

Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) Stakeholders:



The Security Content Automation Protocol and the Federal Desktop Core Configuration

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Agenda

- Challenges with Current Security Approaches
- Introduction to Security Content Automation Protocol
- How Does SCAP Work
- Linking Configuration to Compliance with SCAP
- SCAP Stakeholders, Contributors, and Early Adopters
- SCAP Validation Program



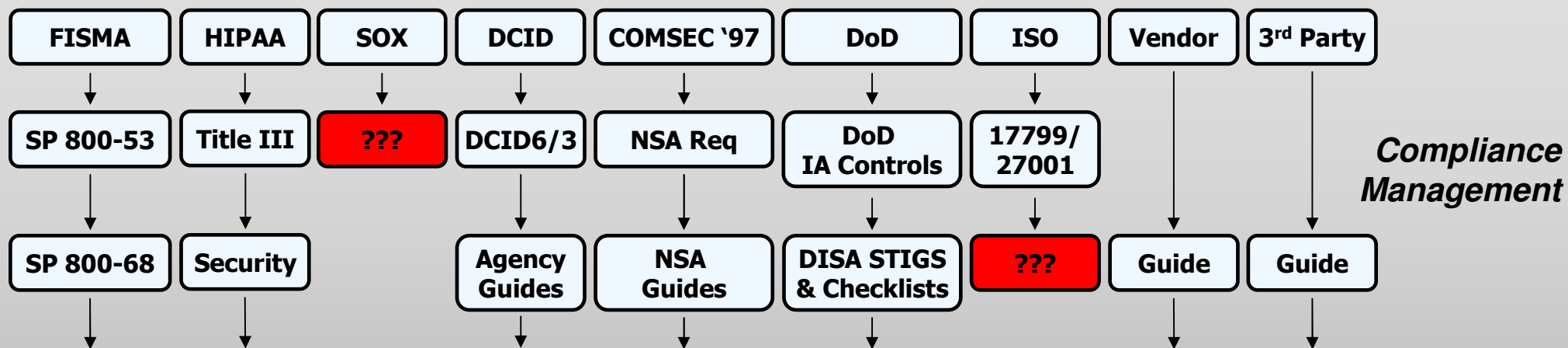
Vision and Impact

■ SCAP

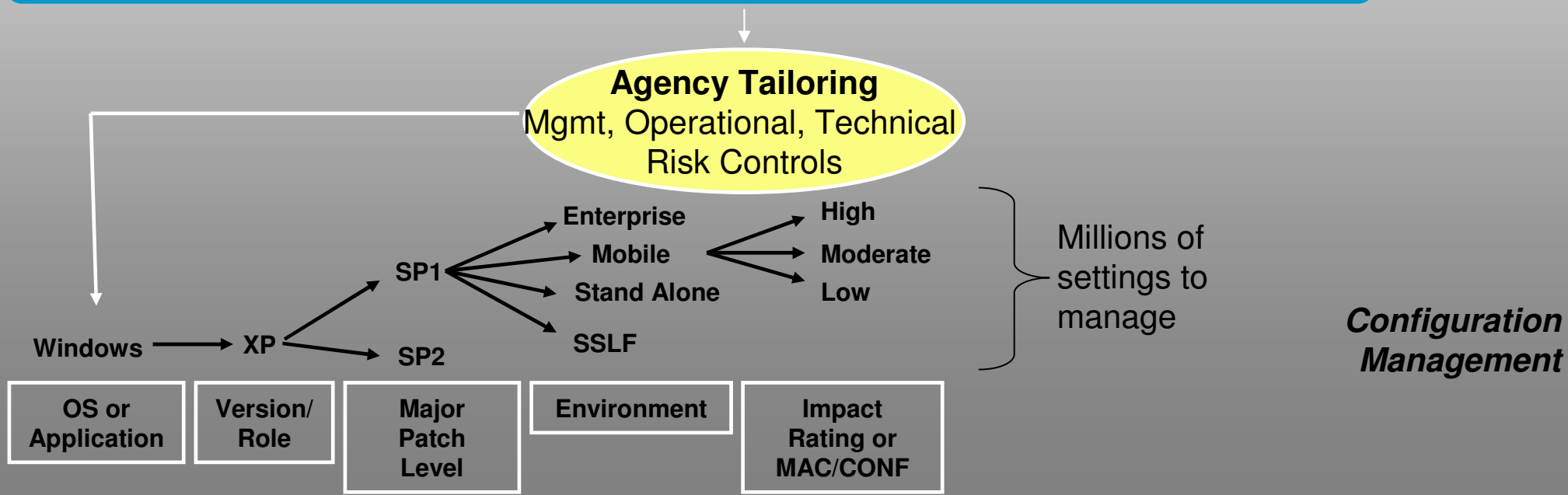
- Enhance the capabilities of IT security products (base of reference material, interoperability)
- Empowering end user organization (visibility, customization, not locked into a single tool)
- Standardizing and automating vulnerability management, measurement, and policy compliance checking
- Integrating and standardizing security operations, compliance, and outside audits



Current State: Compliance and Configuration Management



Finite Set of Possible Known IT Risk Controls & Application Configuration Options

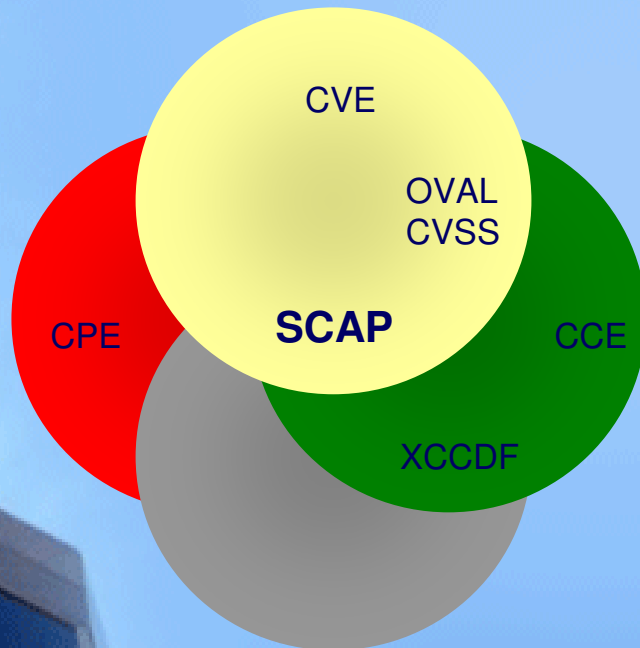


What is SCAP?

How

Standardizing the format by which we communicate

Protocol



What

Standardizing the information we communicate

Content



<http://nvd.nist.gov>

- 70 million hits per year
- 20 new vulnerabilities per day
- Mis-configuration cross references
- Reconciles software flaws from US CERT and MITRE repositories
- Produces XML feed for NVD content



Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)

Standardizing How We Communicate

MITRE



CVE

Common Vulnerability Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary of security related software flaws

MITRE



CCE

Common Configuration Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary of software misconfigurations

MITRE



CPE

Common Platform Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary for product naming



XCCDF

eXtensible Checklist Configuration Description Format

Standard XML for specifying checklists and for reporting results of checklist evaluation

MITRE



OVAL

Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language

Standard XML for test procedures



CVSS

Common Vulnerability Scoring System

Standard for measuring the impact of vulnerabilities

Cisco, Qualys, Symantec, Carnegie Mellon University



Existing Federal Content

Standardizing What We Communicate



- In response to NIST being named in the Cyber Security R&D Act of 2002
- Encourages vendor development and maintenance of security guidance
- Currently hosts 114 separate guidance documents for over 141 IT products
- Translating this backlog of checklists into the Security Content Automating Protocol (SCAP)
- Participating organizations: DISA, NSA, NIST, Hewlett-Packard, CIS, ITAA, Oracle, Sun, Apple, Microsoft, Citadel, LJK, Secure Elements, ThreatGuard, MITRE Corporation, G2, Verisign, Verizon Federal, Kyocera, Hewlett-Packard, ConfigureSoft, McAfee, etc.



- Over 70 million hits per year
- 29,000 vulnerabilities
- About 20 new vulnerabilities per day
- Mis-configuration cross references to:
 - NIST SP 800-53 Security Controls (All 17 Families and 163 controls)
 - DoD IA Controls
 - DISA VMS Vulnerability IDs
 - Gold Disk VIDs
 - DISA VMS PDI IDs
 - NSA References
 - DCID
 - ISO 17799
- Reconciles software flaws from:
 - US CERT Technical Alerts
 - US CERT Vulnerability Alerts (CERTCC)
 - MITRE OVAL Software Flaw Checks
 - MITRE CVE Dictionary
- Produces XML feeds for NVD content



National Checklist Program Hosted at National Vulnerability Database Website

Sponsored by DHS National Cyber Security Division/US-CERT

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Vulnerability Database

automating vulnerability management, security measurement, and compliance checking

Vulnerabilities | Checklists | Product Dictionary | Impact Metrics | Data Feeds | Statistics

Home | ISAP/SCAP | SCAP Validated Tools | SCAP Events | About | Contact | Vendor Comments

Mission and Overview

NVD is the U.S. government repository of standards based vulnerability management data. This data enables automation of vulnerability management, security measurement, and compliance (e.g. FISMA).

Resource Status

NVD contains:

- 28360 CVE Vulnerabilities
- 118 Checklists
- 91 US-CERT Alerts
- 2016 US-CERT Vuln Notes
- 2966 OVAL Queries
- 12969 Vulnerable Products

Last updated: 12/07/07
 CVE Publication rate: 12 vulnerabilities / day

Email List

National Checklist Program Repository

Details on the National Checklist Program (NCP) are available [here](#).

NCP contains 118 checklists covering 150 products

Keyword Search: Search
 (try a checklist or product name)

View all by category:

Product Category	The checklists are listed by the main product category of the IT product, e.g. firewall, IDS, operating system, web server, etc.
Vendor	The checklists are listed by the manufacturer of the IT product.
Submitting Organization	The name of the organization and authors that produce the checklist.

Recent Updates (includes updates from the last 6 months)

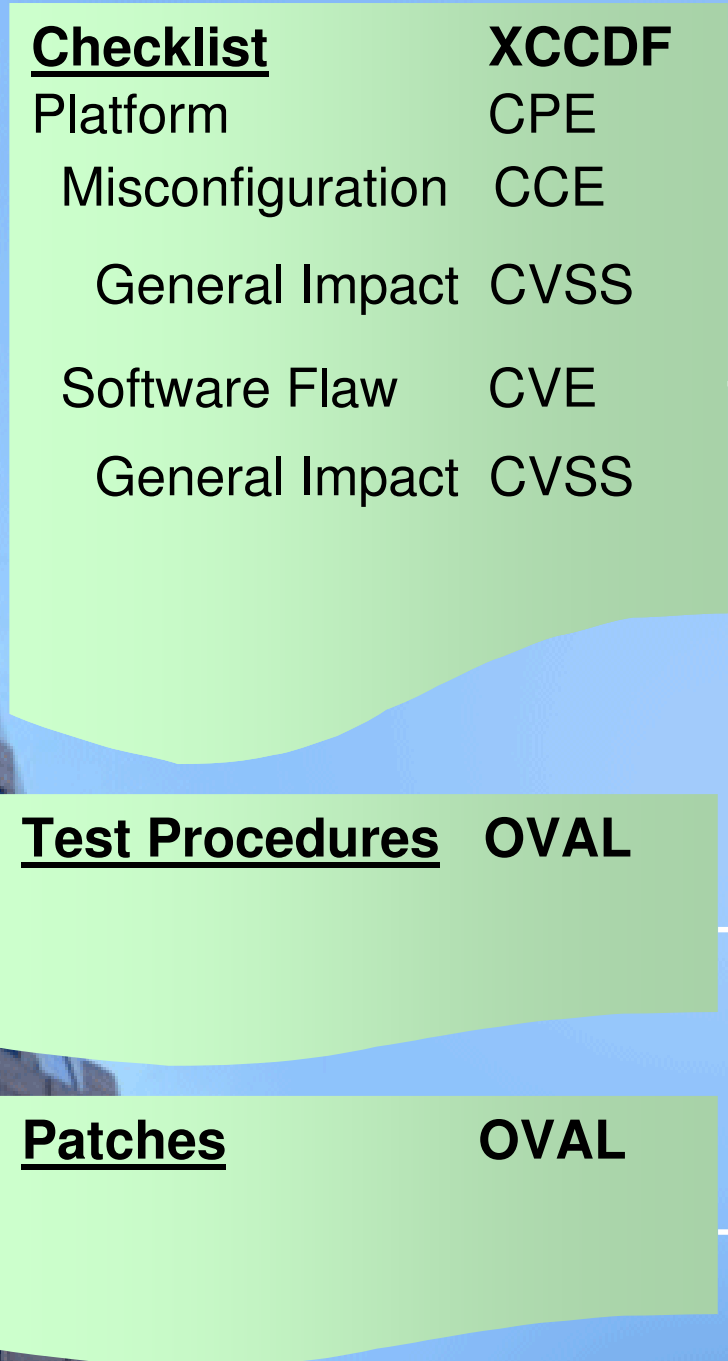
The symbol denotes newly added checklists
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12/03/2007	Desktop Application Security Checklist
	Gold Standard Benchmark for Cisco IOS, Level 1 and 2 Benchmarks

National Checklist Program	
Checklist Summary #10: Desktop Application Security Checklist	
Checklist Item Name	Desktop Application Security Checklist
Checklist Item Version Number	Version 2, Release 1.8
Status	Final
Creation Date	10/25/2007
Original Publication Date	2003-02-28
Revision Date	12/03/2007
Product Category	Web Browser
Vendor (s)	Microsoft Netscape
Product (s)	Microsoft ie Microsoft ie Netscape Communicator Netscape Communicator Netscape Communicator Netscape Netscape Netscape Communicator Netscape Communicator
Product Version (s)	Microsoft ie 5.5 Microsoft ie 6.0 Netscape Communicator 4.76 Netscape Communicator 4.77 Netscape Communicator 4.78 Netscape Netscape 6.2.3 Netscape Communicator 4.79 Netscape Communicator 4.8
CPE Name (s)	cpe:/a:Microsoft:ie:5.5 cpe:/a:Microsoft:ie:6.0



How SCAP Works



Specific Impact CVSS
Results

Specific Impact CVSS
Results

Linking Configuration to Compliance

Keyed on SP800-53
Security Controls

```
<Group id="IA-5" hidden="true">  
<title>Authenticator Management</title>  
<reference>ISO/IEC 17799: 11.5.2, 11.5.3</reference>  
<reference>NIST 800-26: 15.1.6, 15.1.7, 15.1.9, 15.1.10,  
15.1.11, 15.1.12, 15.1.13, 16.1.3, 16.2.3</reference>  
<reference>GAO FISCAM: AC-3.2</reference>  
<reference>DOD 8500.2: IAKM-1, IATS-1</reference>  
<reference>DCID 6/3: 4.B.2.a(7), 4.B.3.a(11)</reference>  
<reference>HIPAA SR 164.308(a)(5)(ii)(D)  
</reference>  
</Group>
```

Traceability to Mandates

```
<Rule id="minimum-password-length" selected="false"  
weight="10.0">  
<reference>CCE-100</reference>  
<reference>DISA STIG Section 5.4.1.3</reference>  
<reference>DISA Gold Disk ID 7082</reference>  
<reference>PDI IAIA-12B</reference>  
<reference>800-68 Section 6.1 - Table A-1.4</reference>  
<reference>NSA Chapter 4 - Table 1 Row 4</reference>  
<requires idref="IA-5"/>  
[pointer to OVAL test procedure]  
</Rule>
```

Traceability to Guidelines

Rationale for security
configuration



Federal Risk Management Framework

Starting Point

FIPS 199 / SP 800-60

Categorize Information System

Define criticality /sensitivity of information system according to potential impact of loss

FIPS 200 / SP 800-53

Select Security Controls

Select baseline (minimum) security controls to protect the information system; apply tailoring guidance as appropriate

SP 800-53 / SP 800-30

Supplement Security Controls

Use risk assessment results to supplement the tailored security control baseline as needed to ensure adequate security and due diligence

SP 800-18

Document Security Controls

Document in the security plan, the security requirements for the information system and the security controls planned or in place

SP 800-70

Implement Security Controls

Implement security controls; apply security configuration settings

SP 800-53A

Assess Security Controls

Determine security control effectiveness (i.e., controls implemented correctly, operating as intended, meeting security requirements)

SP 800-37

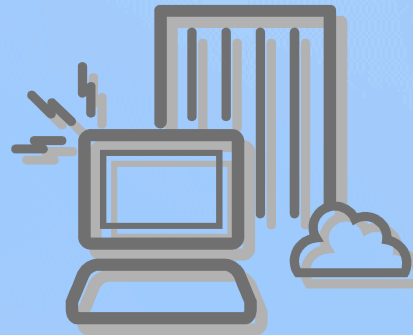
Authorize Information System

Determine risk to agency operations, agency assets, or individuals and, if acceptable, authorize information system operation

SP 800-37 / SP 800-53A

Monitor Security Controls

Continuously track changes to the information system that may affect security controls and reassess control effectiveness

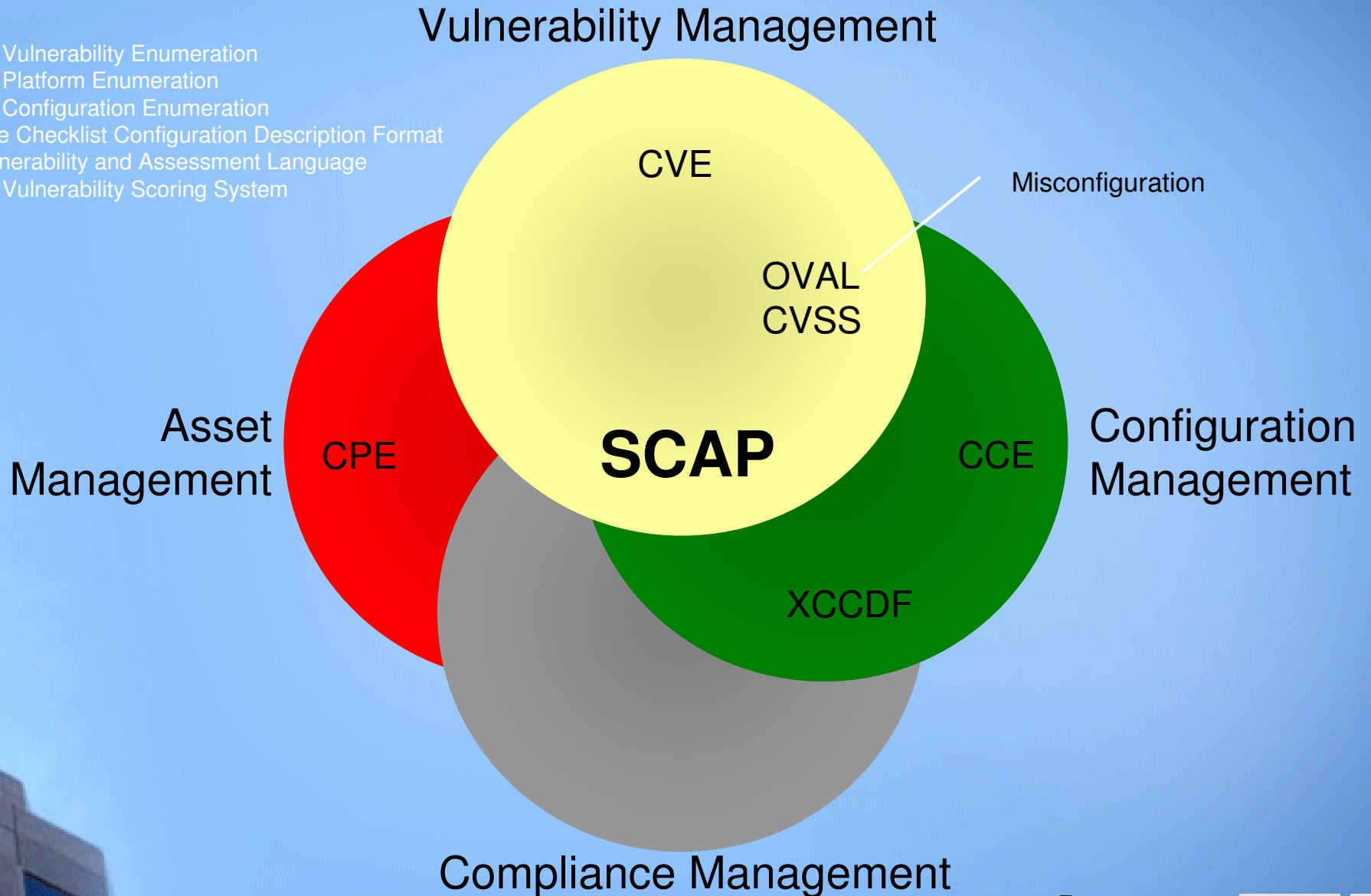


- ~ 19% of FISMA Security Controls are fully automated through SCAP
- ~ 24% of FISMA Security Controls are partially automated through SCAP

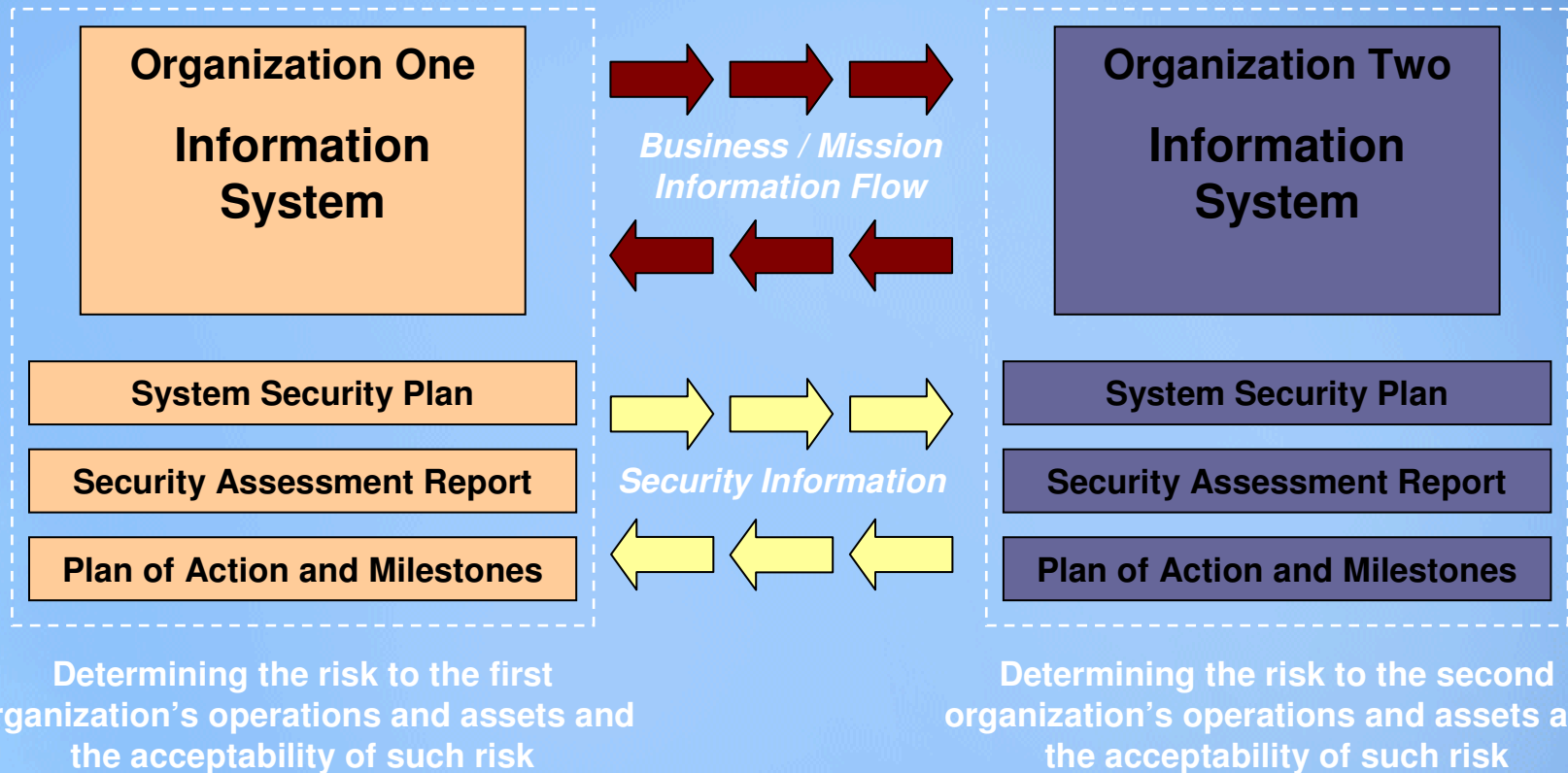


Integrating IT and IT Security Through SCAP

Common Vulnerability Enumeration
Common Platform Enumeration
Common Configuration Enumeration
eXtensible Checklist Configuration Description Format
Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language
Common Vulnerability Scoring System



Agility in a Digital World

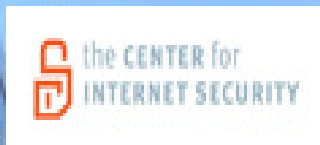


The objective is to achieve *visibility* into prospective business/mission partners information security programs **BEFORE** critical/sensitive communications begin...establishing levels of security due diligence and trust.



Stakeholder and Contributor Landscape: Industry

Product Teams and Content Contributors



Ai Metrix



Premier Data Services



Stakeholder and Contributor Landscape: Federal Agencies

SCAP Infrastructure, Beta Tests, Use Cases, and Early Adopters

DHS		OMB	
NSA		IC	
OSD		DISA	
DOJ		EPA	
Army		NIST	
DOS			



Projects and Initiatives

- While NIST led, SCAP is large multi-agency effort with an informal coordinating body and no central funding stream
 - NIST, OSD, OMB, DHS, NSA, DISA, Army, and AF
- Major dependencies on SCAP
 - World-wide Payment Card Industry (NVD)
 - OMB FDCC (SCAP and SCAP validation program)
 - DOD Computer Network Defense (SCAP, NVD)
 - DOD operational (NVD)
 - FISMA Phase II
- Situational Awareness Incident Response (SAIR) Working Group
- Long going, ongoing, operational commitment



OMB 31 July 2007 Memo to CIOs

Establishment of Windows XP and VISTA Virtual Machine and Procedures for Adopting the Federal Desktop Core Configurations

July 31, 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICERS

FROM: Karen Evans
Administrator, Office of E-Government and Information Technology

SUBJECT: Establishment of Windows XP and VISTA Virtual Machine and Procedures for Adopting the Federal Desktop Core Configurations

The Office of Management and Budget recently issued policy memorandum M-07-11, "Implementation of Commonly Accepted Security Configurations for Windows Operating Systems," which stated: "agencies with these operating systems [Windows XP and VISTA] and/or plans to upgrade to these operating systems must adopt these standard security configurations by February 1, 2008."

As we noted in the June 1, 2007 follow-up policy memorandum M-07-18, "Ensuring New Acquisitions Include Common Security Configurations," a virtual machine would be established "to provide agencies and information technology providers' access to Windows XP and VISTA images." The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Microsoft, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Homeland Security have now established a website hosting the virtual machine images, which can be found at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/fdcc>. The website also includes frequently asked questions and other technical information for adopting the Federal Desktop Core Configurations (FDCC).

Your agency can now acquire information technology products that are self-asserted by information technology providers as compliant with the Windows XP & VISTA FDCC, and use NIST's Security Content Automation Protocol (S-CAP) to help evaluate providers' self-assertions. Information technology providers must use S-CAP validated tools, as they become available, to certify their products do not alter these configurations, and agencies must use these tools when monitoring use of these configurations. Related resources (e.g., group policy objects) are also provided to help facilitate agency adoption of the FDCC.

For additional information about this initiative, please call 1-800-FED-INFO. Additional information about the S-CAP can be found at: <http://nvd.nist.gov/scap.cfm>.

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More Information

NIST FDCC Questions

fdcc@nist.gov

NIST FDCC Web Site

<http://fdcc.nist.gov>

- ⑩ FDCC SCAP Checklists
- ⑩ FDCC Settings
- ⑩ Virtual Machine Images
- ⑩ Group Policy Objects

National Checklist Program

<http://checklists.nist.gov>

National Vulnerability Database

<http://nvd.nist.gov> or <http://scap.nist.gov>

- ⑩ SCAP Checklists
- ⑩ SCAP Capable Products
- ⑩ SCAP Events

NIST SCAP Mailing Lists

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Questions



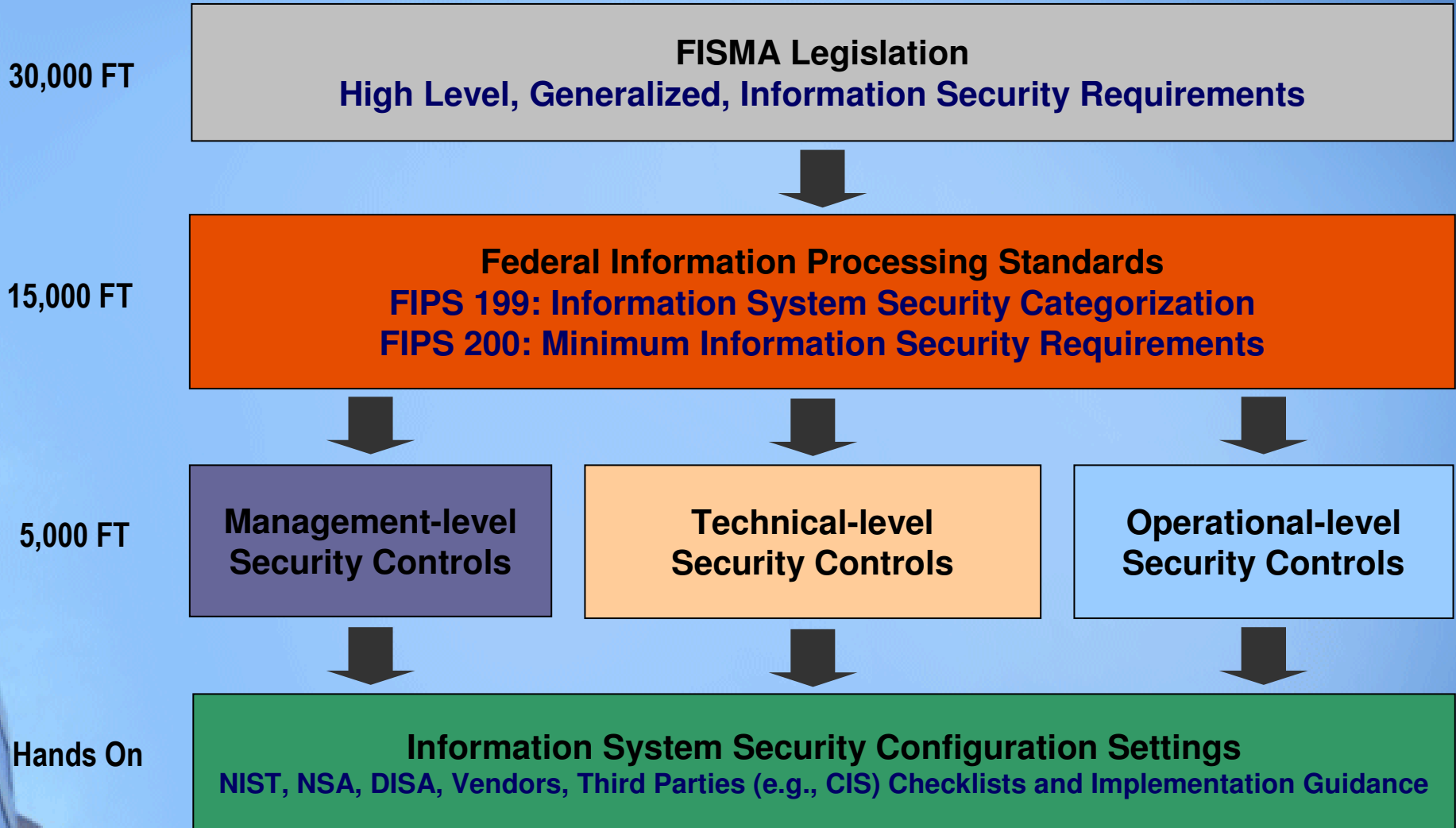
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Computer Security Division



Current State of Information Security



FISMA Compliance Model



Current State Summary - Compliance

A Study in Cause and Effect

Governing Bodies

Recognize the need to improve security and mandate it in an increasing number of laws, directives, and policies

Standards Bodies

Try to keep pace with an increasing number of mandates by generating more frameworks and guidelines

Product Teams

Based on the increasing number of mandates, see the need for automation, many seek to enable it through proprietary methods

Service Providers

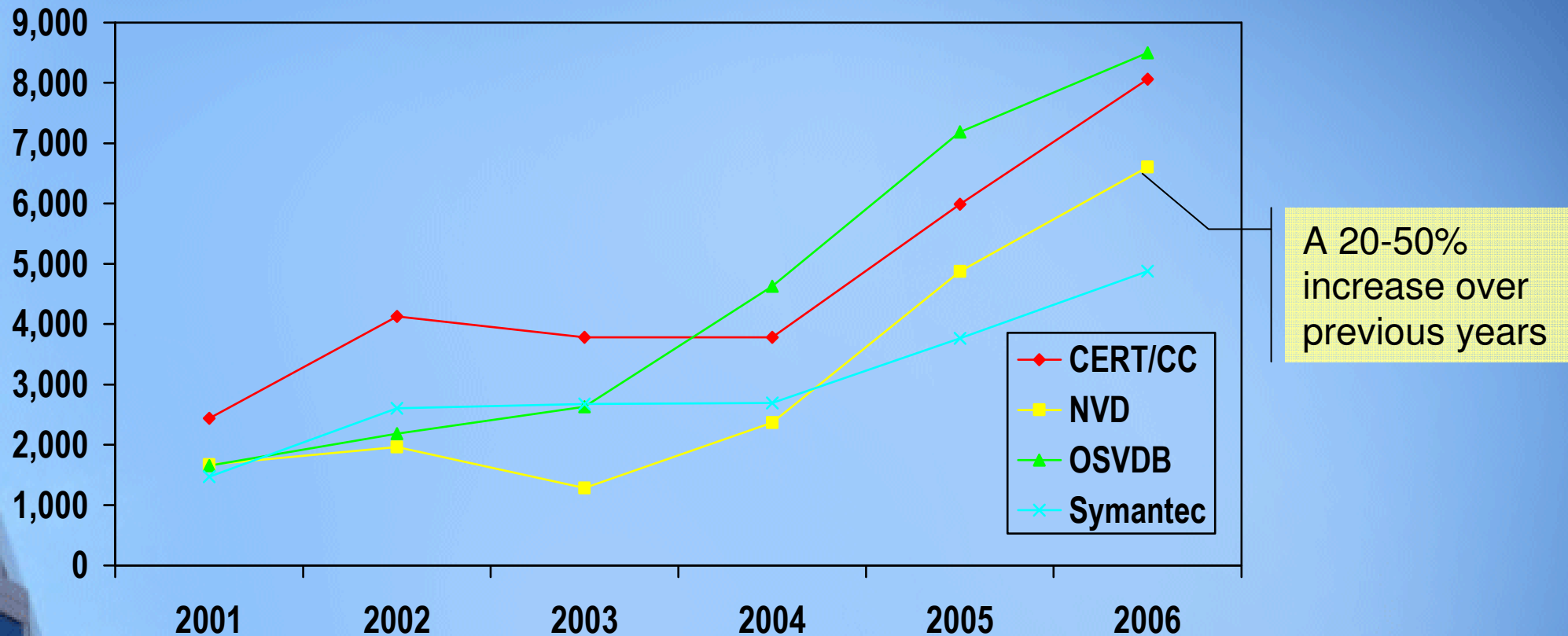
Based on the increasing number of mandates, see the need for automation and have responded by 1) learning a wide variety of both open and proprietary technologies and 2) implementing point solutions

Operations Teams

Lacking true automation, 1) have become overwhelmed by an increasing number of mandates, frameworks, and guidelines and 2) are spending a considerable amount of resources trying to keep pace



Current State: Vulnerability Trends



- Decreased timeline in exploit development coupled with a decreased patch development timeline (highly variable across vendors)
- Increased prevalence of zero day exploits
- Three of the SANS Top 20 Internet Security Attack Targets 2006 were categorized as “configuration weaknesses.” Many of the remaining 17 can be partially mitigated via proper configuration.

Current State: Vulnerability Management Industry

- Product functionality is becoming more hearty as vendors acknowledge connections between security operations and a wide variety of IT systems (e.g., asset management, change/configuration management)
- Some vendors understand the value of bringing together vulnerability management data across multiple vendors
- Vendors driving differentiation through:
 - enumeration, **Hinders information sharing and automation**
 - evaluation, **Reduces reproducibility across vendors**
 - content, **Drives broad differences in prioritization and remediation**
 - measurement, and
 - reporting



Supplemental – SCAP Platform Evaluation Tutorial



Current and Near-Term Use Cases

Configuration

Organization Guidelines (e.g., STIG)

National Checklist Program

Misconfiguration Software Flaws

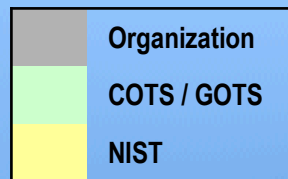
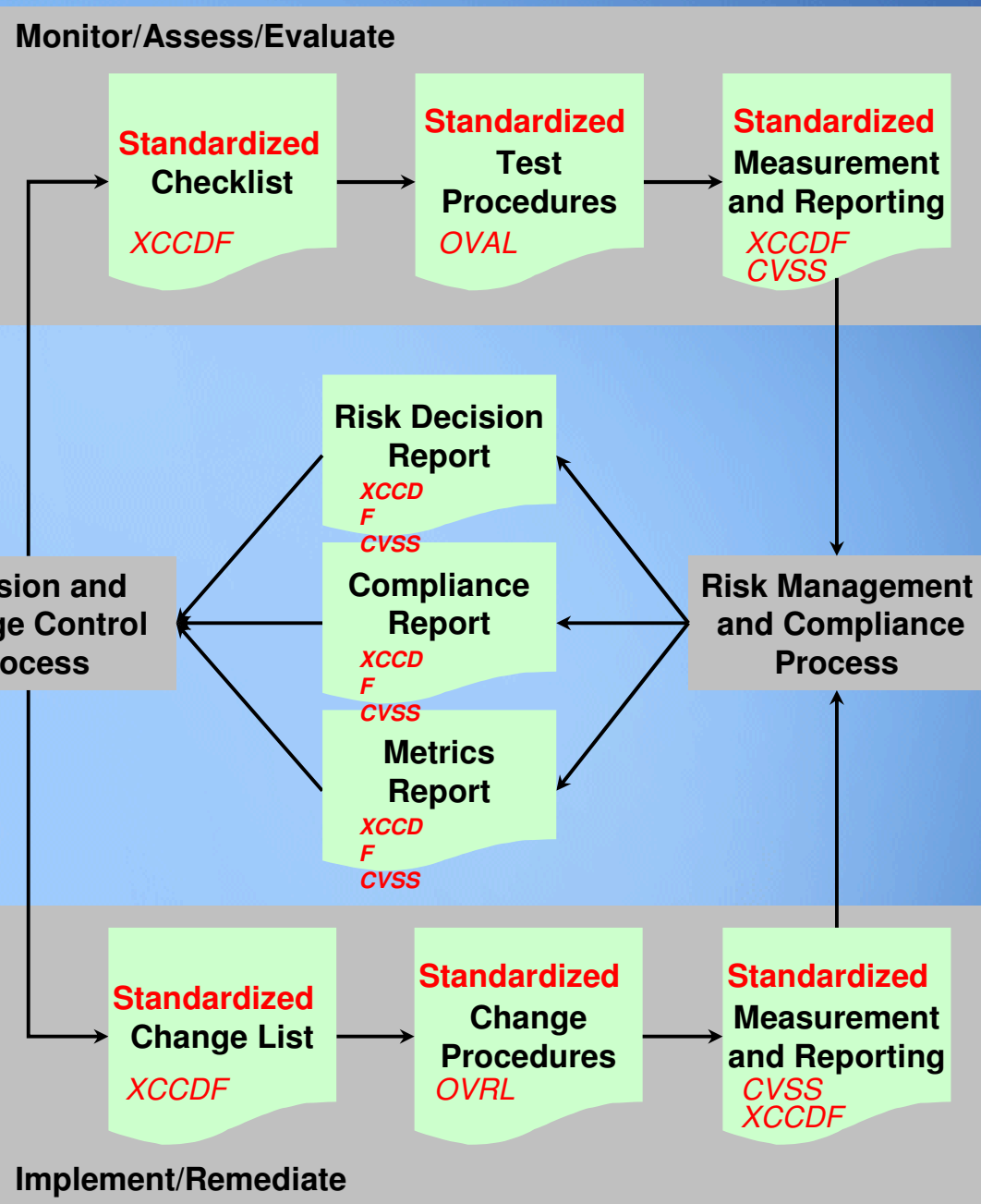
XCCDF, CPE, CVE, CCE, OVAL, CVSS

National Vulnerability Database

Information Feeds

Vulnerability Alerts (e.g., IAVA)

Organization Vulnerability Database



Current Problems

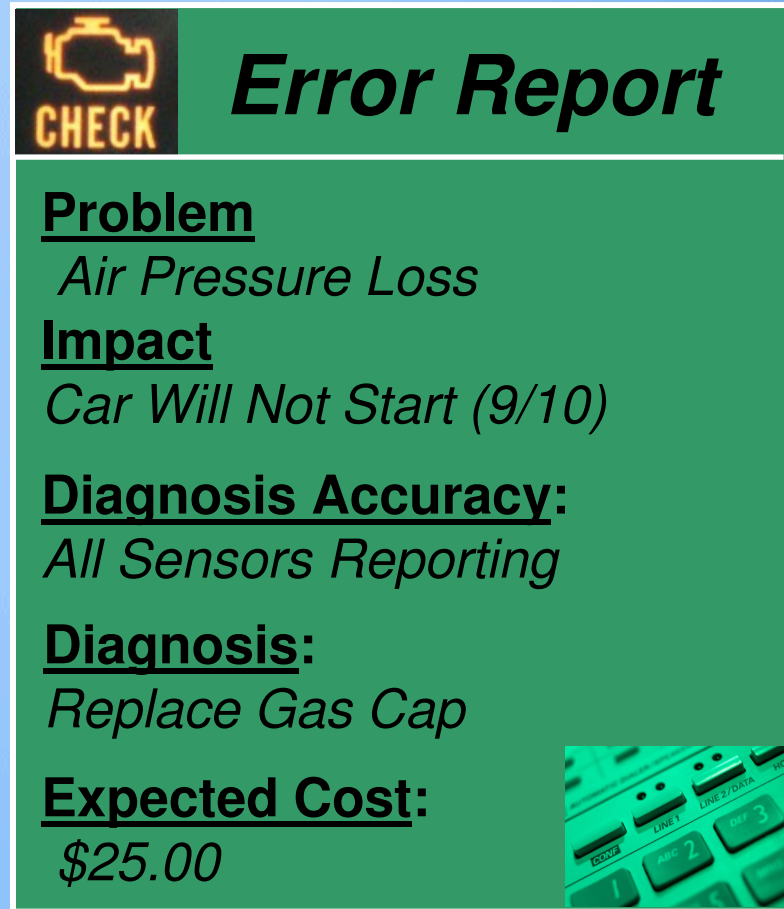
Conceptual Analogy (Continued)




Before



After



 **Error Report**


Problem
Air Pressure Loss

Impact
Car Will Not Start (9/10)

Diagnosis Accuracy:
All Sensors Reporting

Diagnosis:
Replace Gas Cap

Expected Cost:
\$25.00



XML Made Simple


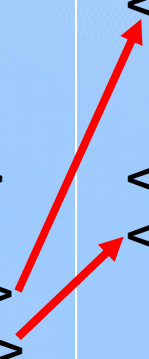


XCCDF - eXtensible Car Care Description Format

```
<Car>
  <Description>
    <Year> 1997 </Year>
    <Make> Ford </Make>
    <Model> Contour </Model>
  <Maintenance>
    <Check1> Gas Cap = On <>
    <Check2> Oil Level = Full <>
  </Maintenance>
</Description>
</Car>
```

OVAL – Open Vehicle Assessment Language

```
<Checks>
  <Check1>
    <Location> Side of Car <>
    <Procedure> Turn <>
  </Check1>
  <Check2>
    <Location> Hood <>
    </Procedure> ... <>
  </Check2>
</Checks>
```




Error Report

Problem:
Air Pressure Loss

Diagnosis Accuracy:
All Sensors Reporting

Diagnosis:
Replace Gas Cap

Expected Cost:
\$25.00






SCAP Content Made Simple

Standardized
Checklist

XCCDF - eXtensible Checklist Configuration Description Format

```
<Document ID> NIST SP 800-68
<Date> 04/22/06 </Date>
<Version> 1 </Version>
<Revision> 2 </Revision>
<Platform> Windows XP <>
<Check1> Password >= 8 <>
<Check2> Win XP Vuln <>
</Maintenance>
</Description>
</Car>
```

	CPE
	CCE
	CVE

OVAL – Open Vulnerability Assessment Language

```
<Checks>
<Check1>
  <Registry Check> ... <>
  <Value> 8 </Value>
</Check1>
<Check2>
  <File Version> ... <>
  <Value> 1.0.12.4 </Value>
</Check2>
</Checks>
```

Standardized
Test
Procedures

Standardized
Measurement
and Reporting



Application to Automated Compliance

The Connected Path

800-53 Security Control

Result

800-68 Security Guidance

API Call

ISAP Produced Security
Guidance in XML Format

COTS Tool Ingest



Application to Automated Compliance

The Connected Path

800-53 Security Control
DoD IA Control

AC-7 Unsuccessful Login Attempts

800-68 Security Guidance
DISA STIG/Checklist
NSA Guide

AC-7: Account Lockout Duration
AC-7: Account Lockout Threshold

ISAP Produced Security
Guidance in XML Format

```
<registry_test id="wrt-9999"
comment="Account Lockout Duration Set to
5" check="at least 5">
```

```
<object>
<hive>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</hive>
<key>Software\Microsoft\Windows</key>
<name>AccountLockoutDuration</name>
</object>
```

```
<data operation="AND">
<value operator="greater than">5* </value>
```

Result

```
RegQueryValue (lpHKey, path, value, sKey,
Value, Op);
```

```
If (Op == '>')
```

```
if ((sKey < Value)
```

```
return (1); else
```

```
return (0);
```

API Call

```
lpHKey = "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE"
```

```
Path = "Software\Microsoft\Windows\"
```

```
Value = "5"
```

```
sKey = "AccountLockoutDuration"
```

```
Op = ">"
```

COTS Tool Ingest



Supplemental – SCAP Value Reference



SCAP Value

Feature	Benefit
Standardizes how computers communicate vulnerability information – the protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enables interoperability for products and services of various manufacture
Standardizes what vulnerability information computers communicate – the content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enables repeatability across products and services of various manufacture ■ Reduces content-based variance in operational decisions and actions
Based on open standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Harnesses the collective brain power of the masses for creation and evolution ■ Adapts to a wide array of use cases
Uses configuration and asset management standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mobilizes asset inventory and configuration information for use in vulnerability and compliance management
Applicable to many different Risk Management Frameworks – Assess, Monitor, Implement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Reduces time, effort, and expense of risk management process
Detailed traceability to multiple security mandates and guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Automates portions of compliance demonstration and reporting ■ Reduces chance of misinterpretation between Inspector General/auditors and operations teams
Keyed on NIST SP 800-53 security controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Automates portions of FISMA compliance demonstration and reporting



Supplemental – FAQ for NIST FISMA Documents



Fundamental FISMA Questions

What are the NIST Technical Security Controls?

What are the Specific NIST recommended settings for individual technical controls?

How do I implement the recommended setting for technical controls? Can I use my COTS Product?

Am I compliant to NIST Recs & Can I use my COTS Product?

Will I be audited against the same criteria I used to secure my systems?



Fundamental FISMA Documents

