ForeScout has integrated its automated security control platform for network access control (NAC) and endpoint compliance with Citrix XenMobile™ MDM. With this joint solution, IT organizations obtain better security, compliance and control for all endpoints on an enterprise network.

ForeScout CounterACT is a network security appliance that provides IT organizations with the unique ability to see devices, including non-traditional devices, the instant they connect to the network. CounterACT provides policy-based control of these devices and works with ForeScout ControlFabric™ Architecture to orchestrate information sharing and automate operation among disparate security and IT management tools.

The Challenges

Visibility. Any serious attempt to manage security risk must start with knowledge of who and what is on your network, including visibility to whether the devices on your network are compliant with your security standards. Most organizations are unaware of a significant percentage of the endpoints on their network because they are either not managed (BYOD, guest and IoT), have disabled or broken agents, or aren’t detected by periodic scans (transient devices). As such, you are unaware of the attack surface on these devices. According to industry experts, a vast majority of successful attacks exploit well-known vulnerabilities and security gaps on endpoints connected to your network.

Threat Detection. Today’s cyber attacks are more sophisticated than ever. Multi-vectored, stealthy and targeted threats easily evade traditional security defenses such as firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, anti-virus platforms, and secure web and email gateways. Originating from highly motivated and well-funded threat actors and nation states, these attacks are focused on acquiring sensitive personal information, intellectual property or insider information. As the attackers have gained the upper hand, organizations are being compromised at an accelerating rate. In order to effectively detect and block these sophisticated threats, new security controls that do not rely on signatures are needed.

Response Automation. The velocity and evasiveness of today’s targeted attacks, coupled with increasing network complexity, mobility and BYOD, are creating a perfect storm for any incident response program. Without an automated system to monitor, install, update and reactivate security agents on managed systems, valuable time is lost performing these tasks manually. Without the ability to apply security controls to unmanaged endpoints (BYOD, guest and IoT), you are increasing your attack surface and putting your infrastructure at risk. And without a system to automatically and quickly respond to attacks and security breaches, you are leaving the window open for cyber threats to propagate within your network and exfiltrate data.
How it Works

ForeScout CounterACT™ integrates with Citrix XenMobile MDM to address these challenges and complete the mobile security puzzle. Through this integration, you can leverage your existing XenMobile MDM system within the broader context of unified security control that ForeScout CounterACT provides.

ForeScout CounterACT is an appliance (either physical or virtual) that installs on premises, typically at the core of your network. From that location, the appliance monitors network traffic and integrates with your existing switches and wireless access points. ForeScout CounterACT can detect devices the moment they try to connect to your network and can allow, block, limit, or redirect such devices depending on the security policies you choose to enforce.

ForeScout CounterACT communicates bi-directionally with XenMobile and can query XenMobile MDM for device attributes — “Is this device enrolled? Is this device compliant?” This information can be used by CounterACT as a basis for deciding whether to allow the device onto the network.

When used in conjunction with AirWatch, ForeScout CounterACT with the MDM Integration Module provides automated real-time detection of mobile devices, seamless enrollment and installation of MDM agents, just-in-time compliance checks and policy based access rules based on your security policies regardless of the device type.

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Figure 1: ForeScout CounterACT and XenMobile work in concert to assess and manage devices as they access the network.