

INTEGRATION BRIEF

FireMon + Google Cloud

Comprehensive firewall rule management to reduce risk, manage change, and enforce compliance

The network fabric of digital enterprises is in a rapid state of flux thanks to the growing adoption of cloud and edge computing. Research shows that enterprises seldom restrict themselves to a single cloud platform as competing cloud vendors offer hyper scalable, secure, and stable hosting environments. Add to this the complexity of migration, from a physical data center to the cloud, which makes securing the infrastructure, data, and applications that much more challenging.

Firewall Policy Management Challenges

Enterprises around the world are adopting Google Cloud environments to gain the benefits of cost reduction and business agility. As the speed of business accelerates, unified network policy must remain secure. Businesses must be as vigilant about threats to their data in the cloud as they are to threats against traditional enterprise networks. While Google Cloud secures the cloud instance, ultimately it is the organization's responsibility to protect their data in the cloud. Protecting cloud environments requires visibility with a platform that delivers a common visualization, normalized data structures, unified policies, scalability, and control.

The FireMon Solution for Google Cloud

FireMon's Security Manager network security policy management platform (NSPM) enables organizations to effectively manage the complexity of both their physical data centers and in public and private cloud environments.

Highlights

- Orchestrate network security across physical data centers, public and private clouds
- Manage native, embedded security infrastructure in public and private clouds (IaaS applications)
- Manage and monitor GCP VPC subnet firewall rules
- Manage firewall policies for 3rd party NGFWs that control access to SaaS applications
- Single-pane-of-glass visibility and control cross hybrid environment
- Perform global policy analysis with a holistic view
- Engage in real-time, scalable, continuous change management
- Avoid misconfigurations and reduce turnaround time for firewall policy changes

Reduce Policy-Related Risk

- Reduce policy complexity that leads to misconfigurations, human error, and increased risk
- Eliminate overly permissive access paths
- Ensure dormant unused rules are not available for exploitation
- Identify and remove shadow rules that add ambiguity
- Vulnerability scan ingestion provides deeper insight to policy-related risks

Manage Firewall Rule Changes

- Real-time change monitoring detects new policies and changes to existing policies
- Automated rule change workflows span the entire rule creation and change processes
- Policy change automation recommends rules and can optionally deploy them to devices across the network

Achieve and Maintain Compliance of Firewall Policies

- Consolidated compliance reporting takes only minutes to produce accurate reports
- Built-in reports for standards including PCI-DSS, NERC-CIP, NIST, and GDPR
- Real-time violation detection identifies policy violations in existing rules and catches new ones before they are deployed
- Rule recertification workflows automate rule reviews and recertification

Firewall Policy Migration to Google Cloud Devices

- Centralized policy management simplifies rule review, cleaning, and staging for migration

Multi-Vendor Firewall Policy Management

- Gathers devices and policies across the entire environment with built-in support for over 80 vendors
- Translates multi-vendor policies into a consistent, centralized rule database
- Full visibility and control for reporting, audit tracking, and policy management

FireMon Security Manager Key Features

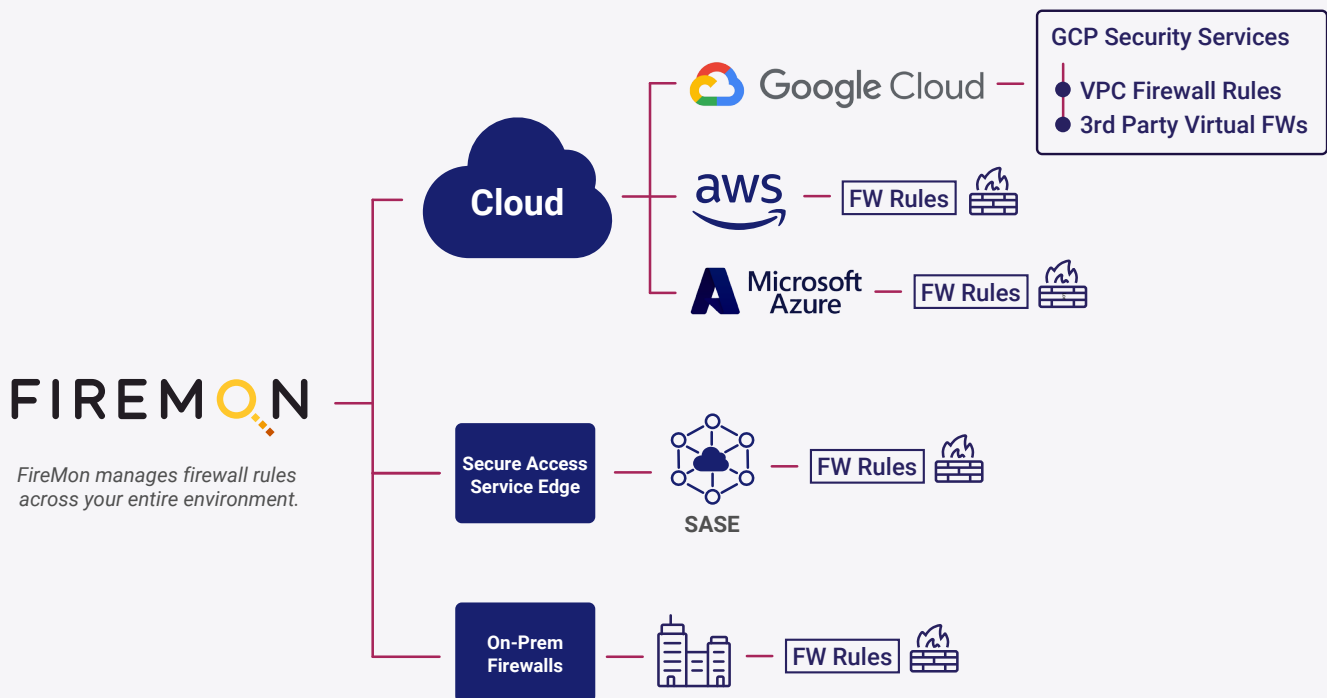
- A real-time centralized repository of firewalls, rules, and policies that spans the entire environment
- Search for any device, policy, or rule with FireMon's proprietary Security Intelligence Query Language (SIQL)
- Consolidated compliance and risk assessments with over 20 preconfigured reports
- 500+ controls and ability to create new ones using custom queries
- Intelligent rule design and change workflows with optional ITSM integration
- Rule review and recertification for complete rule lifecycle management
- Every platform available via APIs and over 100 native integrations
- Architected for scale and reliability in any size environment

FireMon + Google Cloud: How it Works

Google Cloud Services is a comprehensive suite of cloud computing services that offer solutions for infrastructure, storage, data, analytics, machine learning, networking, and more. Google Cloud enables businesses to leverage scalable and flexible cloud resources to build, deploy, and manage applications and services.

FireMon complements Google Cloud devices with a suite of specialized tools specifically designed to manage the complexity of firewall rules and policies. Once deployed, FireMon gathers rules and policies from every firewall across the environment and stores them in a centralized rule repository. Whether an entire network composed of 100% Google Cloud devices, or a combination of various vendors, FireMon pulls it all together into a single platform for visibility and control of the entire rulebase.

This single source of truth powers a comprehensive network model that offers policy and rule mapping, security control evaluations, and consolidated compliance reporting. It also adds a layer of intelligence that proposes rule changes and automatically checks that new rules won't interject any additional risk in the environment or violate compliance requirements before they're deployed.



Results of Using FireMon with Google Cloud

90% Less Time to Create Compliance Reports FireMon transforms compliance reporting from a year-round exercise to the click of a button. Reporting that would normally take audit teams weeks to collect and consolidate takes only minutes with FireMon.

90% Less Time to Create and Deploy New Firewall Rules Take the guesswork out of rule creation with FireMon's intelligent tools that find optimal routes between devices and provides accurate step-by-step instructions to create the rules manually or use the option to have Policy Manager automatically deploy them across the environment.

100% Detection of High-Risk and Misconfigured Rules FireMon's visibility to every rule and policy enables it to find every overly permissive and unused rule, and those that inadvertently expose services to the possibility of being exploited. It also protects the environment from the accidental creation of new risks by checking rule changes for vulnerabilities before they are deployed.

90% Less Time to Migrate Firewalls Policy Manager makes the job of migrations easier by helping security teams review firewall rules to ensure they are needed and functioning as intended. Once cleaned, the rules are ready to move from one vendor to another, or to the cloud. Migrations to Google Cloud devices or cloud security groups can be performed quickly and accurately with simply the click of a button.



FireMon's mission is to improve security operations that will in turn lead to better security outcomes. FireMon delivers industry-leading security policy management, cloud security operations, and asset management solutions. Our platform is the only real-time solution that reduces firewall and cloud security policy-related risks, manages policy changes, and enforces compliance. FireMon's Cloud Defense solution (formerly DisruptOps) is the only distributed cloud security operations offering that detects and responds to issues in the fast-paced public cloud environments. Our cloud-based Asset Management solution (formerly Lumeta) scans entire infrastructures to identify everything in the environment and provide valuable insights into how it's all connected.



Google Cloud accelerates every organization's ability to digitally transform its business and industry. We deliver enterprise-grade solutions that leverage Google's cutting-edge technology, and tools that help developers build more sustainably. Customers in more than 200 countries and territories turn to Google Cloud as their trusted partner to enable growth and solve their most critical business problems.