

Compliance Finding

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Discussion

A Compliance Finding is a recorded result produced by evaluating a specified subject against an applicable compliance criterion.

The finding may record satisfaction, non-satisfaction, non-applicability, inability to determine, execution error, or another result permitted by the applicable assessment method.

A Compliance Finding may identify the evaluated criterion, subject, benchmark and profile versions, assessment time, method, observed value, expected value, severity, rationale, remediation information, and supporting [Evidence](#).

Within Crucible, a Compliance Provider may produce scanner-specific findings that the compliance engine transforms into a common or normalized findings representation.

Definition

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Source

Generalized from conformity assessment, security assessment, audit, control evaluation, and compliance-scanning usage and specialized for the Crucible architecture and operational model.

Note

A Compliance Finding records the result for a single criterion or a bounded evaluation. A collection of Compliance Findings supports a broader determination of compliance.

A finding of non-satisfaction does not by itself determine the acceptability of the associated risk. The applicable governance and authorization process evaluates the finding, context, remediation, exceptions, and residual risk.

Example

An assessment evaluates a [Red Hat Enterprise Linux \(RHEL\) 9 Machine Image](#) against a [Security](#)

[Technical Implementation Guide \(STIG\)](#) rule requiring a specified audit configuration. The resulting Compliance Finding records whether the image satisfies the rule and preserves the observed configuration and supporting evidence.

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