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Integration Brief

Unified Policy Visibility and Control Validation Across Network and Endpoint Segmentation

As enterprise networks expand across hybrid and multi-cloud environments, managing security policies across both network and host firewall layers has become increasingly complex. Traditional firewall-based visibility stops at the network perimeter, leaving endpoint-level controls unmonitored and creating blind spots in compliance and risk analysis.

The FireMon and Illumio integration bridges this gap, bringing Illumio's host-based segmentation data into FireMon's compliance and recertification process, and network-wide access path analysis for troubleshooting. This integration provides consolidated visibility, validation, and recertification of Illumio policies alongside traditional network firewalls, all without impacting enforcement or orchestration.

The FireMon Solution for Illumio

FireMon's network security policy management (NSPM) platform extends visibility, compliance validation, and optimization capabilities to Illumio's identity-based segmentation. The integration models Illumio's Virtual Enforcement Nodes (VENs), policies, and rule telemetry within FireMon's unified topology for end-to-end connectivity analysis and ongoing control-based assessments and compliance-required recertification.

Highlights

- Unified compliance visibility across network and endpoint segmentation
- Normalized Illumio label-based policies for policy optimization and rule recertification
- Expedited network trouble-shooting inclusive of ZTNA policies and firewall policies
- Distinction between enforced and visibility-only policy modes
- Support for container-based enforcement in Kubernetes environments

How It Works

Illumio enforces segmentation through an identity-based policy model rather than static IPs. Policies are defined by labels—such as Role, Application, Environment, and Location—and applied via lightweight Virtual Enforcement Nodes (VENs) on each workload. FireMon ingests and normalizes these policies, incorporating them into its compliance framework, policy searching, recertification, and network topology.

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Integration Scope and Functionality

Analysis Model: FireMon simulates the network path through traditional firewalls. FireMon evaluates Illumio endpoint policies to determine if the connection is permitted or denied.

Policy Normalization: Label-based Illumio rules are represented in FireMon's normalized schema for consistent analysis and reporting.

Compliance and Recertification: Illumio rules are included in FireMon's compliance dashboards, gap analysis, and rule recertification workflows.

Usage Insights: Hit count telemetry from Illumio informs cleanup and optimization recommendations.

FIREMON + illumio Integration Benefits

Reduce Policy-Related Risk

- Detect inconsistencies between network and endpoint policy enforcement
- Validate segmentation intent against compliance standards like PCI, NIST, and CIS
- Identify overly permissive or redundant Illumio rules
- Ensure visibility-only policies do not create hidden exposure

Improve Compliance and Recertification

- Automate compliance validation for Illumio-enforced rules
- Include Illumio segmentation in audit-ready reporting
- Streamline rule recertification and evidence-based reviews
- Consolidate hybrid compliance visibility under one dashboard

Network access analysis and maintenance

- Integrate endpoint-level enforcement into FireMon's path simulations
- Visualize Illumio decisions alongside network firewalls
- Accelerate troubleshooting with dual-layer visibility (network + endpoint)
- Maintain Illumio-defined connectivity across firewalls to ensure firewall and cloud native controls allow Illumio-defined access

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Results of Using FireMon with Illumio

90%

Less Time to Produce Compliance Reports

FireMon consolidates firewall and endpoint segmentation data into unified, audit-ready reports.

100%

Endpoint Segmentation Visibility

Gain clarity on which flows are allowed or blocked across both network and Illumio-enforced endpoints.

Faster, Evidence-Based Recertification

Illumio policies and hit counts feed directly into FireMon's Policy Optimizer workflows.

Complete Hybrid Visibility

Model and validate segmentation intent from network to host—without introducing risk or complexity.

Access Parity Across the Network

As asset-to-asset policies are defined in Illumio, ensure that the policy enforcement points reflect access to enable application connectivity.

About FireMon and Illumio

FireMon is the leading platform for real-time network security policy management, delivering continuous visibility, compliance, and risk reduction across hybrid environments.

Illumio is the pioneer of Zero Trust Segmentation, providing visibility and control to contain breaches and prevent lateral movement across any environment—from on-premises data centers to the cloud.

Together, FireMon and Illumio enable organizations to unify network and endpoint segmentation visibility, reduce compliance burden, and continuously validate security posture across hybrid infrastructures.

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