

# Security Compliance Automation for Financial Services

The Financial Services Sector is attacked 65 percent more often than any other, resulting in more than 200 million records being breached in 2016, a 937% increase year over year.<sup>1</sup> With roughly 50% of data breaches caused by people inside of an organization<sup>2</sup>, it's time your firm looked at how much control and visibility you have over who's accessing data on your networks.

## The IT Security Challenge

Today's networks are dynamic, changing with each device accessing it. As endpoints enter and leave the network, the threat landscape changes - and IT departments face the challenge of keeping pace.

Compliance requirements such as the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) and other industry-specific obligations ushered in a regulatory era that demands stringent IT security compliance. Factor in the mobility demands of customers, employees and guests; along with the increased rate of cyber-theft - and the mix turns into a risk management nightmare.

## Regulatory Compliance

All core IT regulatory compliance standards revolve around understanding who and what is on your network, where and when they have access, and the ability to automate and control access to sensitive data. SafeConnect helps you achieve that control, create frameworks of accountability and mitigate vulnerabilities – ensuring your compliance at audit time.

- **Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)** Identify every user and device on all portions of your network (wired and wireless), and comply with eight specific PCI DSS requirements
- **Sarbanes Oxley (SOX)** Affirm a framework of controls to support accountability and integrity around financial reporting, documentation and enforcement processes
- **Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)** Prove access to your data is tightly controlled and highly secured

## Identify, Secure, Orchestrate

SafeConnect is an essential network security solution for protecting your critical data and intellectual property, combining the real-time visibility, security and orchestration required to address regulatory compliance and security policy automation. SafeConnect is delivered as a Remote-Managed Service that relieves the organization of costly technical support related to on-going proactive monitoring, maintenance, and upgrades.



## How SafeConnect Can Help

SafeConnect first and foremost provides complete visibility to all devices connecting to your network, a core security requirement. This visibility includes user ID, MAC and IP address, role, device type, time and location and even compliance status.

SafeConnect provides port-based access control for wired and wireless users. You can create network access policies that are as granular as you need them to be, while being able to ensure rogue devices do not gain access to the network and MAC addresses cannot be spoofed.

SafeConnect integrates with any LDAP structure to create role-based access to your most sensitive data. This ensures that only those people with the designated role or rights to information are granted access.

With SafeConnect, create network access policies that are as granular as needed. SafeConnect then provides automated enforcement actions tailored to meet the needs of your organization and any security violation. You have options to audit, warn or quarantine with easy self-remediation steps.

SafeConnect allows you to easily access detailed reports necessary during audits, such as policy compliance, policy failure, and actions taken to remediate.

SafeConnect can provide an isolated guest network to capture the identity of any visitor, while keeping them off any internal networks.

# Solution Brief

SafeConnect automates your security policies – from assessing compliance with security policies to determining if a specific application is running on a device while it is on the network. Other features include the following:

- Real-time agentless device identification of endpoints and user authentication prevents unauthorized devices and users from accessing critical network resources
- Dynamic identity-based network and application access assignment based on the role a user plays at your organization
- Guest self-enrollment and automated verification, including multiple guest access profile options and approval policies
- Self-guided remediation allows users to conform to security policies without help desk support

## SafeConnect Solution Offerings

**Identify and Authenticate.** SafeConnect automatically recognizes when devices attempt access to wired, wireless, or VPN networks and provides agentless device profiling, user authentication, browserless Internet of Things (IoT) device enrollment, self-provisioning guest access management and real-time contextual intelligence reporting. This is an ideal solution to enable context-aware device visibility (identity/role, device type profiling, location, IP/MAC Address, and ownership/liability). Network access policies can be assigned by role, for example, enabling different privileges for employees, vendors or guests.

**Posture Assessment.** SafeConnect enhances the security posture of your network by providing real-time policy assessment, enforcement, and self-remediation for Windows & MAC OS X devices. Every user's system is checked prior to granting network access to ensure that the device adheres to your acceptable use policies (anti-virus, operating patches, personal firewalls, peer-to-peer software, etc.) as well as on a continuous basis after access is granted. Web-based, self-remediation orchestration enables users to conform to security policies without help desk involvement.

**Secure BYOD On-Boarding.** Welcome every new user with a captive web portal that authenticates the end user, configures the device's embedded 802.1X supplicant, and automatically transfers the device to a designated secure SSID network segment. By eliminating manual configuration, the solution delivers a more secure solution with a reduction in help desk calls and dramatically accelerates user adoption of WPA Enterprise or certificate-based secure wireless. Users are automatically associated with their secure wireless network on subsequent network connections without the need for repeated logins.

**Network Security Orchestration.** SafeConnect's Network Security Orchestration capabilities offer context-aware device visibility, security compliance, access control, and reporting through a single-pane-of-glass that provides enhanced cyber security defenses. With this approach, the focus is on blocking unauthorized devices.

- Automate policy enforcement based upon the risk levels reported by threat detection systems such as intrusion detection system (IDS) and Advanced Threat Protection (ATP)
- Publish real-time Contextual Intelligence information to next-generation firewalls, web content & bandwidth managers to enable much more granular policies
- Integrate with SIEM providers which enables much more detailed reporting for enhanced security assessment decisions in a timely manner.

**Remote-Managed Support Services.** The Impulse Experience is the result of our real-time contextual intelligence, simplified access control architecture, remote managed support services, and customer-centric business philosophy that delivers freedom from excess time, risk and negative experiences to all facets of the organization.

In addition to its simplified architecture and enhanced user experience design, a key benefit is how the SafeConnect solution is delivered and supported. SafeConnect solutions are premise-based but come with a service that keeps the system updated regarding the latest devices, operating systems, and AV packages. In a world where users change and update their devices on a frequent basis, it is imperative that a security solution keeps ahead of these changes. SafeConnect's Cloud-Managed Support Service includes the following:

- Remote installation, training and deployment assistance
- 24x7 proactive system monitoring
- Problem determination and resolution ownership
- Daily device type, security updates and policy configuration data remote backups
- Installation of all maintenance updates and application version upgrades



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