

macOS Security Compliance



https://github.com/usnistgov/macos_security



Using data to prioritize cybersecurity investments, automated hardening techniques were found, by a wide margin, to have the greatest ability of any control studied to decrease the likelihood of a successful cyberattack. Organizations with such techniques in place, which apply baseline security configurations to system components like servers and operating systems, are nearly six times less likely to have a cyber incident than those that do not.

Solving a Problem



- Yearly major release from Apple
- New hardware
- Out of date guidance















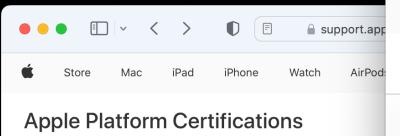


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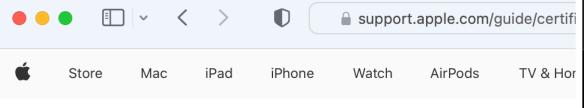
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The macOS Security Compliance Projec programmatic approach to generating s output customized documentation, scrip profiles, and an audit checklist based or Special Publication 800-219, Automated Security Compliance Project (mSCP).

This is a joint project of federal operatio Standards and Technology (NIST), Nation Defense Information Systems Agency (I The project uses a set of tested and val controls against any security guide supp be used as a resource to easily create c controls by leveraging a library of tested settings). The mSCP can produce output management and security tools to achie project support the following guidance I

Organization

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP 800-53, Recommended Security Controls Federal Information Systems and Organizations, Revision 5



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Developing Your Mac Compliance Strategy



Mac Security Compliance

Develop a security strategy for Apple devices and use the macOS Security Compliance Project to meet compliance requirements for Mac computers.

Strategy



Chapter 1 **Developing Your Mac Compliance**

Identify your organization's security strategy and plan for compliance. Learn how to use the macOS Security Compliance Project to generate baselines and guidance and to identify security gaps.

- Implementing a Security Strategy
- Preparing to Use the macOS Security Compliance Project
- Using the macOS Security Compliance Project
- Generating Baselines and Guidance
- Identifying Security Gaps

NIST SP 800-219

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Automated Secure Configuration Guidance from the macOS Security Compliance Project (mSCP)

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macOS Security Compliance Project (mSCP)

- Ships alongside OS
- Tested Controls
- Fully Documented
- Scripts, Profiles, plists, and more
- Interagency tested, NIST approved
- Massive yearly effort reduction





Making Compliance Easy

SP 800-53 Rev. 5.1 and SP 800-53B Latest Version

Controls Contain:

Moderate Security Baseline

Showing **177** controls

No.	Control Name	Low-Impact	Moderate-Impact	High-Impact
<u>AC-1</u>	POLICY AND PROCEDURES	AC-1	AC-1	AC-1
<u>AC-2</u>	ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT	AC-2	AC-2 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (13)	AC-2 (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (11) (12) (13)
<u>AC-3</u>	ACCESS ENFORCEMENT	AC-3	AC-3	AC-3
<u>AC-4</u>	INFORMATION FLOW ENFORCEMENT		AC-4	AC-4 (4)
<u>AC-5</u>	SEPARATION OF DUTIES		AC-5	AC-5
<u>AC-6</u>	LEAST PRIVILEGE		AC-6 (1) (2) (5) (7) (9) (10)	AC-6 (1) (2) (3) (5) (7) (9) (10)
<u>AC-7</u>	UNSUCCESSFUL LOGON ATTEMPTS	AC-7	AC-7	AC-7
<u>AC-8</u>	SYSTEM USE NOTIFICATION	AC-8	AC-8	AC-8
<u>AC-11</u>	DEVICE LOCK		AC-11 (1)	AC-11 (1)
<u>AC-12</u>	SESSION TERMINATION		AC-12	AC-12
<u>AC-14</u>	PERMITTED ACTIONS WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION OR AUTHENTICATION	AC-14	AC-14	AC-14
<u>AC-17</u>	REMOTE ACCESS	AC-17	AC-17 (1) (2) (3) (4)	AC-17 (1) (2) (3) (4)
<u>AC-18</u>	WIRELESS ACCESS	AC-18	AC-18 (1) (3)	AC-18 (1) (3) (4) (5)
<u>AC-19</u>	ACCESS CONTROL FOR MOBILE DEVICES	AC-19	AC-19 (5)	AC-19 (5)
<u>AC-20</u>	USE OF EXTERNAL SYSTEMS	AC-20	AC-20 (1) (2)	AC-20 (1) (2)
<u>AC-21</u>	INFORMATION SHARING		AC-21	AC-21
<u>AC-22</u>	PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE CONTENT	AC-22	AC-22	AC-22
<u>AT-1</u>	POLICY AND PROCEDURES	AT-1	AT-1	AT-1

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id: os_airdrop_disable
title: "Disable AirDrop"
discussion:
 AirDrop _MUST_ be disabled to prevent file transfers to or from unauthorized devices.
 AirDrop allows users to share and receive files from other nearby Apple devices.
check:
  /usr/bin/profiles -P -o stdout | /usr/bin/grep -c 'allowAirDrop = 0'
result:
  integer: 1
fix: |
 This is implemented by a Configuration Profile.
references:
  cce:
    - CCE-90898-8
  cci:
    - CCI-000381
  800-53r5:
    AC-3
    - AC-20
    - CM-7
    - CM - 7(1)
  800-53r4:
    - CM-7
    - CM - 7(1)
    - AC-3
    - AC-20
  srg:
    - N/A
  disa_stig:
    - N/A
  800-171r2:
    - 3.1.1
    - 3.1.2
    - 3.1.16
   - 3.1.20
   - 3.4.6
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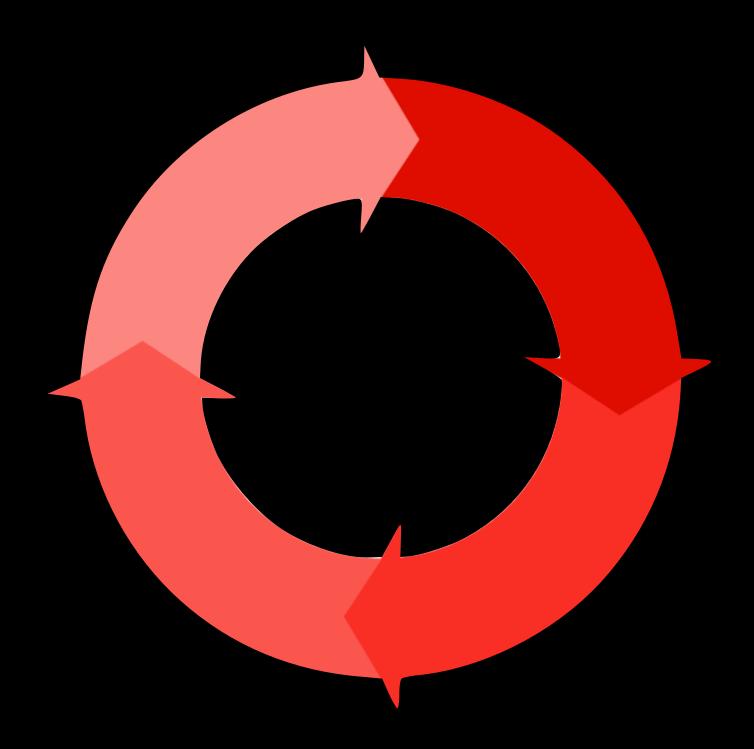
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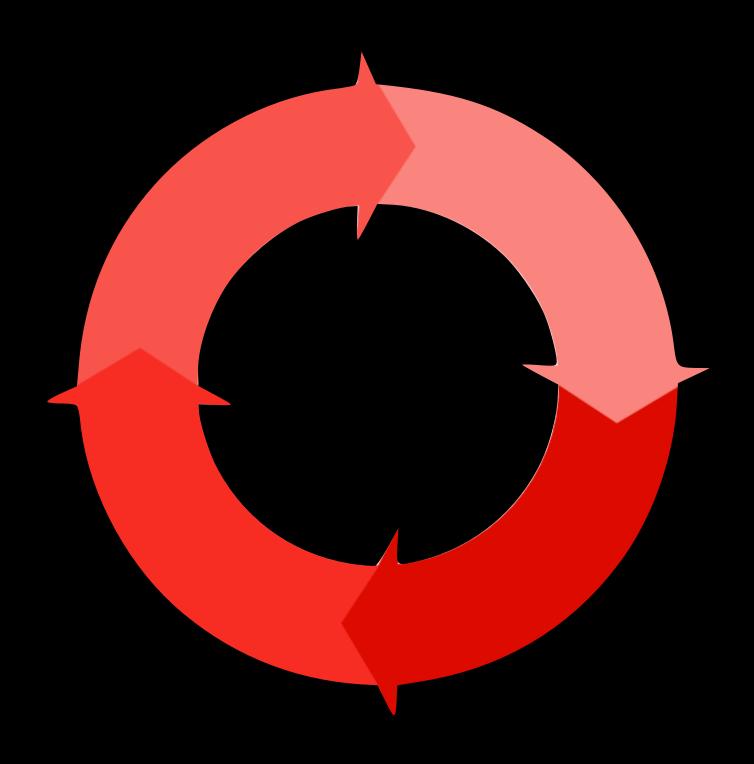
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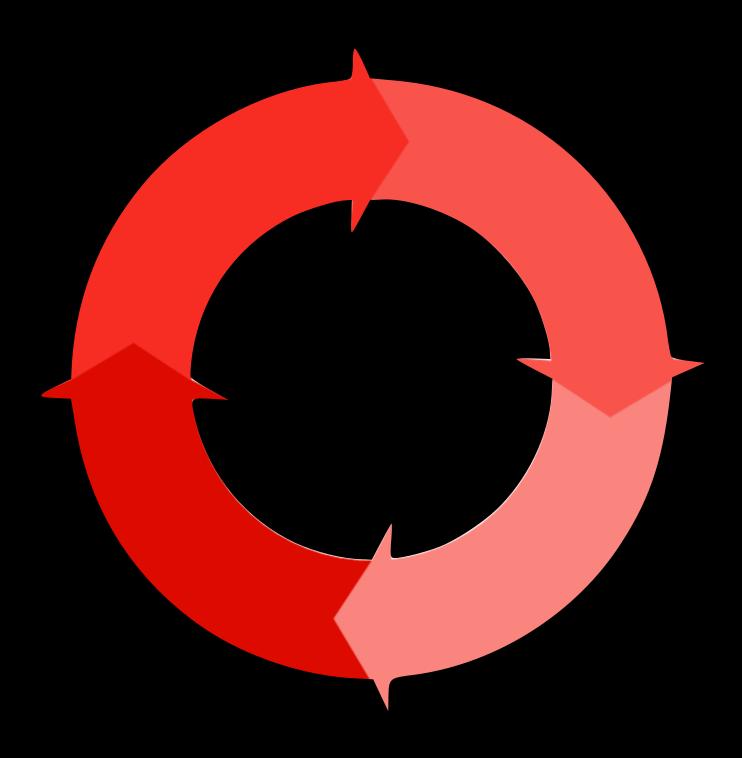








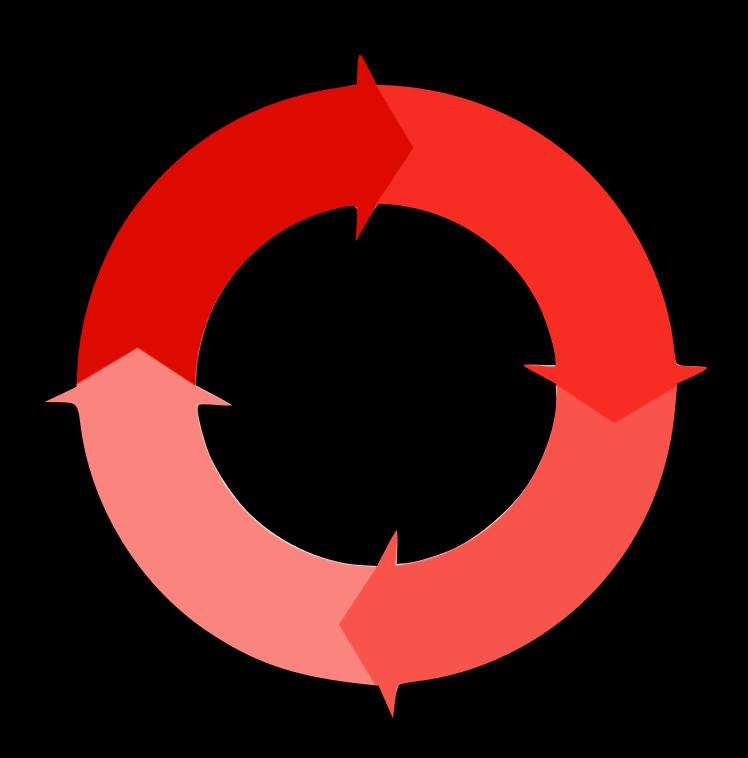






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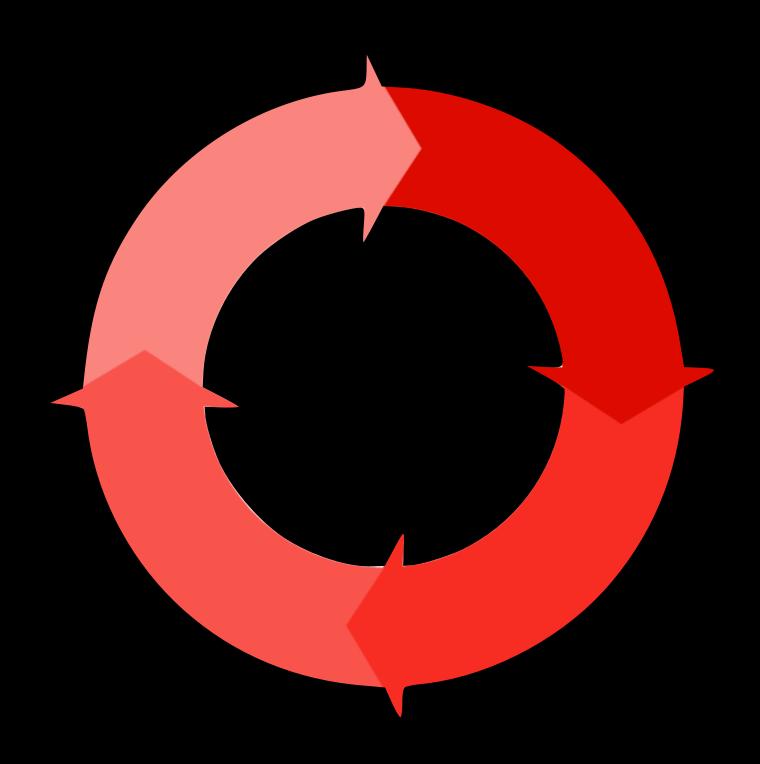
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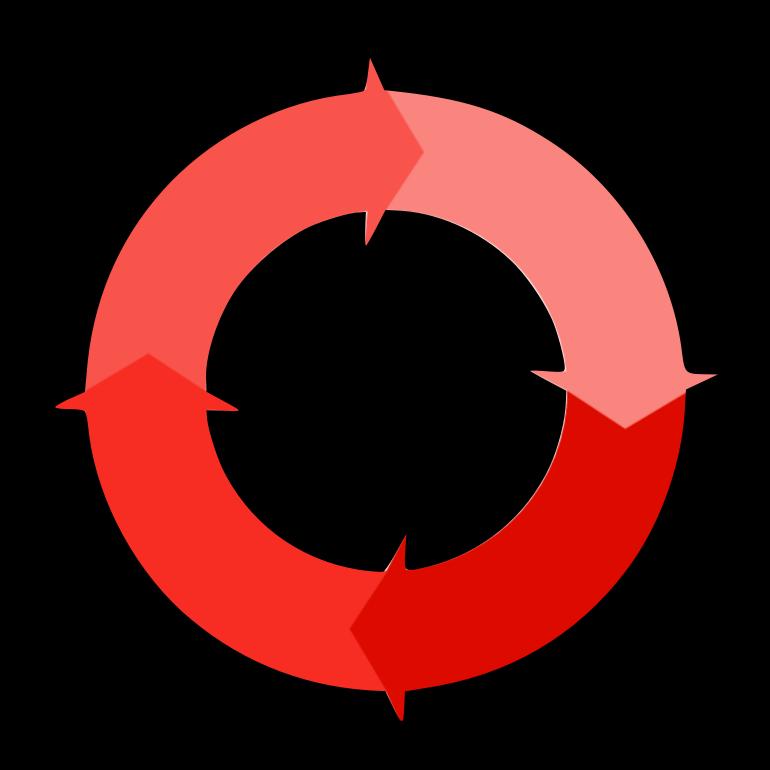
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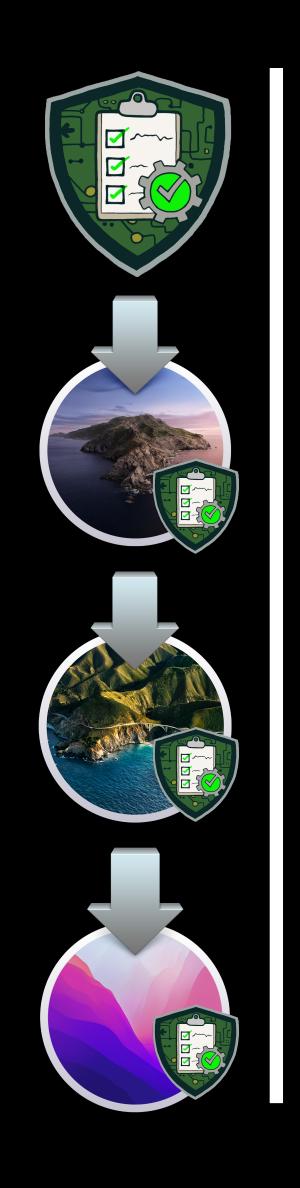




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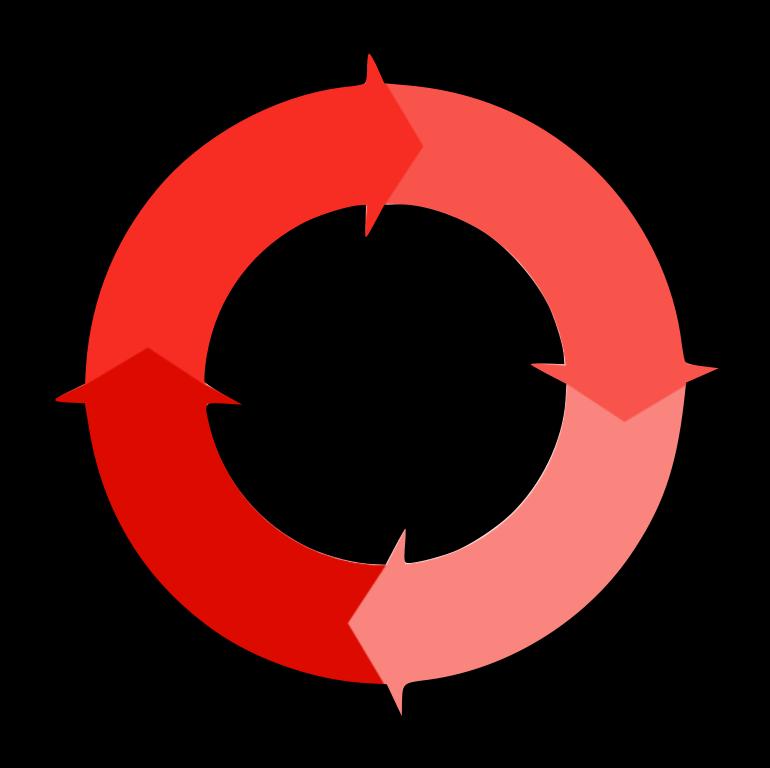
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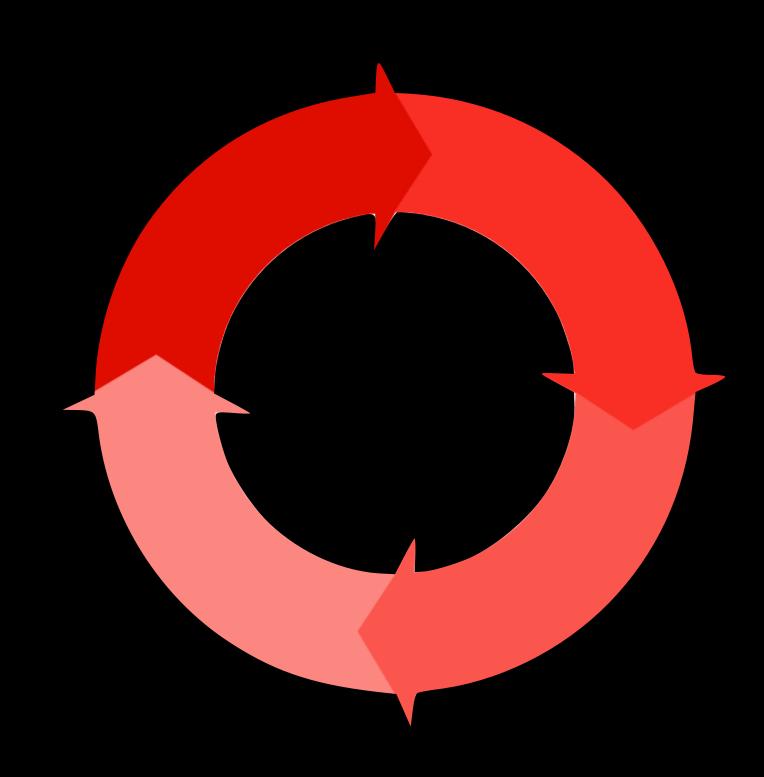




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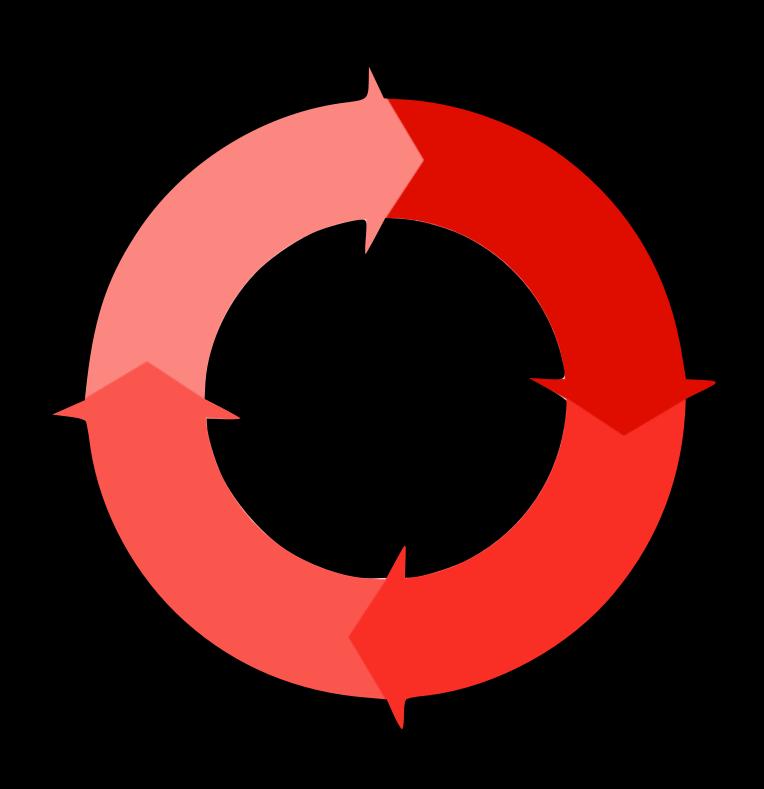




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CIS: 04/06/20

STIG: 07/31/20



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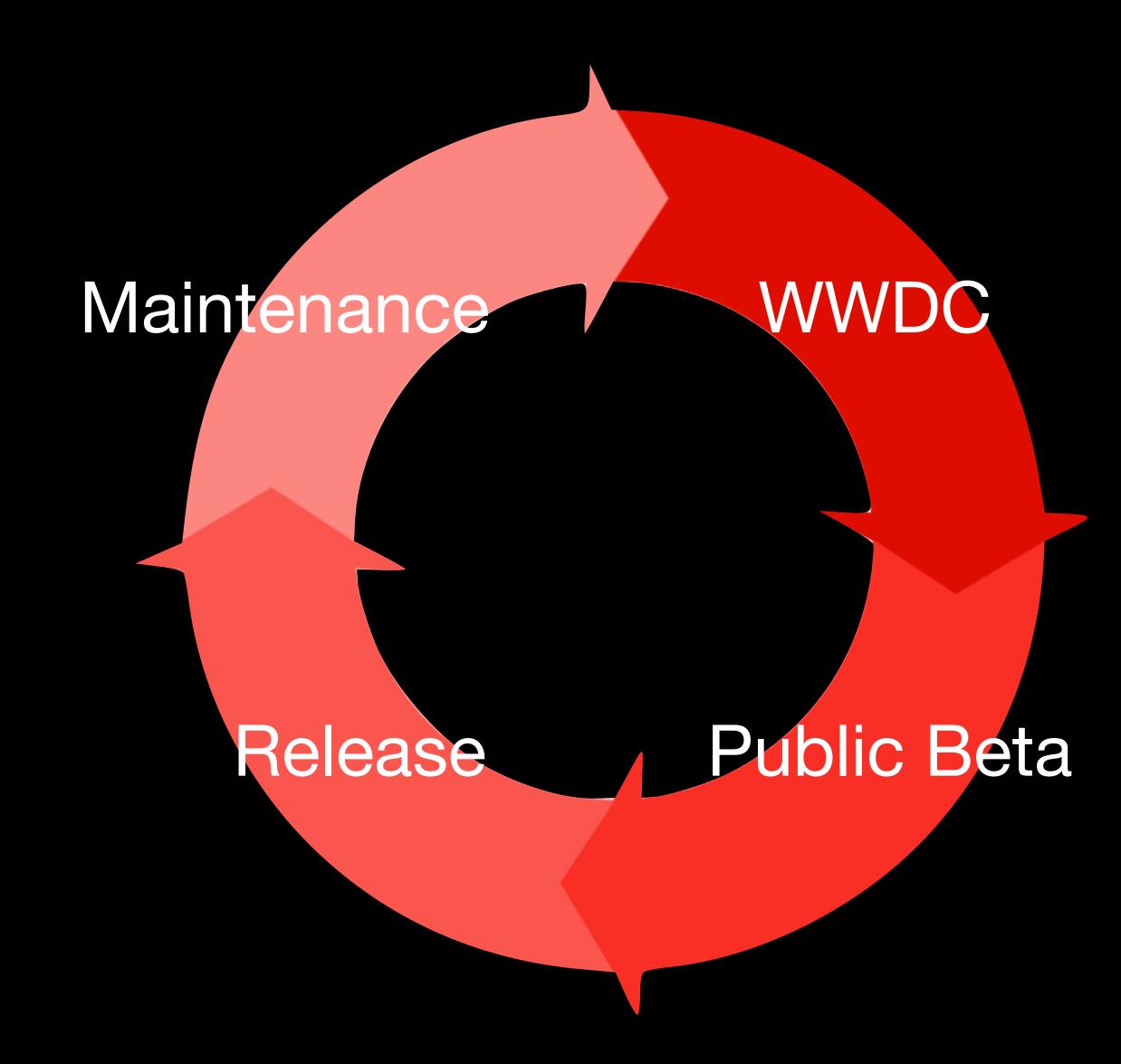
New Release/Guidance



New Hardware



Lifecycle



NIST SP 800-53
Revision 4

NIST SP 800-53 Revision 5





CISA

Executive Order

• BOD 22-01

• EO 14028

• BOD 23-01

OMB Memorandum

• M-21-31



Why does all this matter?



"We're required to use the DISA STIG for compliance, the mSCP has taken that from a nearly impossible task to one that is very easy to do."

John Daly - Naval Air Warfare Center

"The mSCP makes a daunting task approachable for Mac Admins of all skill levels, creating easy to comprehend reports for InfoSec and Auditors."

Jordan Burnette - Virginia Commonwealth University

"We're a small team of two supporting a few hundred Macs, without mSCP, we likely would have fallen behind on many other projects or had to hire additional team members to support us."

Niko Torres - New Teacher Center

"The mSCP has saved countless man hours creating and auditing security policies on our Macs. InfoSec thinks I'm a super hero!"

Lee Stanford - Workhuman

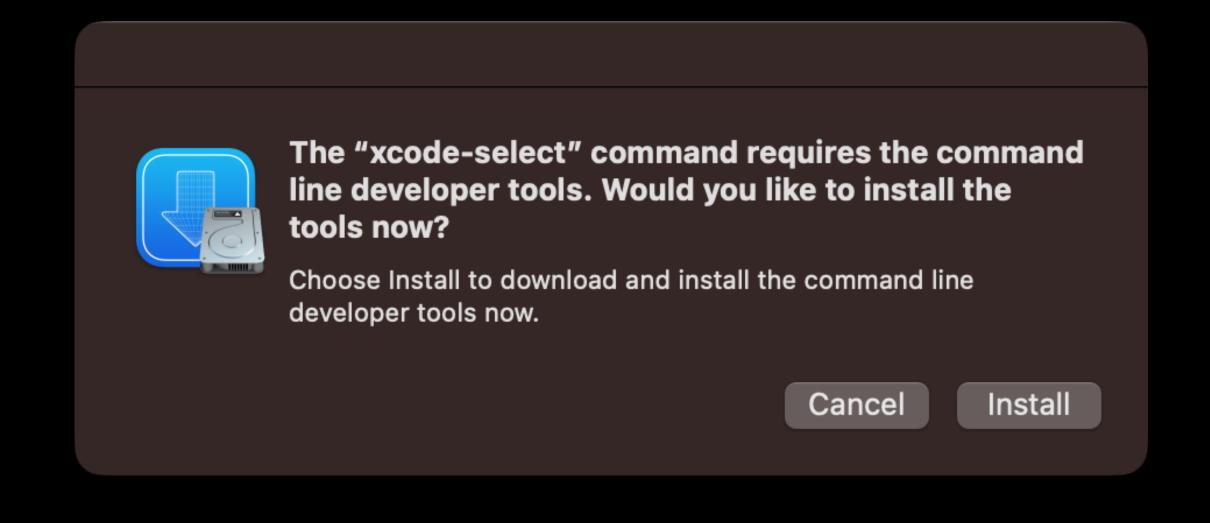


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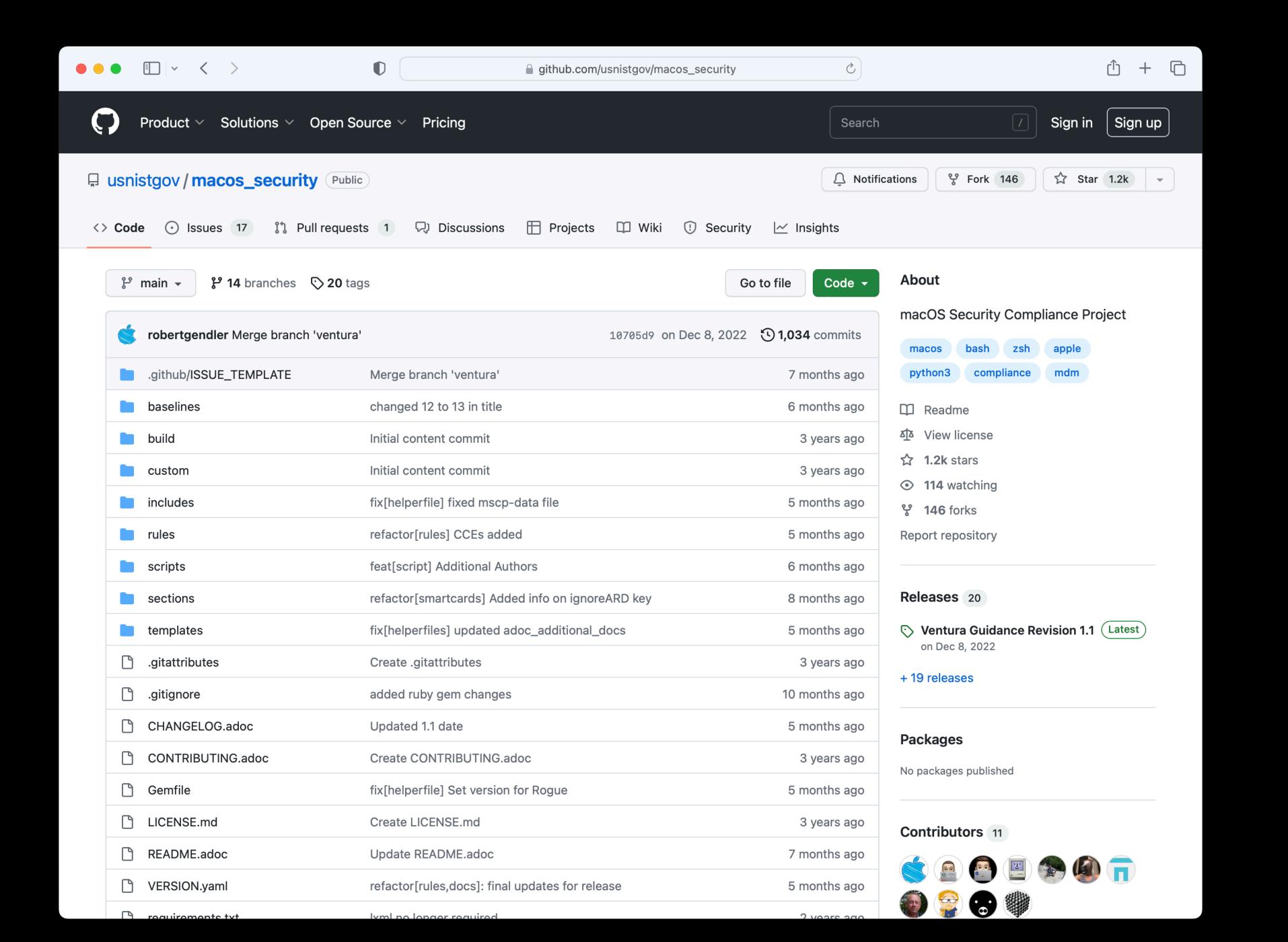




mSCP Requirements









Rules



Baselines



Scripts



generate_guidance.py



generate_baseline.py



generate_mapping.py



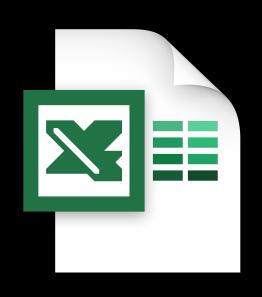
generate_scap.py

Project Outputs



















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Security Compliance Project

