

Compliance Benchmark

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Discussion

A Compliance Benchmark is a defined collection of criteria, checks, configuration expectations, assessment procedures, or evaluation rules used to determine [Compliance](#) for a specified subject and operating context.

The benchmark may apply to an operating system, application, service, [Platform](#), [Machine Image](#), infrastructure environment, or organizational process.

A Compliance Benchmark may identify individual rules, severity levels, control references, applicability conditions, assessment methods, remediation guidance, and expected evidence.

A [Security Technical Implementation Guide \(STIG\)](#) can serve as a Compliance Benchmark for a defined product or technology. Within Crucible, the selected benchmark forms part of the applicable [Compliance Baseline](#) and [Compliance Posture](#).

Definition

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Source

Generalized from conformity assessment, cybersecurity, configuration assessment, quality management, and regulatory-compliance usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

A Compliance Benchmark should identify its issuing authority, version, applicable subject, scope, and assessment context.

Applying a Compliance Benchmark does not establish compliance unless the assessment evaluates the applicable criteria and records the resulting findings and evidence.

Example

A Crucible Image Baseline selects a [Security Technical Implementation Guide \(STIG\)](#) for [Red Hat Enterprise Linux \(RHEL\)](#) 9 as the Compliance Benchmark for a Hardened Image.

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