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Qualys Policy Audit

Closing the Compliance Gap at Machine Speed

Executive Overview

In the age of AI, misconfigurations are discovered and exploited at machine speed, but most organizations still rely on point-in-time compliance checks, manual workflows, static frameworks, and disjointed evidence collection. These fragmented compliance readiness methods cause alert fatigue, prioritize the wrong risks, miss critical regulatory requirements, and create blind spots resulting in audit failure.

Policy Audit uses AI to continuously discover misconfigurations across hybrid and multi-cloud environments, prioritize findings by actual risk using TrueRisk™, automate remediation with Audit Fix, and collect audit-ready evidence in real-time at machine speed.

Use Cases: What You're Solving For

	Today	Need	Why
Prioritize at AI-Speed	• **10.5B** findings • Manual triage • No risk scoring	• Rank by risk in seconds • Surface critical gaps • Eliminate noise	• **75%** of breaches exploit same weaknesses • **70%** of audit failures from same families • **96%** of findings are noise
Automate Remediation with Audit Fix	• **51–150-day** avg remediation • Unresolved findings • Repeat violations	• Automated remediation • Custom scripts • Proactive closure	• **82%** exposure reduction • **30-day** avg remediation • **1M+** misconfigurations remediated
Report in Real-Time	• Static reporting • No framework mapping • Audit readiness unknown	• Multi-framework visibility • Gap reporting • Real-time posture	• Most don't know **PCI/ NIST/HIPAA** status • **80%** take reactive approach

The Platform: Prioritize + Remediate + Report

Policy Audit delivers three core capabilities working together to automate the complete compliance lifecycle at machine speed.

Prioritize **Risk-Based Prioritization**	**"Which violations matter most?"** • AI-driven risk scoring by business impact • **96%** reduction in findings requiring attention • Violations ranked by exploitability & regulatory weight	**Outcome** • Critical violations surface first • **71%** less triage time
Remediate **Automated Remediation with Audit Fix**	**"How do we fix at scale, continuously?"** • Pre-built scripts mapped to controls • Automated deployment & validation • Closed-loop orchestration with ownership tracking	**Outcome** • **82%** exposure reduction • **30-day** avg remediation
Report **Compliance Intelligence**	**"Are we audit-ready across all frameworks?"** • Real-time multi-framework dashboards • Framework-specific audit readiness scoring • Predictive compliance gap alerts	**Outcome** • Audit-ready evidence on demand • Continuous visibility with zero blind spots

Key Differentiators

Streamlined Audit Operations	• Feed compliance risk directly to your GRC tools • Seamless onboarding with automated workflows via ServiceNow • Reduce audit prep time and cost
Continuous Audit Readiness	• Generate audit-ready reports from **100+** mandates • Continuous evidence collection eliminates human error • Proactive gap analysis before auditors arrive
Reduced Risk Exposure	• Stay ahead of shifting regulations continuously • TruRisk™ prioritizes highest-impact gaps • Clear visibility into real risk across mandates

Core Capabilities

Seamless Onboarding	Deploy in hours without disruption. Quick integration with existing compliance infrastructure.
Auto Discovery & Auth Record Creation	Automatically discover all assets. Reduce discovery time from weeks to hours.
Remediation for Compliance Controls	Pre-built scripts or custom fixes. Close gaps at scale with clear ownership.
MITRE-Driven Prioritization	Prioritize by adversary tactics and techniques. Focus on real operational and compliance risk.
Executive Audit Readiness Report	Generate on-demand audit reports. Show compliance posture across 100+ frameworks at a glance.
Real-Time Compliance Visibility	Monitor continuously across all frameworks. Detect drift within minutes, not months.
Risk-Based Scoring	Score by threat intelligence, asset criticality, and business context. Eliminate noise and surface what matters most.
In-House Researched Baseline Policies	Proprietary policies for technologies without standard benchmarks. Qualys-curated research for every asset and control.

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Policy Audit automates the five-step journey from discovery to continuous monitoring, ensuring compliance becomes continuous rather than seasonal.

1

Discover: Continuous visibility across 100+ compliance frameworks

Automatically surface misconfigurations across CIS Benchmarks, DISA STIGs, NIST, PCI DSS, DORA, and other frameworks with no blind spots, no surprises.

2

Prioritize: Evaluate risk exposure and focus on the highest impact gap with TruRisk™

Risk-based prioritization powered by MITRE ATT&CK mapping, mandate requirements, QDS scoring, and advanced control logic.

3

Remediate: Resolve compliance gaps at scale with Audit Fix

Automated remediation workflows with ITSM integration, CI/CD pipeline support, and continuous monitoring for compliance validation.

4

Report: Executive dashboard with real-time compliance insights

Audit-ready reports mapped across 100+ compliance mandates with real-time control validation and customizable dashboards.

5

Monitor: Detect and prevent gaps in real-time

Continuous compliance monitoring with automated gap detection, rule-based alerts, and ITSM integration for immediate action.

The Impact: Five Operational Metrics

	The Question	Policy Audit Answer
Exposure Visibility	Which misconfigurations create real operational exposure?	Auto-discovered inventory. **EOL/EOS** identified. **100%** visibility in hours, not weeks.
Risk Prioritization Speed	How do we prioritize operational and audit risk at machine speed?	Risk-based scoring with MITRE ATT&CK. **95%** noise reduction. Machine-speed decisions.
Framework Alignment	How do we align controls across evolving frameworks?	Reports mapped across **100+** frameworks. New mandates auto-mapped within hours.
Remediation at Scale	How do we remediate at scale with less manual effort?	Pre-built scripts + Audit-Fix. Days → Hours. **90%** manual effort reduction.
Audit Readiness Persistence	How do we maintain continuous audit readiness?	Continuous detection & evidence gathering. Always audit-ready.

From Reactive to Proactive Compliance

Policy Audit transforms compliance from a reactive, audit-driven burden into a proactive, operationalized discipline.

1,200+	500+	100+	95%
out-of-box policies	**technologies monitored**	**compliance frameworks**	**fewer audit failures**

Repeat findings disappear entirely, and compliance becomes a business advantage instead of a bottleneck.

Organizations that move from point-in-time compliance checks to continuous, AI-driven monitoring don't just pass audits—they stay compliant between them. That's compliance confidence.

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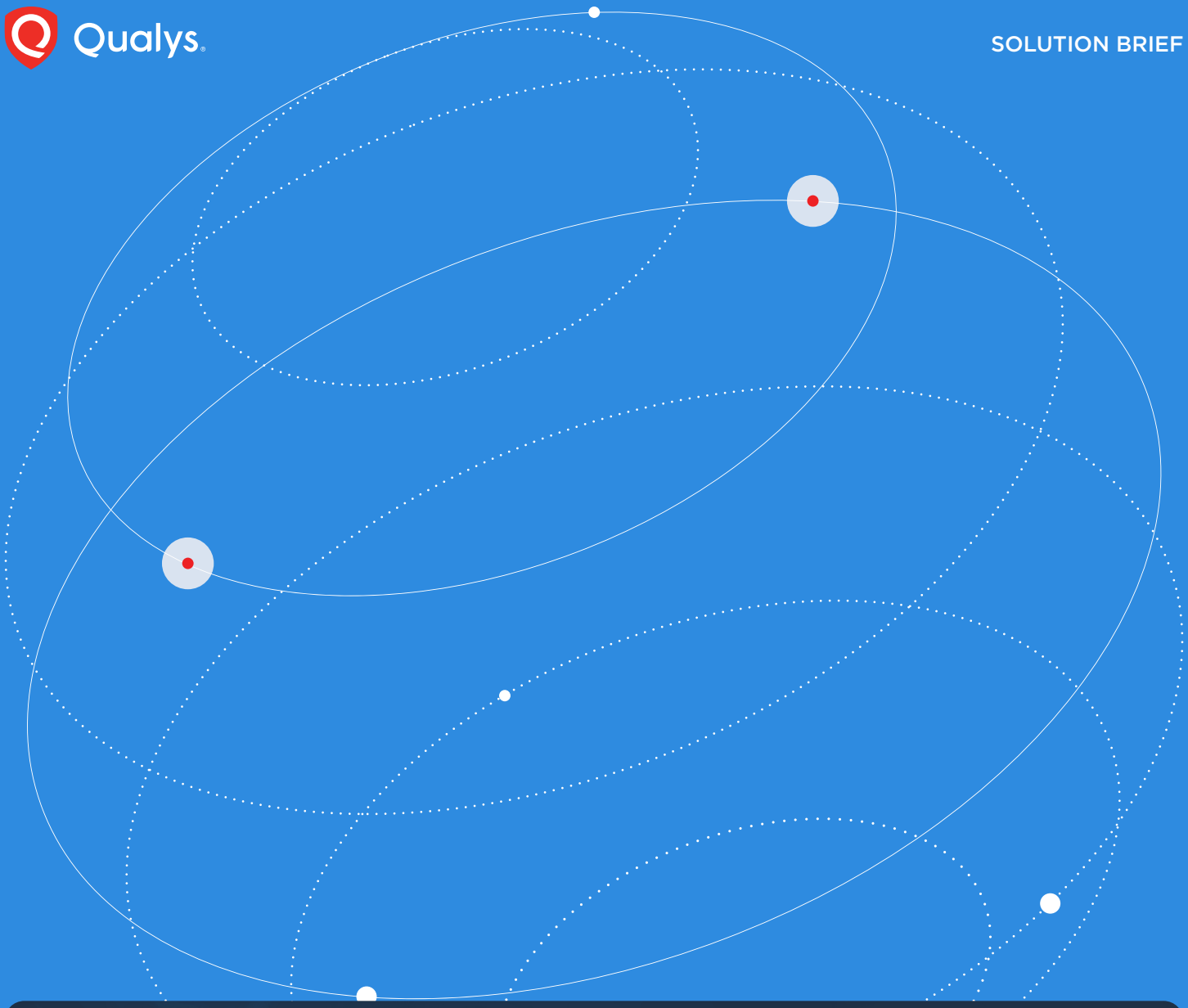

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