



## Highlights



### See

- Discover devices as they connect to your network without requiring agents
- Profile and classify devices, users, applications and operating systems
- Assess and continuously monitor corporate, BYOD, guests and IoT devices



### Control

- Allow, deny or limit network access based on user, device profile and security posture
- Initiate threat mitigation actions on noncompliant, vulnerable or compromised endpoints
- Improve compliance with industry and government mandates and regulations



### Orchestrate

- Share user and device insight with Palo Alto Networks to enable context-aware security policies
- Implement dynamic network segmentation based on real-time device intelligence
- Enforce identity and host-aware network and application access controls

# ForeScout Extended Module for Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall

## Improve defenses with context-aware access policies and granular network segmentation

Many cyberattacks today rely on stealth and persistence to bypass traditional security defenses. Once they gain a foothold, attackers are able to move laterally across flat networks to gain access to important applications and sensitive information. By implementing best practices, such as dynamic network segmentation, and enforcing access based on user, device and security context, you can reduce your attack surface and limit the impact of data breaches.

### The Challenges

**Visibility.** Serious attempts to manage security risk must start with knowing who and what is on your network, including visibility into whether the devices on your network are compliant with your security standards. Most organizations are unaware of a significant percentage of endpoints on their network because they are:

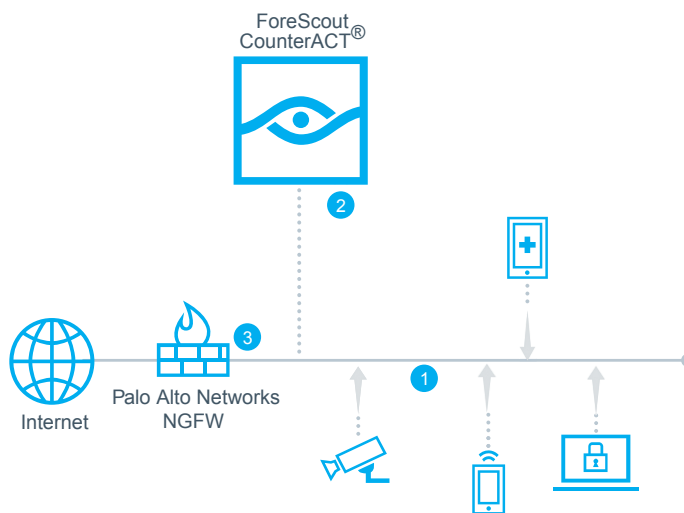
- Unmanaged guest or Bring-Your-Own-Devices (BYODs)
- Internet of Things (IoT) devices
- Devices with disabled or broken agents
- Transient devices, undetected by periodic scans

As a result, organizations are often unaware of the additional attack surface and elevated risk from these devices.

**Threat Detection.** According to industry experts, a vast majority of successful attacks exploit well-known vulnerabilities and security gaps on endpoints connected to your network. These threats can easily evade traditional security defenses and move laterally across flat networks to gain access to sensitive applications and information. To reduce your attack surface and confine threat propagation, you need network controls, such as dynamic segmentation, to help ensure limited resource access on a need-to-know basis.

**Response Automation.** Traditional response techniques rely on manual measures and IT staff to correlate heaps of information, identify high-priority incidents and act on the potential threats. The velocity and evasiveness of these targeted threats, coupled with increasing network complexity, mobility and BYOD, can easily overwhelm this response chain and render it ineffective. For combating today's cyberthreats, it is essential for IT teams to devise a cohesive, automated response strategy to limit threat propagation, security breaches and data exfiltration.

- 1 CounterACT discovers, classifies and assesses devices as they connect to the network
- 2 The ForeScout Extended Module sends user identity, host-profile information and tags to the next-generation firewall
- 3 The next-generation firewall leverages user, device and security context from ForeScout to enforce security policy and network access



### ForeScout Extended Modules

The ForeScout Extended Module for Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall is an add-on module for ForeScout CounterACT that is sold and licensed separately. It is one of many ForeScout Extended Modules that enables ForeScout CounterACT to exchange information, automate threat response and remediation, and more efficiently mitigate a wide variety of security issues.

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### ForeScout Extended Module for Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall

ForeScout CounterACT® and Palo Alto Networks® next-generation firewalls work together to leverage complimentary capabilities of each solution and provide real-time visibility and precise, automated controls for secure access to critical applications and resources. The joint solution enables IT organizations to implement dynamic network segmentation and create context-aware security policies within their next-generation firewalls based on endpoint context from CounterACT.

The CounterACT network security appliance 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. It works with the ForeScout Modules to orchestrate information sharing and automate workflows among disparate security and IT management tools, including Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewalls.

Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewalls provide network control based on user, device, application and traffic classification. The next-generation firewall leverages user and device context from a variety of sources to enforce granular access policies with precise and flexible control over resources. The ForeScout Extended Module for Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall provides real-time user and device context to next-generation firewalls for various IP-connected devices, including corporate, BYOD, guest and IoT devices.

The joint solution leverages CounterACT's profiling, classification and assessment capabilities to tag endpoints dynamically and assign them to predefined groups within the next-generation firewall. This enables the next-generation firewall to segment resources on a need-to-know basis and assign access to resources on the move. Additionally, by providing user ID-to-device mapping and host profile information, the Extended Module enables next-generation firewalls to create granular access policies based on user and device context. The ForeScout Extended Module communicates with the Panorama security management platform to send endpoint information to a central location, improving overall efficiency and reducing administrative overhead.

With the Extended Module for Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Firewall, you can gain unique endpoint visibility, assign access to resources on the move and enforce granular, context-aware security policies. This helps to reduce your attack surface, prevent unauthorized access to sensitive resources and minimize malware proliferation and data breaches.

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