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Abstract

This report defines the requirements and associated test procedures necessary for products to achieve one or more Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) validations. Validation is awarded based on a defined set of SCAP capabilities by independent laboratories that have been accredited for SCAP testing by the NIST National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP).

Audience

The intended audience for SCAP Validation Program test requirements includes laboratories that are accredited to conduct SCAP product testing for the program, vendors that are interested in receiving SCAP validation for their products, and organizations seeking to deploy SCAP products in their environments. Accredited laboratories use the information in this report to guide their testing and ensure that all necessary requirements are met by a product before recommending to NIST that the product be awarded the requested validation. Vendors may use the information in this report to understand what features their products must have to be eligible to receive an SCAP validation. Government agencies and integrators use the information to gain insight into the criteria that products being considered for procurement must meet to be validated. The secondary audience for this publication is end users, which can review the test requirements to determine what a validated product had to do to be awarded a validation, as well as to better understand what SCAP validation means.

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1. Introduction to SCAP and the SCAP Validation Program

The Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) is a suite of specifications¹ established by NIST for expressing and manipulating security data in standardized ways. Currently, SCAP can enumerate product names and vulnerabilities (both software flaws and configuration issues); identify the presence of vulnerabilities; and assign severity scores to software flaw vulnerabilities. Adoption of SCAP facilitates an organization's automation of ongoing security monitoring, vulnerability management, and security policy compliance evaluation reporting.

The specifications that comprise SCAP are as follows:

- Extensible Configuration Checklist Description Format (XCCDF), an Extensible Markup Language (XML) specification for structured collections of security configuration rules used by operating system (OS) and application platforms
- Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language (OVAL), an XML specification for exchanging technical details on how to check systems for security-related software flaws, configuration issues, and patches
- Common Configuration Enumeration (CCE), a dictionary of names for software security configuration issues (e.g., access control settings, password policy settings)
- Common Platform Enumeration (CPE), a naming convention for hardware, OS, and application products
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE), a dictionary of names for publicly known security-related software flaws
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS), a method for classifying characteristics of software flaws and assigning severity scores based on these characteristics.

The SCAP specification defines what SCAP's components are and how they relate to each other within the context of SCAP. However, the SCAP specification does not define the SCAP components themselves; each component has its own standalone specification or reference. The SCAP components were created and are maintained by several entities, including the MITRE Corporation, the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST).

NIST provides SCAP content, such as vulnerability and product enumeration identifiers, through a repository supplied by the National Vulnerability Database (NVD). All of the content in NVD, as well as the high-level SCAP specification, is freely available from NIST. SCAP content is also created and made available by non-U.S. government organizations through the National Checklist Program (NCP)². SCAP can be used for automating activities such as ongoing security monitoring, vulnerability management, and security policy compliance evaluation reporting.

More information on SCAP can be found at <http://scap.nist.gov>.

1.1 Purpose and Scope of the Program

The NIST SCAP Validation Program is designed to test the ability of products to use the features and functionality available through SCAP and its components. An information technology (IT) product

¹ See NIST SP 800-126, The Technical Specification for the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)

² <http://checklists.nist.gov>

vendor can obtain one or more validations for a product. These validations are based on the test requirements defined in this document. Products are validated in the context of a particular product capability³. At this time, validations are not being awarded based on the individual component specifications through this program (XCCDF, OVAL, CCE, CVE, CPE, and CVSS.) NIST may create new validation programs that address some or all of the individual specifications.

Under the SCAP Validation Program, independent laboratories are accredited by the NIST National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) (<http://ts.nist.gov/standards/accreditation/index.cfm>). Accreditation requirements are defined in NIST Handbook 150, NVLAP Procedures and General Requirements and NIST Handbook 150-17, NVLAP Cryptographic and Security Testing. Independent laboratories conduct the tests contained in this document on products and deliver the results to NIST. Based on the independent laboratory test report, the SCAP Validation Program then validates the product under test. The validation certificates awarded to vendor products are publicly posted on the NIST SCAP Validated Products web page (<http://nvd.nist.gov/scaproducts.cfm>).⁴

SCAP validation will focus on evaluating specific versions of vendor products based on the target platforms they support. Currently, official SCAP Validation is targeted to Microsoft Windows XP and Vista operating systems. Thus, vendors seeking validation will be evaluated based on the ability of the product to operate on the Windows target platform. Additional platform support is planned and will be added to the program as they become available.

1.2 Superseded Compatibility Programs

This publication supersedes the draft Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) Validation Program Test Requirements Version 1.0 released in August 2008, the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) Version 1.0 Validation Program Test Requirements released in April 2009 and the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) Version 1.0 Validation Program Test Requirements release in September 2010.

³ The SCAP Validation Program defines capability as “a specific function or functions of a product”. Further information can be found in Section 2.4.

⁴ The SCAP Validation Program does not provide physical certificates to the participating vendors.

2. Versions and Definitions

2.1 Versions

For all test requirements that reference particular specifications, the versions indicated in the following section should be used and are derived primarily from the NIST SP 800-126.

2.1.1 Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC)

Definition: The FDCC is a security configuration and policy developed for use on U.S. Federal government Windows XP and Windows Vista systems.

Versions: Most current version located at <http://fdcc.nist.gov>. FDCC versioning is constructed using the following scheme:

FDCC SCAP version w.x.y.z where:

w = Configuration settings major number. If there are changes to the configuration settings, the major number will be revised upward.

x = Indicates correction in either XCCDF or OVAL, but does not indicate configuration setting changes, nor does it communicate versions of XCCDF or OVAL. Corrections can also include the addition of previously manual checks that are now automated.

y = OVAL version, where 0=5.4, 1=5.3, 2=5.5, 3=5.6, and so on.

z = XCCDF version, where 0=1.1.4, 1=1.1.5, 2=1.1.6, 3=1.2, and so on.

Although SCAP defines the OVAL version to be 5.3, NIST currently supports two versions of the FDCC SCAP content, one that uses OVAL 5.3 and one that uses OVAL 5.4. Both are acceptable for FDCC Scanner validations at this time. All other capabilities will only be tested against OVAL 5.3 until SCAP moves to a new version, as defined in NIST SP 800-126.

Specification: <http://fdcc.nist.gov/>

2.1.2 United States Government Configuration Baseline (USGCB)

Definition: The USGCB is a security configuration and policy developed for use on U.S. Federal government Windows 7 and Internet Explorer 8 .

Versions: Most current version located at http://usgcb.nist.gov/usgcb_content.html . USGCB versioning is constructed using the following scheme:

USGCB SCAP version w.x.y.z where:

w = Configuration settings major number. If there are changes to the configuration settings, the major number will be revised upward.

x = Indicates correction in either XCCDF or OVAL, but does not indicate configuration setting changes, nor does it communicate versions of XCCDF or OVAL. Corrections can also include the addition of previously manual checks that are now automated.

y = OVAL version, where 0=5.4, 1=5.3, 2=5.5, 3=5.6, and so on.

z = XCCDF version, where 0=1.1.4, 1=1.1.5, 2=1.1.6, 3=1.2, and so on.

Although SCAP 1.0 defines the OVAL version to be 5.3, NIST currently supports two versions of the USGCB SCAP content, one that uses OVAL 5.3 and one that uses OVAL 5.4. Both are acceptable for USGCB Scanner validations at this time. All other capabilities will only be tested against OVAL 5.3 until SCAP moves to a new version, as defined in NIST SP 800-126.

Specification: <http://usgcb.nist.gov/index.html>

2.1.3 Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)

Definition: SCAP is a specification for expressing and manipulating security data in standardized ways. SCAP uses several individual specifications in concert to automate ongoing security monitoring, vulnerability management, and security policy compliance evaluation reporting. The SCAP version allows the versions of the SCAP components to be referred to collectively.

Version: 1.0

Specification: NIST SP 800-126

SCAP 1.0 includes:

- XCCDF 1.1.4
- OVAL 5.3 and 5.4⁵
- CCE 5.0
- CPE 2.2
- CVE
- CVSS 2.0

2.1.4 eXtensible Configuration Checklist Document Format (XCCDF)

Definition: XCCDF is an XML-based language for representing security checklists, benchmarks, and related documents in a machine-readable form. An XCCDF document represents a structured collection of security configuration rules for one or more applications and/or systems. The XCCDF specification also defines a data model and format for storing the results of benchmark compliance testing.

Version: 1.1.4

Specification: <http://scap.nist.gov/specifications/xccdf/#resource-1.1.4>

Schema Location: <http://nvd.nist.gov/xccdf.cfm>

⁵ Given the backwards compatibility of OVAL, products that assert support 5.4 support are expected to also support 5.3 as well

2.1.5 Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language (OVAL)

Definition: OVAL is an XML-based language used for communicating the details of vulnerabilities, patches, security configuration settings, and other machine states in a machine-readable form.

Version: 5.3 and 5.4

Specification: <http://oval.mitre.org/>

Schema Location: <http://oval.mitre.org/language/download/schema/version5.3/index.html>

Schema Location: <http://oval.mitre.org/language/download/schema/version5.4/index.html>

2.1.6 Common Configuration Enumeration (CCE)

Definition: CCE is a format to describe system configuration issues to facilitate correlation of configuration data across multiple information sources and tools.

Version: 5.0

Specification: <http://cce.mitre.org/>

Schema Location: <http://cce.mitre.org/>

2.1.7 Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)

Definition: CPE is a structured naming scheme for IT platforms (hardware, operating systems, and applications) for the purpose of identifying specific platform types.

Version: 2.2

Specification: <http://cpe.mitre.org/>

Schema Location: <http://cpe.mitre.org/specification/index.html>

Dictionary: <http://nvd.nist.gov/cpe.cfm>

2.1.8 Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)

Definition: CVE is a format to describe publicly known information security vulnerabilities and exposures. Using this format, new CVE IDs will be created, assigned, and referenced in content on an as-needed basis without a version change.

Version: N/A

Specification: <http://cve.mitre.org/>

Dictionary: <http://nvd.nist.gov/>

2.1.9 Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)

Definition: CVSS is a scoring system that provides an open framework for determining the relative severity of software flaw vulnerabilities and a standardized format for communicating vulnerability characteristics.

Version: 2.0

Specification: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/nistir/ir7435/NISTIR-7435.pdf>

SCAP CVSS Base Scores: <http://nvd.nist.gov/>

2.2 Document Conventions

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “REQUIRED”, “SHALL”, “SHALL NOT”, “SHOULD”, “SHOULD NOT”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in Request for Comment (RFC) 2119⁶.

2.3 Internet Connectivity

An Internet connection, wireless or wired, during the evaluation of each test requirement is permitted for all tests. However, the product’s validation record will indicate whether or not Internet connectivity is required for the product to function as expected. Every effort has been made in the test requirements to avoid mandating that the capability to run in the presence or absence of Internet connectivity be supported by a product. Access to a local area network (LAN) shall be allowed in all tests to support client-server based implementations.

2.4 Common Definitions

The following definitions represent key terms used in this document.

Authenticated Scanner: A product that runs with privileges on a target system to conduct its assessment.

CCE ID: An identifier for a specific configuration defined within the official CCE Dictionary and that conforms to the CCE specification. For more information please see the CCE specification reference in Section 2.1.

Comparison Utility: A utility provided to the accredited laboratory testers by NIST for use in the validation of product data sets as defined by certain testing requirements.

CPE Name: An identifier for a unique uniform resource identifier (URI) given to a specific platform type that conforms to the CPE specification. For more information please see the CPE specification reference in Section 2.1.

CVE ID: An identifier for a specific software flaw defined within the official CVE Dictionary and that conforms to the CVE specification. For more information please see the CVE specification reference in Section 2.1.

⁶ For more information, please refer to Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) RFC 2119, Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels. S. Bradner. March 1997, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt?number=2119>.

Derived Test Requirement/Test Requirement: A statement of requirement, needed information, and associated test procedures necessary to test a specific SCAP feature.

Import: A process available to end-users by which an SCAP data file can be loaded into the vendor product. During this process, the vendor process may optionally translate this file into a proprietary format.

Machine-Readable: Tool output that is in a structured format, typically XML, that can be consumed by another program using consistent processing logic.

Major Revision: Any increase in the version of an SCAP component's specification or SCAP related data set that involves substantive changes that will break backwards compatibility with previous releases. See also SCAP revision.

Minor Revision: Any increase in version of an SCAP component's specification or SCAP related data set that may involve adding additional functionality, but that preserves backwards compatibility with previous releases. See also SCAP revision.

Misconfiguration: A setting within a computer program that violates a configuration policy or that permits or causes unintended behavior that impacts the security posture of a system. CCE can be used for enumerating misconfigurations. (Note: *NIST generally defines a vulnerability as including both software flaws and configuration issues [misconfigurations]. For the purposes of the validation program and dependent procurement language, the SCAP Validation program is defining vulnerability and misconfiguration as two separate entities, with "vulnerability" referring strictly to software flaws.*)

Non-vendor-directed: This term is used to indicate that any sample chosen for testing is selected by the testing laboratory without the input or knowledge of the product vendor.

OVAL ID: An identifier for a specific OVAL definition that conforms to the format for OVAL IDs. For more information please see the OVAL specification reference in Section 2.1.

Product: A software application that has one or more capabilities.

Product Output: Information produced by a product. This includes the product user interface, human-readable reports, and machine-readable reports. Unless otherwise indicated by a specific requirement, there are no constraints on the format. When this output is evaluated in a test procedure, either all or specific forms of output will be sampled as indicated by the test procedure.

Reference Product: A product provided to accredited laboratory testers by NIST for use as a baseline for testing requirements. The product exhibits the behavior that is deemed to be correct.

SCAP Capability: A specific function or functions of a product as defined below:

- FDCC Scanner: the capability to audit and assess a target system to determine its compliance with the FDCC requirements.
- Authenticated Configuration Scanner: the capability to audit and assess a target system to determine its compliance with a defined set of configuration requirements using target system logon privileges.
- Authenticated Vulnerability and Patch Scanner: the capability to scan a target system to locate and identify the presence of known vulnerabilities and evaluate the software patch status to determine compliance with a defined patch policy using target system logon privileges

- **Unauthenticated Vulnerability Scanner:** the capability of determining the presence of known vulnerabilities by evaluating the target system over the network

SCAP Component: One of the six specifications that comprise SCAP: CCE, CPE, CVE, CVSS, OVAL, and XCCDF.

SCAP-Expressed Data Stream: A collection of four or more related XML files containing SCAP data using the SCAP components that provide the data necessary to evaluate systems for compliance with a configuration-based security policy. Patch checking content may also be included in this bundle. Files included for SCAP 1.0 are listed below, with the “XXXX” in each name representing a unique prefix for the bundle (e.g., fdcc-xp, fdcc-vista):

- XXXX-xccdf.xml - XCCDF 1.1.4 content
- XXXX-cpe-oval.xml - CPE OVAL 5.3 or OVAL 5.4 definitions
- XXXX-cpe-dictionary.xml - Minimal CPE 2.2 dictionary
- XXXX-oval.xml - OVAL 5.3 or OVAL 5.4 compliance definitions

SCAP Revision: A version of the SCAP specification designated by a revision number in the format nn.nn.nn, where the first nn is the major revision number, the second nn number is the minor revision number, and the final nn number is the refinement number. A specific SCAP revision will populate all three fields, even if that means using zeros to show no minor revision or refinement number has been used to date. A leading zero will be used to pad single-digit revision or refinement numbers.

Software Flaw: See Vulnerability.

Target Platform: The target operating system or application on which a vendor product will be evaluated using a platform-specific validation lab test suite. These platform-specific test suites consist of specialized SCAP content used to perform the test procedures defined in this document.

Unauthenticated Scanner: A scanning product that runs without privileges against a target system to conduct its assessment which could include network data and port scans.

Vulnerability: An error, flaw, or mistake in computer software that permits or causes an unintended behavior to occur. CVE is a common means of enumerating vulnerabilities.

XCCDF Content: A file conforming to the XCCDF schema.

3. Derived Test Requirements for Specific SCAP Components

This section contains the Derived Test Requirements (DTR) for each of the six SCAP components for the purpose of allowing individual validation of each SCAP component within a product. Version information and download location, listed in Section 2.1, should be referenced to ensure that the correct version is being used prior to testing. SCAP-specific requirements are found in Section 5.

Each DTR includes the following information:

- The DTR name: comprised of the acronym followed by “.R” to denote it is a requirement, and then the requirement number within the component section (CVE, CCE, etc.)
- Required vendor information: states what information vendors are required to provide to the testing lab for the test to be conducted.
- Required test procedure(s): defines one or more tests that the testing laboratory will conduct to determine the product’s ability to meet the stated requirement.

3.1 XCCDF

The following XCCDF requirements are used to achieve XCCDF validation or in conjunction with other non-XCCDF test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests are focused exclusively on XCCDF and do not cover how XCCDF interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the XCCDF test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

XCCDF.R.1: The product’s documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses XCCDF and explain the relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of XCCDF can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product’s use of XCCDF is present and verify that the XCCDF documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

XCCDF.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the XCCDF specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the lab that asserts that the product implements the XCCDF specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released.

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the XCCDF specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements XCCDF.

XCCDF.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

XCCDF.R.3: The product shall report XCCDF content that is invalid according to the XCCDF schema.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.3: The vendor shall provide instructions on how to import XCCDF files for execution and where XCCDF schema errors will be displayed within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.3.1: The tester shall import known invalid XCCDF content into the vendor product and examine the product output to validate that the tool reports the content as invalid according to the XCCDF schema. This test is designed specifically to determine if the product can import the file, but report that it is invalid. If the product has no ability to import the file, or if the import results in no warnings, then the test fails.

XCCDF.R.4: The product shall be able to process XCCDF files and generate XCCDF Results in accordance with the XCCDF specification for the target platform.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.4: The vendor shall provide instructions on how to import XCCDF files for execution and provide instructions on where the XCCDF Results can be located for visual inspection. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that the product produces valid XCCDF Results and a matching pass/fail result for a given Rule.

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.4.1: The tester shall import a known valid XCCDF file for the target platform into the vendor tool and execute it according to the product operation instructions provided by the vendor. The tester will inspect the product output to validate that it includes the same checks and uses the same check parameters as that produced by the NIST XCCDF reference implementation.

XCCDF.T.4.2: The tester shall validate the resulting XCCDF result output using the XCCDF schema. This validation must not produce any validation errors.

XCCDF.T.4.3: The tester shall compare the product results to those produced by the XCCDF reference implementation to ensure that the pass/fail results match for each Rule.

XCCDF.R.5: The user shall be able to select a specific XCCDF Profile when executing an XCCDF file on the target platform. The product will execute the XCCDF content using the chosen profile.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.5: The vendor shall provide instructions on how the user can select an XCCDF Profile when executing a valid XCCDF content file.

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.5.1: The tester shall validate that the product produces results consistent with the chosen XCCDF profile on the target platform. This requires verifying that all Rules included in the chosen profile are processed.

XCCDF.R.6: The product shall be able to import an XCCDF file and generate human-readable prose (close correspondence to the patterns of everyday speech) from valid XCCDF documents. This requirement includes both XCCDF checklists and output result files.

NOTE: This requirement is not currently selected for any SCAP capabilities.

Required Vendor Information

XCCDF.V.6: The vendor shall provide instructions on how the product generates human-readable prose from valid XCCDF documents.

Required Test Procedures

XCCDF.T.6.1: The tester shall use the vendor product to generate human-readable prose from a valid XCCDF document.

3.2 OVAL

The following OVAL requirements are used in conjunction with other non-OVAL test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests are focused exclusively on OVAL and do not cover how OVAL interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the OVAL test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

OVAL.R.1: The product's documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses OVAL and explain relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

OVAL.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of OVAL can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

OVAL.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product's use of OVAL is present and to verify that the OVAL documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

OVAL.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the OVAL specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

OVAL.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the accredited validation lab that asserts that the product implements the OVAL specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released. If applicable, this document shall include information about what product functionality uses OVAL versus what product functionality does not.

Required Test Procedures

OVAL.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the OVAL specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements OVAL.

OVAL.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

OVAL.R.3: The product shall report and optionally reject OVAL content that is invalid according to the OVAL XML schemas and schematron stylesheets⁷.

Required Vendor Information

OVAL.V.3: The vendor shall provide instructions on how validation of OVAL content is performed and where errors from validation will be displayed within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

OVAL.T.3.1: The tester shall attempt to import known invalid OVAL Definition content into the vendor product and examine the product output to validate that the product reports and optionally rejects the content as invalid according to the OVAL Definition schema and schematron stylesheets.

OVAL.R.4: The product output shall enable users to view the XML OVAL Definitions being consumed by the tool (e.g., within the product user interface or through an XML dump of the OVAL definitions to a file).

Required Vendor Information

OVAL.V.4: The vendor shall provide instructions on how the user can view the XML OVAL Definitions being consumed by the product.

Required Test Procedure

OVAL.T.4.1: The tester shall follow the provided vendor instructions to view the XML OVAL Definitions being consumed by the product and verify that access is provided as stated.

⁷ This does not imply that the product being tested MUST use schematron; the product need only produce the same results as the schematron implementation.

OVAL.R.5: The product shall be able to correctly evaluate a valid OVAL Definition file, where the contents of the OVAL definition file are consistent with the normative guidance specified in NIST SP 800-126, against target systems of the target platform type and produce a result file for each definition using the OVAL XML Full Results format⁸.

Required Vendor Information

OVAL.V.5: The vendor shall provide instructions on how a valid OVAL Definitions file can be imported into the product for interpretation. The vendor shall also provide instructions on where the resultant OVAL XML Full Results output can be viewed by the tester.

For OVAL.T.5.5, the vendor shall indicate how two or more values can be specified for a variable used by one OVAL Definition.

Required Test Procedure

OVAL.T.5.1: The tester shall run the tool using valid OVAL Definitions files against the target systems of the target platform type. The results shall be compared against results from the OVAL reference implementation and they must produce the same pass/fail result for each OVAL definition and criteria contained within the definition.

OVAL.T.5.2: The tester shall validate the resulting OVAL XML Full Results output using the OVAL schema and schematron style sheets. Both of these validations must not produce any validation errors.

OVAL.T.5.3: The tester shall validate that the resulting OVAL XML Full Results are available for viewing by the user.

OVAL.T.5.4: The tester shall inspect the product output and compare it against the reference results to ensure the OVAL XML Full Results are consistent with those produced by the reference implementation

OVAL.T.5.5: When an OVAL Definition has been evaluated more than once on a single target system, each time with different values for the variables, the tester shall validate that the OVAL XML Full Results file includes unique variable instance values for each individual case.

3.3 CCE

The following CCE requirements are used to achieve CCE validation or in conjunction with other non-CCE test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests in this sub-section are focused exclusively on CCE and do not cover how CCE interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the CCE test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

CCE.R.1: The product’s documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses CCE and explain relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

⁸ This requirement is that the product being evaluated demonstrate its ability to implement the requirement for this test and NOT always have to produce FULL OVAL results.

CCE.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of CCE can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product's use of CCE is present and to verify that the CCE documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

CCE.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the CCE specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the lab that asserts that the product implements the CCE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released. If applicable, this document shall include information about what product functionality uses CCE versus what product functionality does not.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the CCE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements CCE.

CCE.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

CCE.R.3: The product shall display the associated CCE ID for each configuration issue definition in the product output (i.e., the product displays CCE IDs).

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.3: The vendor shall provide instructions on how product output can be generated that contains a listing of all security configuration issue items both with and without CCE IDs. Instructions shall include where the CCE IDs and the associated vendor supplied and/or official CCE descriptions can be located within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.3.1: The tester shall visually inspect, within the product output, a non-vendor-directed set of 30 security configuration issue items, to ensure that the CCE IDs are displayed. This test is not intended to determine whether the product correctly maps to CCE or whether it provides a complete mapping.

CCE.R.4: The product shall provide a means to view the CCE Description for each displayed CCE ID within the product output.

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.4: The vendor shall provide instructions noting where the CCE ID can be located within the product output. The vendor shall provide procedures and a test environment (if necessary) so that the product will output configuration issues with associated CCE IDs.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.4.1: The tester shall inspect the CCE IDs from the product output and verify that the official CCE Description⁹ is available and correct. The vendor may provide additional CCE descriptions and information and should not be penalized for doing so. The tester shall perform this using a non-vendor-directed set of 10% of the total CCE IDs available in the product output, up to a maximum of 30.

CCE.R.5: The product shall indicate the correct CCE ID for each configuration issue referenced within the product that has an associated CCE ID (i.e., the product's CCE mapping must be correct).

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.5: None.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.5.1: Using the product output from CCE.R.3, the tester shall compare the vendor data against the official CCE description. The tester shall perform the comparison using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total configuration issue items with CCE IDs, up to a maximum of 30. The tester does not need to rigorously prove that the vendor's configuration issue description matches the official CCE description, but merely needs to identify that the two appear to be same. This test ensures that the product correctly maps to CCE, but does not test for completeness of the mapping.

CCE.R.6: The product shall associate an existing CCE ID to each configuration issue referenced within the product for which a CCE ID exists (i.e., the product's CCE mapping must be complete).

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.6: None.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.6.1: Using the list of configuration issue items produced in CCE.R.3, the tester shall examine the descriptions and search the CCE dictionary for all corresponding CCE IDs. The tester shall perform this using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total configuration issue items with no CCE IDs, up to a maximum of 30. The tester does not need to rigorously prove that no CCE ID exists, only that there does not appear to be a match. This test

⁹ The official CCE descriptions are found at http://cve.mitre.org/lists/cce_list.html.

ensures that the product has a complete mapping to CCE, but does not test the correctness of the mapped data.

CCE.R.7: The product shall allow users to locate configuration issue items using CCE IDs.

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.7: The vendor shall provide documentation (printed or electronic) indicating how security configuration issue items can be located using CCE IDs.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.7.1: The tester shall verify that security configuration issue items can be located using CCE IDs. The tester shall perform this using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total configuration issue items, up to a maximum of 30.

CCE.R.8: For all static or product bundled CCE data, the product shall indicate the date the data was last generated and updated. The generated date is when the data was originally created/officially published. The updated date is the date the product obtained its copy of the data.

Required Vendor Information

CCE.V.8: The vendor shall provide instructions on where the dates for all offline CCE data can be inspected in the product output.

Required Test Procedures

CCE.T.8.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product output for the dates of all static or bundled CCE data included with the vendor product.

3.4 CPE

The following CPE requirements are used to achieve CPE validation or in conjunction with other non-CPE test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests are focused exclusively on CPE and do not cover how CPE interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the CPE test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

CPE.R.1: The product's documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses CPE and explain relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

CPE.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of CPE can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

CPE.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product's use of CPE is present and to verify that the CPE documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

CPE.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the CPE specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

CPE.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the lab that asserts that the product implements the CPE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released. If applicable, this document shall include information about what product functionality uses CPE versus what product functionality does not.

Required Test Procedures

CPE.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the CPE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements CPE.

CPE.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

CPE.R.3: If the product natively contains a product dictionary (as opposed to dynamically importing content containing CPE names), the product must contain CPE naming data from the current official CPE Dictionary.

NOTE: This requirement does not apply if the product is using the official dynamic CPE Dictionary as provided on the NVD web site or as part of an SCAP-expressed data stream.

Required Vendor Information

CPE.V.3.1: The vendor shall provide a list of all CPE names included in the product using the standard CPE Dictionary XML schema as provided in the CPE Specification version cited in Section 2.1.

CPE.V.3.2: If the vendor product includes CPE names that are not in the official CPE Dictionary, a listing of exceptions must be provided.

Required Test Procedures

CPE.T.3.1: Using the NIST-provided CPE Validation Utility, the tester shall import the vendor-provided list of CPE Names for comparison against the official CPE Dictionary. Before each tool is tested, the latest CPE Dictionary must be loaded into the utility. The tester shall verify that all exceptions found by the CPE Validation Utility match the list of exceptions provided by the vendor.

CPE.R.4: A product's machine-readable output must provide the CPE naming data using CPE names.

NOTE: This requirement does not apply if the product does not produce machine-readable output.

Required Vendor Information

CPE.V.4: The vendor shall provide procedures and/or a test environment where machine-readable output containing the CPE naming data can be produced and inspected. The vendor shall provide a translation tool to create human-readable data for inspection if the provided output is not in a human-readable format (e.g., binary data, encrypted text).

Required Test Procedures

CPE.T.4.1: The tester shall manually inspect the vendor-identified machine-readable output and ensure that CPE naming data is correct according to the CPE specification. The tester will do this by choosing up to 30 vendor and product names in the product output that are also included in the official CPE Dictionary.

3.5 CVE

The following CVE requirements are used in conjunction with other non-CVE test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests in this sub-section are focused exclusively on CVE and do not cover how CVE interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the CVE test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

CVE.R.1: The product's documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses CVE and explain relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of CVE can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file). This must be separate from any results reporting.

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product's use of CVE is present and to verify that the CVE documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

CVE.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the CVE specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the lab that asserts that the product implements the CVE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released. If applicable, this document shall include information about what product functionality uses CVE versus what product functionality does not.

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the CVE specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements CVE.

CVE.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

CVE.R.3: The product shall include the CVE ID(s) associated with each software flaw and/or patch definition in the product output (i.e., the product displays CVE IDs) where appropriate.¹⁰

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.3: The vendor shall provide instructions, and a test environment (if necessary), indicating how product output can be generated that contains a listing of all software flaws and patches both with and without CVE IDs. CVE IDs should be used wherever possible. Instructions shall include where the CVE IDs and the associated vendor-supplied and/or official CVE descriptions can be located within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.3.1: The tester shall visually inspect, within the product output, a non-vendor-selected sample comprised of 10% of the total CVE IDs available in the product output, up to a maximum of 30 to ensure that the CVE IDs are displayed. This test is not intended to determine whether the product correctly maps to CVE or whether it provides a complete mapping.

CVE.R.4: The product shall provide a means to view the CVE Description and CVE references for each displayed CVE ID¹¹ within the product output.

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.4: The vendor shall provide instructions on the where the CVE IDs can be located within the product output. The vendor shall provide procedures and a test environment (if necessary) so that the product will output vulnerabilities with associated CVE IDs. Instructions shall include where the CVE IDs and the associated vendor-supplied and official CVE descriptions can be located within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.4.1: The tester shall select a non-vendor-directed sampling of CVE IDs from within the available forms of the product output. The tester shall determine that the product output enables the user to view, at minimum, the official CVE description and references.¹² The vendor may provide additional CVE descriptions and information and should not be penalized for doing so. The tester shall perform this using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total CVE IDs available in the product output, up to a maximum of 30.

¹⁰ In the case where the content being processed only requires results that do not contain CVE references this requirement does not apply.

¹¹ This requirement can be met by providing a URL to the NVD CVE or MITRE CVE vulnerability summaries for the CVE IDs in question.

¹² The official CVE description and references are found at <http://nvd.nist.gov/>.

CVE.R.5: The product shall indicate the correct CVE ID for each software flaw and/or patch definition referenced within the product that has an associated CVE ID (i.e., the product’s CVE mapping must be correct).

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.5: None

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.5.1: Using the product output from CVE.R.3 the tester shall compare the vendor data against the official NVD CVE ID description and references. The tester shall perform this test using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total software flaws and/or patches with CVE IDs, up to a maximum of 30. The tester does not need to rigorously prove that the vendor’s software flaw and/or patch description matches the NVD CVE description, but merely needs to identify that the two descriptions appear to pertain to the same vulnerability. This test ensures that the product correctly maps to CVE, but does not test for completeness of the mapping.

CVE.R.6: The product shall associate an existing CVE ID to each software flaw and/or patch referenced within the product for which a CVE ID exists (i.e., the product’s CVE mapping must be complete).

Required Vendor Information

CVE.V.6: None.

Required Test Procedures

CVE.T.6.1: Using the list of software flaws and/or patch definitions produced in CVE.R.3, the tester shall examine the descriptions and search the NVD for any corresponding CVE IDs. The tester shall perform this using a non-vendor-directed sample comprised of 10% of the total software flaws and/or patches with no CVE IDs, up to a maximum of 30. The tester does not need to rigorously prove that no CVE ID exists, only that there does not appear to be a match. This test ensures that the product has a complete mapping to CVE, but does not test the correctness of the mapped data.

3.6 CVSS

The following CVSS requirements are used to achieve CVSS validation or in conjunction with other non-CVSS test requirements for SCAP validation. Thus, all of the tests are focused exclusively on CVSS and do not cover how CVSS interrelates with other SCAP components. Section 6 includes a capability matrix that indicates which of the CVSS test requirements are used in SCAP validation.

CVSS.R.1: The product’s documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses CVSS and explain relevant details to the users of the product. If external CVSS data is imported into the product, the documentation must state the source.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of CVSS can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

CVSS.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the provided product documentation to verify that information regarding the product's use of CVSS is documented, verify that the source of the CVSS data is specified, and verify that the CVSS documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

CVSS.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the CVSS specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the accredited validation lab that asserts that the product implements the CVSS specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released. If applicable, this document shall include information about what product functionality uses CVSS versus what product functionality does not.

Required Test Procedures

CVSS.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the CVSS specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements CVSS.

CVSS.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

CVSS.R.3: The product provides CVSS base scores for each security-related software flaw referenced in the product.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.V.3.1: The vendor shall provide documentation and/or procedures that explain how to view software flaws and associated CVSS base scores within the product output.

CVSS.V.3.2: The vendor shall provide documentation and/or procedures that explain how to produce a report of all software flaws supported by the tool along with their associated CVSS base scores.

Required Test Procedures

CVSS.T.3.1: The tester shall validate that the product output provides severity scores labeled as CVSS scores for a non-vendor-directed sample of 30 security-related software flaws referenced in

the product output. The tester does not need to validate the correctness of the scores within this test.

CVSS.T.3.2: The tester shall validate that the product provides severity scores labeled as CVSS scores for 30 non-vendor-directed security-related software flaws referenced by the tool. The tester does not need to validate the correctness of the scores within this test.

CVSS.R.4: The product provides a CVSS vector string along with each CVSS base score¹³.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.V.4: The vendor shall provide documentation and/or procedures that explain how to view the CVSS vector string for all software flaws in the product that have CVSS base scores.

Required Test Procedure

CVSS.T.4.1: The tester shall choose non-vendor-directed 10 CVSS vector strings provided by the product and validate that they conform to the CVSS version vector specification as described in Section 2. The vectors chosen should all be unique vectors (each one is different from the others).

CVSS.T.4.2: For each of the 10 CVSS vectors used in CVSS.T.4.1, the tester shall validate that the associated CVSS vector calculates to the same CVSS base score as provided by the product. The tester shall use the NVD CVSS calculator reference implementation to perform the calculations.

CVSS.R.5: The product enables users to refine¹⁴ CVSS base scores to produce CVSS temporal scores for each CVSS base score provided by the product. Alternately, the product may directly provide temporal scores¹⁵.

NOTE: The required elements for temporal scoring are available from NIST Interagency Report (IR) 7435, Section 2.2.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.V.5: The vendor will provide documentation explaining how users can refine CVSS base scores to produce CVSS temporal scores for each CVSS base score provided by the product. Alternately, the vendor will provide documentation stating that they directly provide temporal scores for the user. It is possible that a product will provide a combination of both approaches.

Required Test Procedures

CVSS.T.5.1: The tester shall validate that the product either enables users to refine CVSS base scores to produce CVSS temporal scores or directly provides temporal scores for a set of chosen software flaws referenced in the product.

¹³ The requirements for CVSS vectors are available from NIST IR 7435, Section 2.4.

¹⁴ This could be achieved through a wide variety of mechanisms including user importation of temporal data, access to subscription services, and/or linkage to a CVSS calculator.

¹⁵ This can be achieved by a product hyperlinking from the product’s CVSS score to the NVD CVSS calculator reference implementation. Instructions for how vendors can do this are available at <http://nvd.nist.gov/cvss.cfm>.

CVSS.T.5.2: For the set of chosen software flaws in CVSS.T.3.1 (reuse of previous sample), the tester shall perform the same CVSS base score refinement using the NVD CVSS calculator reference implementation and validate that the resultant NVD CVSS calculator and product temporal scores are equal.

CVSS.R.6: The product enables users to customize¹⁶ CVSS base scores to produce CVSS environmental scores for each software flaw referenced in the product¹⁷.

Required Vendor Information

CVSS.T.6: The vendor will provide documentation explaining how users can customize CVSS base scores to produce CVSS environmental scores for each CVSS base score provided by the product.

Required Test Procedures

CVSS.T.6.1: The tester shall validate that the product enables users to customize CVSS base scores to produce CVSS environmental scores for 10 non-vendor-directed software flaws referenced in the product.

CVSS.T.6.2: For the 10 non-vendor-directed software flaws in CVSS.T.6.1, the tester shall perform the same CVSS base score customization using the NVD CVSS calculator reference implementation and validate that the NVD CVSS calculator and product environmental scores are equal.

¹⁶ This could be achieved through a wide variety of mechanisms including user importation of temporal data, access to subscription services, and linkage to a CVSS calculator, such as hyperlinking from the product's CVSS base score to the NVD CVSS calculator reference implementation. Instructions for how vendors can do this are available at <http://nvd.nist.gov/cvss.cfm>.

¹⁷ The required elements for environmental scoring are available from NIST IR 7435, Section 2.3. It is possible for a vendor to automatically collect the environmental metrics from the network, configuration database, system inventory, or some other source such that the user does not have to manually customize the scores. This is actually the preferred implementation approach.

4. SCAP Derived Test Requirements

This section builds on the SCAP component-specific requirements from Section 4 and defines the requirements for validation of SCAP-specific behaviors for the SCAP components when they are used in conjunction with one another.

4.1 Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC)

FDCC.R.1: The product shall be able to correctly assess a target system using the FDCC SCAP-expressed data streams as input.

Required Vendor Information

FDCC.V.1: The vendor shall provide instructions on how to execute a previously imported valid FDCC SCAP-expressed data stream.

Required Test Procedures

Per vendor instruction in FDCC.V.1, the lab will make the necessary configuration changes to the target platform and document what has been changed. The pass/fail comparison of these changes shall not impact the Pass or Fail result of the test.

The FDCC data streams to be used for each of the following tests are:

- Windows Vista
- Windows XP
- Windows XP Firewall
- Windows Vista Firewall
- Internet Explorer 7

These data streams are found in the official FDCC bundles available from <http://fdcc.nist.gov/download.cfm>.

FDCC.T.1.1: The tester shall evaluate an FDCC compliant target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

FDCC.T.1.2: The tester shall evaluate an FDCC partial-compliant target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

FDCC.T.1.3: The tester shall evaluate an FDCC more secure target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

FDCC.R.2: The product shall be able to produce specified FDCC results (both the human and machine-readable versions).

Required Vendor Information

FDCC.V.2: None

Required Test Procedure

FDCC.T.2.1: The tester shall validate the XCCDF results produced, on the target platform by the product, against the FDCC reporting Schematron stylesheet¹⁸ and must verify that no validation errors are produced.

FDCC.T.2.2: The product documentation shall indicate to the user how they can access the product output as defined in FDCC.T.2.1. The product interface shall make this output available through the product GUI or other user interface.

FDCC.T.2.3: The tester shall validate that the human-readable FDCC assessment results provide the CCE ID and the associated pass/fail status corresponding to the XCCDF results required in FDCC.T.2.1. The required result format is the CCE ID, followed by a comma, followed by the corresponding XCCDF <result> element such as “pass”, “fail”, “error”, “unknown”, “notchecked”, “notapplicable”, “notselected”, “fixed” or “informational” followed by a new line. Example:

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CCE-1222-1,pass
CCE-3233-7,fail
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The method by which this output is generated is not relevant to the test. For example, the vendor product may output it natively using a proprietary method, or they may make use of stylesheets to product it from the XCCDF results output. Either of these is acceptable.

FDCC.R.3: If the vendor product requires a specific configuration of the target platform that is not in compliance with the FDCC, the vendor shall provide documentation indicating which settings must be changed and a rationale for each changed setting. Products should only require changes to the target platform so that it can function correctly.

NOTE: Pursuant to OMB Memorandum 07-18:¹⁹“The provider of information technology shall certify applications are fully functional and operate correctly as intended on systems using the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC).” Products undergoing SCAP validation are also required by OMB to make this self-assertion and that listing their non-complaint settings for FDCC.R.3 in no way negates the OMB M-07-18 requirement.

Required Vendor Information

FDCC.V.3: The vendor shall provide an English language document to the lab that indicates which settings must be changed and a rationale for each changed setting. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released.

Required Test Procedures

¹⁸ http://nvd.nist.gov/fdcc/fdcc_reporting.cfm

¹⁹ <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2007/m07-18.pdf>

FDCC.T.3.1: The tester shall review the provided documentation to ensure that each indicated setting includes an associated rationale.

4.2 United States Government Configuration Baseline (USGCB)

USGCB.R.1: The product shall be able to correctly assess a target system using the USGCB SCAP-expressed data streams as input.

Required Vendor Information

USGCB.V.1: The vendor shall provide instructions on how to execute a previously imported valid USGCB SCAP-expressed data stream.

Required Test Procedures

Per vendor instruction in USGCB.V.1, the lab will make the necessary configuration changes to the target platform and document what has been changed. The pass/fail comparison of these changes shall not impact the Pass or Fail result of the test.

The USGCB data streams to be used for each of the following tests are:

- Windows 7
- Windows 7 Energy
- Windows 7 Firewall
- IE8

These data streams are found in the official USGCB bundles available from http://usgcb.nist.gov/usgcb_content.html.

USGCB.T.1.1: The tester shall evaluate an USGCB compliant target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

USGCB.T.1.2: The tester shall evaluate an USGCB partial-compliant target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

USGCB.T.1.3: The tester shall evaluate an USGCB more secure target platform, both domain connected and standalone, and compare the pass/fail results from the product to the results produced by the NIST reference implementation to ensure that they match.

USGCB.R.2: The product shall be able to produce specified USGCB results (both the human and machine-readable versions).

Required Vendor Information

USGCB.V.2: None

Required Test Procedure

USGCB.T.2.1: The tester shall validate the XCCDF results produced, on the target platform by the product, against the USGCB reporting Schematron stylesheet²⁰ and must verify that no validation errors are produced.

USGCB.T.2.2: The product documentation shall indicate to the user how they can access the product output as defined in USGCB.T.2.1. The product interface shall make this output available through the product GUI or other user interface.

USGCB.T.2.3: The tester shall validate that the human-readable USGCB assessment results provide the CCE ID and the associated pass/fail status corresponding to the XCCDF results required in USGCB.T.2.1. The required result format is the CCE ID, followed by a comma, followed by the the corresponding XCCDF <result> element such as “pass”, “fail”, “error”, “unknown”, “notchecked”, “notapplicable”, “notselected”, “fixed” or “informational” followed by a new line. Example:

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CCE-1222-1,pass
CCE-3233-7,fail
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The method by which this output is generated is not relevant to the test. For example, the vendor product may output it natively using a proprietary method, or they may make use of stylesheets to product it from the XCCDF results output. Either of these is acceptable.

USGCB.R.3: If the vendor product requires a specific configuration of the target platform that is not in compliance with the USGCB, the vendor shall provide documentation indicating which settings must be changed and a rationale for each changed setting. Products should only require changes to the target platform so that it can function correctly.

NOTE: As stated by the CIO Council, “the USGCB is a further clarification of the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC); specifically, the USGCB initiative falls within FDCC and comprises the configuration settings component of FDCC.”²¹

Pursuant to OMB Memorandum 07-18:²²“The provider of information technology shall certify applications are fully functional and operate correctly as intended on systems using the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC).” Products undergoing SCAP validation are also required by OMB to make this self-assertion and that listing their non-complaint settings for USGCB.R.3 in no way negates the OMB M-07-18 requirement.

Required Vendor Information

USGCB.V.3: The vendor shall provide an English language document to the lab that indicates which settings must be changed and a rationale for each changed setting. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released.

Required Test Procedures

²⁰ http://nvd.nist.gov/fdcc/fdcc_reporting.cfm

²¹ http://www.cio.gov/Documents/USGCB_CIOC091510_final.pdf

²² <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/fy2007/m07-18.pdf>

USGCB.T.3.1: The tester shall review the provided documentation to ensure that each indicated setting includes an associated rationale.

4.3 General SCAP Requirements

SCAP.R.1: The product’s documentation (printed or electronic) must state that it uses SCAP and explain relevant details to the users of the product.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.1: The vendor shall indicate where in the product documentation information regarding the use of SCAP can be found. This may be a physical document or a static electronic document (e.g., a PDF or help file).

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.1.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product documentation to verify that information regarding the product’s use of SCAP is present and verify that the SCAP documentation is in a location accessible to any user of the product. This test does not involve judging the quality of the documentation or its accuracy.

SCAP.R.2: The vendor must assert that the product implements the SCAP specification and provide a high-level summary of the implementation approach.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.2: The vendor shall provide a 150 to 500-word English language document to the lab that asserts that the product implements the SCAP specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This content will be used on NIST web pages to explain details about each validated product and thus must contain only information that is to be publicly released.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.2.1: The tester shall inspect the provided documentation to verify that the documentation asserts that the product implements the SCAP specification and provides a high-level summary of the implementation approach. This test does not judge the quality or accuracy of the documentation, nor does it test how thoroughly the product implements SCAP.

SCAP.T.2.2: The tester shall verify that the provided documentation is an English language document consisting of 150 to 500 words.

SCAP.R.3: The SCAP capabilities claimed by the vendor for the product under test must match the scope of the product’s asserted capabilities for the target platform.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.3.1: The vendor shall indicate which one or more of the defined SCAP capabilities their product is being tested for.

SCAP.V.3.2: The vendor shall provide product documentation that enumerates the general product capabilities for the target platform (e.g., antivirus, intrusion detection, firewall) that relate to the asserted SCAP capabilities.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.3.1: The tester shall ensure that all tests associated with the asserted SCAP capabilities of the product are conducted.

SCAP.T.3.2: The tester shall review product documentation to ensure that the product has implemented the SCAP capabilities for which it is being tested (e.g., Authenticated Configuration Scanner, Asset Database).

SCAP.R.4: For all static or product bundled SCAP data (i.e., CCE, CPE, CVE and data streams), the product shall indicate the date the data was last generated and updated. The generated date is when the data was originally created/officially published. The updated date is the date the product obtained its copy of the data.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.4: The vendor shall provide instructions on where the dates for all offline SCAP data can be inspected in the product output.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.4.1: The tester shall visually inspect the product output for the dates of all static or bundled SCAP data included with the vendor product.

4.4 XCCDF + OVAL (Input)

SCAP.R.5: The product shall be able to import an XCCDF data file for the target platform and correctly load the included Rules and their associated OVAL Definitions on a target system.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.5: The vendor shall provide documentation and instruction on how to import an SCAP-expressed data stream for the target platform, including XCCDF and OVAL content, into the product.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.5.1: The tester shall import valid SCAP-expressed data streams for the target platform into the vendor product and execute them on a target system. Results of the scan shall be visually compared to the results from the NIST reference implementation to validate that the results match. This test is to ensure that the product's XCCDF and OVAL integration is working correctly.

4.5 XCCDF + OVAL (Output)

SCAP.R.6: XCCDF Results files and OVAL Results files shall be produced by the product in compliance with the XCCDF and OVAL Results schemas.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.6: The vendor shall provide instruction on where the corresponding XCCDF and OVAL results files can be located for inspection.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.6.1: The tester shall visually inspect XCCDF and OVAL results to verify that they are valid according to the associated specification for each. The output is also compared to the results from the NIST reference implementation to verify completeness and accuracy of the XCCDF and OVAL results.

4.6 XCCDF + CCE

SCAP.R.7: For all CCE IDs in the XCCDF input document, the product shall correctly display the CCE ID with its associated XCCDF Rule in the product output.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.7: The vendor shall provide instructions on where the XCCDF Rules and their associated CCE IDs can be visually inspected within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.7: The tester shall visually inspect a non-vendor-directed sample of 10% of the XCCDF Rules, up to a total of 30, within the product output and reports to validate that the CCE IDs for each inspected XCCDF Rule match those found in the XCCDF source file.

4.7 XCCDF + OVAL + CPE

SCAP.R.8: The product shall be able to determine the validity of imported SCAP XCCDF/OVAL files by evaluating the associated OVAL definition for the CPE Name on an XCCDF <Benchmark>, <Group>, or <Rule> and verifying that the associated XCCDF content applies to the target system.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.8: The vendor shall provide instructions on how the product indicates the validity of the imported SCAP-expressed data stream to a target platform. Instructions should also describe how the imported data stream is indicated to not be valid for a target platform. This requirement is testing the use of the OVAL check associated with a CPE name via the CPE dictionary to determine applicability of the data stream.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.8.1: The tester shall import an SCAP-expressed data stream into the tool that contains a CPE Name and related OVAL definition not applicable for the target system. The tester shall verify that the product declines to execute the non-applicable tests.

4.8 CVSS + CVE

SCAP.R.9: If the product uses CVE, it shall include NVD CVSS base scores and vector strings for each CVE ID referenced in the product.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.9: The vendor shall provide documentation explaining where the NVD CVSS base scores and vector strings can be located with the corresponding CVE ID.²³ The vendor may optionally provide the tester information on how the product can be updated with new NVD CVSS base scores and vector strings prior to testing.

Required Test Procedure

SCAP.T.9.1: The tester shall update the product's NVD base scores and vectors (using the vendor-provided update capability if it exists) and validate that the product displays the NVD CVSS base scores and vectors for 15 non-vendor-directed CVE IDs referenced in the product. The CVEs chosen must have an NVD vulnerability summary "last revision" date that is at least 30 days old. A link to the information on the NVD web site is sufficient for this test.

4.9 SCAP-Expressed Data Stream Import

SCAP.R.10: The product shall enable the user to import an SCAP-expressed data stream.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.10: The vendor shall provide documentation explaining how an SCAP-expressed data stream can be imported into the product and subsequently executed.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.10.1: The tester shall verify that the product documentation includes instructions on how the end user can import an SCAP-expressed data stream.

SCAP.T.10.2: The tester shall import a valid SCAP-expressed data stream into the vendor product and ensure that the imported content is available for execution.

NOTE: *Test FDCC.T.1 can substitute for this test.*

4.10 Compliance Mapping Output

SCAP.R.11: When processing SCAP-expressed data streams that contain compliance mappings to included CCEs, the product shall output the compliance mappings.

Required Vendor Information

SCAP.V.11: The vendor shall provide documentation explaining where CCE compliance mappings can be viewed within the product output.

Required Test Procedures

SCAP.T.11.1: Using the vendor product, the tester shall execute a valid SCAP-expressed data stream with CCE compliance mapping information and view the resultant output to ensure that the CCE compliance mappings are correct.

²³ A link to the information on the NVD web site is sufficient for this test.

5. Derived Test Requirements for Specific Capabilities

This section contains Derived Test Requirements for each of the defined SCAP capabilities. When a tool is submitted for validation, the submitting organization will provide a list of capabilities the tool possesses, as defined in this document. The information regarding capabilities will be provided by the vendor as part of their submission package. To determine the correct test requirements for that tool, the tester creates the union of all these capabilities, using the provided chart.

The matrix currently contains a total of 6 SCAP capabilities. As additional capabilities are available for validation, this list will be updated. Vendors who wish to seek validation for an SCAP capability not listed above should contact NIST at scap@nist.gov.

The following chart summarizes the required SCAP components for each SCAP capability together with the specific requirements necessary to achieve SCAP validation. Columns that are shaded in light gray are not currently available for validation.

Table 6-1. Required SCAP Components for Each SCAP Capability

Requirement ID	FDCC Scanner	USGCB	Authenticated Configuration Scanner	Authenticated Vulnerability and Patch Scanner	Unauthenticated Vulnerability Scanner
FDCC.R.1	X				
FDCC.R.2	X				
FDCC.R.3	X				
USGCB.R.1		X			
USGCB.R.2		X			
USGCB.R.3		X			
XCCDF.R.1	X	X	X		
XCCDF.R.2	X	X	X		
XCCDF.R.3	X	X	X		
XCCDF.R.4	X	X	X		
XCCDF.R.5	X	X	X		
XCCDF.R.6					
OVAL.R.1	X	X	X	X	
OVAL.R.2	X	X	X	X	
OVAL.R.3	X	X	X	X	
OVAL.R.4	X	X	X	X	
OVAL.R.5				X	
CCE.R.1	X	X	X		
CCE.R.2	X	X	X		
CCE.R.3	X	X	X		

Requirement ID	FDCC Scanner	USGCB	Authenticated Configuration Scanner	Authenticated Vulnerability and Patch Scanner	Unauthenticated Vulnerability Scanner
CCE.R.4	X	X	X		
CCE.R.5	X	X	X		
CCE.R.6	X	X	X		
CCE.R.7	X	X	X		
CCE.R.8	X	X	X		
CPE.R.1	X	X	X	X	X
CPE.R.2	X	X	X	X	X
CPE.R.3	X	X	X	X	X
CPE.R.4	X	X	X	X	X
CVE.R.1	X	X		X	X
CVE.R.2	X	X		X	X
CVE.R.3	X	X		X	X
CVE.R.4				X	X
CVE.R.5	X	X		X	X
CVE.R.6	X	X		X	X
CVSS.R.1	X	X		X	X
CVSS.R.2	X	X		X	X
CVSS.R.3					
CVSS.R.4					
CVSS.R.5					
CVSS.R.6					
SCAP.R.1	X	X	X	X	X
SCAP.R.2	X	X	X	X	X
SCAP.R.3	X	X	X	X	X
SCAP.R.4	X	X	X	X	X
SCAP.R.5	X	X	X		
SCAP.R.6			X		
SCAP.R.7	X	X	X		
SCAP.R.8	X	X	X		
SCAP.R.9			X	X	X
SCAP.R.10	X	X	X	X	
SCAP.R.11					
SCAP.R.12					

6. Appendix A—Acronyms and Abbreviations

This appendix contains selected acronyms and abbreviations used in the publication.

CCE	Common Configuration Enumeration
CCSS	Common Configuration Scoring System
CPE	Common Platform Enumeration
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System
DTR	Derived Test Requirements
FDCC	Federal Desktop Core Configuration
FIRST	Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
ID	Identifier
IDPS	Intrusion Detection and Prevention System
IETF	Internet Engineering Task Force
IR	Interagency Report
IT	Information Technology
ITL	Information Technology Laboratory
LAN	Local Area Network
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NSA	National Security Agency
NVD	National Vulnerability Database
NVLAP	National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program
OS	Operating System
OVAL	Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language
PDF	Portable Document Format
USGCB	United States Government Configuration Baseline
RFC	Request for Comment
SCAP	Security Content Automation Protocol
URI	Uniform Resource Identifier
U.S.	United States
VHD	Virtual Hard Drive
XCCDF	Extensible Configuration Checklist Document Format
XML	Extensible Markup Language