

FireScope Tech Brief : FireScope Comply

“Emphasis should be on continuous identification and control over risks to ensure that appropriate security controls are employed and functioning.”

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IT compliance audits take time. Time costs money. And IT compliance audits cost a lot of money. One of the reasons an IT compliance audit costs so much is that there is a lot of wasted time in performing an audit. Auditors must wait for key IT people in an organization to give them time to answer questions regarding control operations, and the location of certain evidence material. When all of this is done, the auditors then have more questions and need more material. Since there is usually no way that an auditor can retrieve important information without the IT staff taking time to provide it, the audit costs keep rising.



As an integrated package, FireScope Comply provides integration of administrative and Continuous Control Monitoring (CCM) of IT operational controls that are specified in various regulatory requirements. This results in a reduction in the time and labor spent on achieving compliance and audit preparation which delivers significant cost savings to the organization.

Key Features

- Consolidation of administrative and automated controls in one package.
- Complete, integrated solution that can report on IT compliance status and remediation on a daily basis.
- Continuous self-assessment and monitoring capability devoted to security policies, access controls, infrastructure security, change control, patch updates, privileged user access, customer sensitive data access, backup logs, log analysis, and SLA.
- Ability for internal auditors and management to perform self-assessment on a timely basis rather than waiting for the quarterly or annual audit.

Business Value

- FireScope Comply pays for itself quickly in the savings made from the time and expense reduction in managing regulatory compliance.
- The internal staff will spend less time assuring that controls are operating effectively.
- Internal audit staff will be able to access compliance information directly, reducing time intensive requests on the IT department.
- External auditors will be able to get a reliable picture of the compliance status based on the audit engagement in a few short hours instead of days resulting in lower audit expenses.

Administrative	Archer, Ecora	FireScope
Operational	GFI, Splunk, Acrsight, NGuard, Nimsoft	FireScope
CCM	Tripwire, SenSage, Prism	FireScope

Competitive Advantage

- Before, it required two or more different complicated and unrelated applications to manage control effectiveness. Now you use one complete, customizable solution for greater efficiency, reliability, and integrity in IT compliance administration.
- FireScope Comply installs quickly and is up and running in a matter of hours instead of months or weeks.
- ESB gives greater access to data for continuous monitoring.
- Other compliance packages are focused into one area of compliance, or are totally administrative. FireScope Comply allows for Continuous Control Monitoring of many IT areas previously inaccessible from a compliance perspective.