

Compliance Baseline

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Discussion

A Compliance Baseline is a [Baseline](#) that identifies the approved compliance criteria, benchmarks, profiles, controls, assessment settings, remediation expectations, and evidence requirements applicable to a defined system, artifact, environment, or process.

The Compliance Baseline establishes the controlled reference against which compliance findings and evidence are assessed.

A Compliance Baseline may identify a benchmark version, a selected profile, a control set, tailoring decisions, exceptions, a remediation policy, an assessment method, an evidence format, and an applicable operating context.

Within Crucible, a Compliance Baseline may apply to an image build, infrastructure deployment, [Software Factory](#), or other controlled environment.

Definition

[baseline](#) that identifies the approved compliance criteria, benchmarks, profiles, controls, assessment settings, remediation expectations, and evidence requirements applicable to a defined entity

Source

Generalized from compliance management, security engineering, control assessment, risk management, and configuration-management usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

A Compliance Baseline differs from a [Compliance Posture](#). The Compliance Baseline identifies the approved controlled configuration of compliance criteria and settings. The Compliance Posture describes the compliance condition or expectations applicable to an entity.

Changing a benchmark version, a selected profile, a tailoring decision, an exception, or a remediation policy may require a new Compliance Baseline.

Example

A Compliance Baseline identifies a specific DISA [Security Technical Implementation Guide \(STIG\)](#) benchmark release, the selected operating-system profile, enabled remediation, approved tailoring decisions, required scan stages, and the evidence artifacts produced from the assessment.

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