enabled>yes</enabled>
106   <interval>5m</interval>
107   <min_full_scan_interval>3h</min_full_scan_interval>
108   <run_on_start>yes</run_on_start>
109
110   <!-- Ubuntu OS vulnerabilities -->
111   <provider name="canonical">
112     <enabled>yes</enabled>
113     <os>trusty</os>
114     <os>xenial</os>
115     <os>bionic</os>
116     <os>focal</os>
117     <os>jammy</os>
118     <update_interval>1h</update_interval>
119   </provider>
120
121   <!-- Debian OS vulnerabilities -->
122   <provider name="debian">
123     <enabled>no</enabled>
```

To see vulnerabilities of a particular agent we need to select the agent and click on vulnerabilities section.



As we can see this agent have the following vulnerabilities.



You can also check the Log management section, you can enable File Integrity Monitoring, and also integrate VirusTotal...

Good luck.