



# File Collections



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# File Collections

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## File Collections

The file collections are resources used to massively deploy the scripts or plugins to later be [used in Software Agents](#), [Policy s of monitoring](#) on agents and in the [Satellite servers](#). It is accessed from the menu Configuration → Collections (Configuration → Collections).

The screenshot shows the 'COLLECTION MANAGEMENT' interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Free text for search (\*)' and a 'Search' button with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar is a table with the following columns: 'Collection', 'Short name', 'Group', 'Description', and 'Actions'. The table contains two entries:

Collection	Short name	Group	Description	Actions
Apache Enterprise Plugin	apache_plugin		Apache Enterprise Plugin to moni... server using a Perl script.	 
File collection example	FCE		For documentation purpose	 

At the bottom right of the interface, there is a 'Create' button with a right-pointing arrow.

To create a new collection of files, click the Create button:

## MANAGER CONFIGURATION > NEW

Name:

Group:

Short name: ?

Description:

Fill in the name, group, short name and description and click Create.




To add resources to a collection go back to the collections list and click on the name of the collection to which resources are to be added.

## MANAGER CONFIGURATION > EDI...FILE COLLECTION EXAMPLE

Files


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Name	Last modification	Size	Actions
 Example directory	October 25, 2022, 10:41 pm		
 Example text	October 25, 2022, 10:57 pm	19 B	 
 rufus.ini	October 25, 2022, 10:20 pm	96 B	 


In the three icons highlighted in the image above, from left to right you can create a directory, create a text (which you can then edit) or store a new file.

Once the resources have been added, return to the list of collections and an icon with a yellow triangle where you can click to synchronize the changes with the different elements of Pandora FMS (agents, Software Agents, monitoring policies and Satellite servers).

### COLLECTION MANAGEMENT

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Each collection has its own base directory. In the Web Console these are stored in the `/pandora_console/attachment/collection` directory with a name like `fc_XXX`, where `XXX` is the numerical ID of the collection. File collections can contain subdirectories. File collections are transferred as ZIP (compressed) files to the Agent, using [Tentacle](#). File collections are only supported with Tentacle's transfer mode.

## File Collections and Software Agents

Go to Resources → Manage agents and click on a Software Agent name. Click the Collection (Collection) tab. You will have a list of available collections similar to this:

Resources / Manage agents / Collection

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Name	Short name	Description	Status	Add
Apache Enterprise Plugin	apache_plugin	Apache Enterprise Plugin to moni... server using a Perl script.		
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If a Software Agent has remote configuration disabled, it will show the following warning:

Resources / Manage agents / Collection

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**INFORMATION**

This agent has no remote configuration, please configure it.

To add a collection click the plus icon in the Add column:

Resources / Manage agents / Collection

## KEPLER

Free text for search (\*)

**SUCCESS**

Collection added successfully

Name	Short name	Description	Status	Add
Apache Enterprise Plugin	apache_plugin	Apache Enterprise Plugin to moni... server using a Perl script.		

P.	Name	Dir	Description	Status	Remove
	File collection example	FCE	For documentation purpose		

If you see an icon with a yellow warning triangle in the Status column, the collection may either be empty or the collection has not been synced. If the collection contains files or directories, click on

the yellow icon. Once you have applied the changes the status of the collection will indicate the success of the synchronization.

Resources / Manage agents / Collection  
KEPLER

Free text for search (\*)  Search

**SUCCESS**  
Collection package created successfully

Name	Short name	Description	Status	Add
Apache Enterprise Plugin	apache_plugin	Apache Enterprise Plugin to moni... server using a Perl script.		

P.	Name	Dir	Description	Status	Remove
	File collection example	FCE	For documentation purpose		

After a few minutes you can go to Configuration → Collections and click the name of the added collection. The newly added Software Agent will be displayed in the agents tab.

SHOW AGENT >ID

Agent
Kepler (KEPLER)

## Location of file collections in the Software Agent

Each collection of files has a short name. This means that the utilities, scripts or executables that are inside the collection will be in:

MS Windows®

```
%ProgramFiles%\pandora_agent\collections\short-name
```

GNU/Linux®

```
/usr/share/pandora_agent/collections/short-name
```

It is important to know that the collection is compressed to be sent to the Software Agent, so the latter must have the unzip.exe tool to be able to decompress the file. As of Agent version 3.2 for MS Windows®, this utility is installed inside:

```
%ProgramFiles%\pandora_agent\utils
```

You need to know this to be able to use Modules that work when working with those files, to be able to specify the full “real” path. Each file collection is stored at a different address, to prevent different file collections from overwriting or conflicting with each other.

The collection control system is based on md5 hashes, similar to the management of configuration files of the Agents. When creating the collection in the Pandora FMS Web Console, an md5 hash is created that is sent to the Software Agent. This md5 will only be updated when changes occur in the collection on the Pandora FMS Web Console side, and not in the Software Agent. Therefore, changes to collections made locally on agents will remain as long as the collection is not changed in the Web Console.

If any change is made to the collection on the Web Console side, the md5 will be recalculated, and when it disagrees with the existing one in the Agents, it will apply the last configuration of the collection, overwriting the previous one and eliminating possible local modifications about the collections.

If you want to use a Module that uses a file included in the collection, refer only to the directory that contains the collection, using its fixed identifier. This is an example using a [Plugin module](#):



Resources / Manage agents / Modules

## KEPLER

Base options

Using local component:

Name:  Disabled  Module group:

Type:

Warning threshold: Min.  Max.  Inverse interval  Percentage

Critical threshold: Min.  Max.  Inverse interval  Percentage

Historical data:

Data configuration:

Load basic

## File collections and monitoring policies

It works much like individual Agent collections, but instead of applying a collection to a specific Agent it applies to a policy:

Collection
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Search 🔍

**SUCCESS**

Collection added successfully

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Name	Short name	Description	Status	Add
🔍 Apache Enterprise Plugin	apache_plugin	Apache Enterprise Plugin to moni... server using a Perl script. <span style="font-size: 16px; color: #00a651;">i</span>	<span style="font-size: 20px;">✔</span>	<span style="font-size: 20px;">+</span>

P.	Name	Dir	Description	Status	Remove
🔍	File collection example	FCE	For documentation purpose	<span style="font-size: 20px;">✔</span>	<span style="font-size: 20px;">🗑️</span>

See [this section](#) to manage and sync collections.

## File collections on Satellite server

Click on the Servers menu → Manage servers and then click on the remote configuration icon of the Satellite server to which the collection will be added. Click on the Collections tab and in the list of available collections, in the Actions column add the respective collection by clicking on the icon +. In the same way, you can delete the added collections by clicking the trash can icon.

The screenshot shows the Pandora FMS web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search icon, a refresh icon, a notification icon with a red circle containing the number '2', a user profile icon labeled '(admin)', and a share icon. Below this, a 'Collections' dropdown menu is open, showing a folder icon (highlighted with a red box), a refresh icon, a pencil icon, and a list icon. Below the menu is a large empty text input field. At the bottom, there is a table with a header 'Actions'. The first row contains the text 'to monitor Apache web server using a Perl script.' and a plus sign icon (highlighted with a red box). The second row is empty and contains a plus sign icon. The third row is empty and contains a plus sign icon. The fourth row is empty and contains a trash can icon (highlighted with a red box). The fifth row is empty and contains a trash can icon.

When saving the changes, after a few minutes, you will be able to see in the configuration file the new section created with the added collections and their respective short name.

## Configuration


```
# Threads dedicated to WMI polling
wmi_threads 5

# Secondary server configuration
# -----

# If secondary_mode is set to on_error, data files are copied to the secondary
# server only if the primary server fails. If set to always, data files are
# always copied to the secondary server.
#secondary_mode on_error
#secondary_server_ip localhost
#secondary_server_path /var/spool/pandora/data_in
#secondary_server_port 41121
#secondary_transfer_mode tentacle
#secondary_server_opts

#INIT add_host
add_host 192.168.50.45 192.168.50.45
#INIT ignore_host
ignore_host 192.168.50.9
#INIT delete_host
delete_host 192.168.50.5

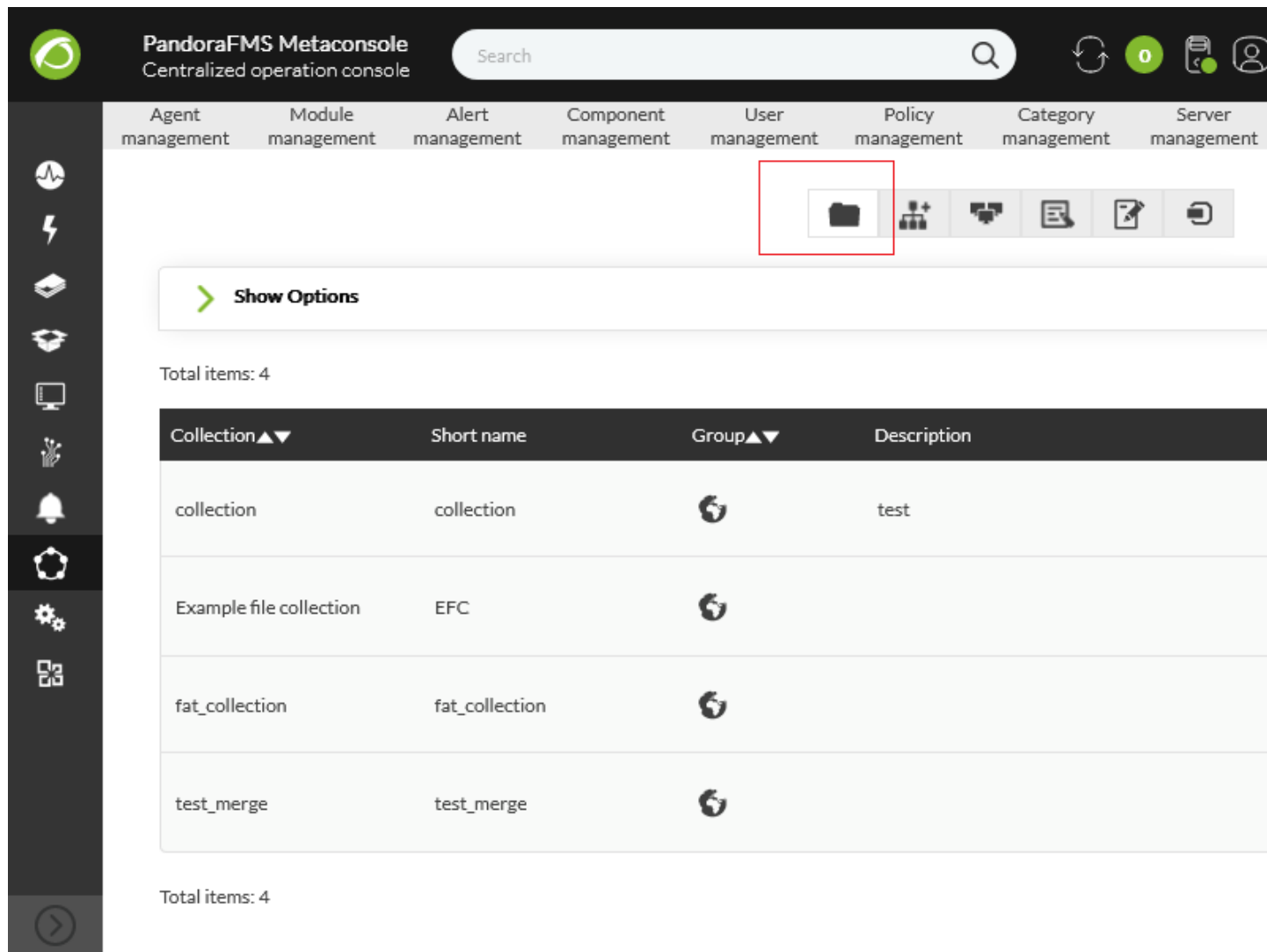
# File collections
file_collection test5
file_collection test2
```

Update 

See [this section](#) to manage and sync collections.

## File collections in Command Center (Metaconsole)

Starting with Pandora FMS 729, OUM can centralize collection management from [Command Center \(Metaconsole\)](#). To access it, go to the Centralized management menu → Agent management (Centralized management → Agent management) and click on the Collections tab.



**PandoraFMS Metaconsole**  
Centralized operation console

Search

Agent management   Module management   Alert management   Component management   User management   Policy management   Category management   Server management

Folder icon (highlighted in red)

**Show Options**

Total items: 4

Collection ▲▼	Short name	Group ▲▼	Description
collection	collection		test
Example file collection	EFC		
fat_collection	fat_collection		
test_merge	test_merge		

Total items: 4

See [this section](#) to manage and sync collections, as they work similarly in the Web Console.

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