Is it safe?
How compliance and auditing fit with Config Management

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And I have a different accent...
Warning: I am not a lawyer or auditor
Always go speak to one of them before implementing some of the stuff I’m talking about!
So, why are we here?
(This room specifically, listening to this talk...)
Show of hands in the room

Who has to deal with IT compliance or auditing in their current role?
So what is compliance?

What does it mean?
“Many organisations in the public sector and the regulated industries, such as utilities and legal or financial services, have to demonstrate an information security policy that proves they have a range of steps and measures in place...If these policies are not adhered to, the regulators reserve the right to prosecute”

Sidebar: Important distinction

Compliance is not security!
“Compliance is the discipline of verification at scale”

It’s the ops equivalent of planning permission, zoning laws, building guidelines etc.
Think about how many files, scripts, artifacts and services make up your estate. How could you ever check every single one of them, and what should you be prioritising?
This means compliance straddles an awkward organisational line

- Who’s responsible?
- Who runs the scans?
- Who fixes things when they go wrong?
Regardless: Someone has told you you need to follow the rules
Either for best practise or legal reasons…
Alphabet Soup

Control Objectives for Information and related Technology (COBIT)
Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) STIGs
Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)
Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC)
Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)
Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
ISO 27002/17799 Security Standards
Information Technology Information Library (ITIL)
National Institute of Standards (NIST) configuration guidelines
National Security Agency (NSA) configuration guidelines
Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS)
Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX)
Site Data Protection (SDP)
United States Government Configuration Baseline (USGCB)
California’s Security Breach Notification Act - SB 1386
You might have your own **hardening** policies
Removing non-essential users etc.
Center for Internet Security (CIS)

“Enhance the cyber security readiness and response of public and private sector entities, with a commitment to excellence through collaboration”

- Founded in October, 2000
- It is composed of roughly 180 members from 17 different countries.
- Wide range of entities, including academia and the government
- Kind of a non-government fork of the STIG standards
CIS standard exist for a lot of applications and tools:

Amazon Linux, Amazon Web Services
Apache Tomcat, Apache HTTP Server Assessment Tool
Apple iOS, Apple OSX, Apple Safari, Benchmark Mappings: Medical Device Security Standards
CentOS Linux, CheckPoint Firewall, Cisco Device
Debian Linux, Distribution Independent Linux, Docker, FreeBSD, FreeRadius, Google Android,
Google Chrome, HP-UX, IBM AIX, IBM DB2, IBM DB2 Benchmark Archive
ISC BIND, Juniper Device, Kerberos, LDAP, Microsoft Exchange Server, Microsoft IIS, Microsoft
Internet Explorer, Microsoft MS SQL Server, Microsoft Office, Microsoft SharePoint Server,
Microsoft Windows 10, Microsoft Windows 7, Microsoft Windows 8, Microsoft Windows NT,
2008, Microsoft Windows Server 2012, Microsoft Windows XP, Mozilla Firefox, MySQL
Novell Netware, Opera, Oracle Database Server, Oracle Database Server Assessment Tool
Oracle Linux, Oracle Solaris, Red Hat Linux, Slackware Linux, SuSE Linux, Sybase ASE, Ubuntu
VMware, Wireless Network Devices, Xen

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A lot of the time, you have to dig through a lot of legalese to get to an engineerable problem. And whether your engineering solution actually succeeds in its goal is entirely up to the discretion of your auditor.
An example: HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
The HIPAA Security Rule establishes national standards to protect individuals’ electronic personal health information that is created, received, used, or maintained by a covered entity. The Security Rule requires appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, and security of electronic protected health information.

The Security Rule is located at 45 CFR Part 160 and Subparts A and C of Part 164.

Ok, let's go digging
Let's look for 45 CFR Part 160 and Subparts A and C of 164
PART 160—GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

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45 CFR Part 164, Subpart C - Security Standards for the Protection of Electronic Protected Health Information

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§ 164.308 — Administrative safeguards.
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§ 164.318 — Compliance dates for the initial implementation of the security standards.
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§ 164.318 — Compliance dates for the initial implementation of the security standards.
Technical Safeguards!

Finally we’re getting somewhere...
\section*{§ 164.312 Technical safeguards.}
A covered entity or business associate must, in accordance with § 164.306:

(a)

(1) \textbf{Standard: Access control.} Implement technical policies and procedures for electronic information systems that maintain electronic protected health information to allow access only to those persons or software programs that have been granted access rights as specified in § 164.308(a)(4).

(2) \textbf{Implementation specifications:}

(i) \textbf{Unique user identification (Required).} Assign a unique name and/or number for identifying and tracking user identity.

(ii) \textbf{Emergency access procedure (Required).} Establish (and implement as needed) procedures for obtaining necessary electronic protected health information during an emergency.

(iii) \textbf{Automatic logoff (Addressable).} Implement electronic procedures that terminate an electronic session after a predetermined time of inactivity.

(iv) \textbf{Encryption and decryption (Addressable).} Implement a mechanism to encrypt and decrypt electronic protected health information.

(b) \textbf{Standard: Audit controls.} Implement hardware, software, and/or procedural mechanisms that record and examine activity in information systems that contain or use electronic protected health information.
The pain of compliance will be directly correlated to the relationship with your auditors.

Ultimately, they are the ones that you need to prove that you are in compliance too.
Unfortunately, this is often a manual process

- Emails
- PDFs
- Dead trees
- Humans
There’s got to be a better way!

If only there was something better...
What is IT compliance?

A series of rules for systems that need to be enforced and reported on
What is configuration management?

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Great, let's use config management tools!
But...what’s so great about using config management tools to enforce these standards?
Reduce cost and time per release

Pre-existing code for known standards often available
Potential for sharing and reuse
Share within your company or with the public
Single Source of Truth

Your infrastructure as code repository becomes your one place to look for compliance code
Less arguments about semantics

Agreed upon DSL means closer collaboration between policymakers and practitioners
Make time for the things that can’t be automated

Not everything can be automated, like physical safeguards
How does this look like in action?
Let’s pick a really basic example
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- https://benchmarks.cisecurity.org/tools2/linux/CIS_CentOS_Linux_7_Benchmark_v1.1.0.pdf
An example from CIS CentOS 7 Standards

1.2.3 Verify that gpgcheck is Globally Activated

- Profile Applicability: Level 1
- Description: The gpgcheck option, found in the main section of the /etc/yum.conf file determines if an RPM package's signature is always checked prior to its installation.
- Rationale: It is important to ensure that an RPM's package signature is always checked prior to installation to ensure that the software is obtained from a trusted source.
- Audit: Run the following command to verify that gpgcheck is set to 1 in all occurrences of the /etc/yum.conf file:
  
  $ grep gpgcheck /etc/yum.conf gpgcheck=1

- Remediation: Edit the /etc/yum.conf file and set the gpgcheck to 1 as follows:
  
  gpgcheck=1
Reflected in Puppet

```puppet
# 1.2.3 - Verify that gpgcheck is globally Activated (Scored)

file { '/etc/yum.conf':
    ensure => file,
    owner  => 'root',
    group  => 'root',
    mode   => '0644',
}

file_line { '(1.2.3) /etc/yum.conf contains gpgcheck=1':
    ensure => present,
    path   => '/etc/yum.conf',
    line   => 'gpgcheck=1',
}
```
Reflected in Chef

```chef
# CIS RHEL 1.2.3
replace_or_add 'Ensure GPG Check is enabled globally' do
  path '/etc/yum.conf'
  pattern 'gpgcheck.*'
  line 'gpgcheck=1'
end
```
Reflected in Salt

cis-yum-options:

file.line:
  - name: /etc/yum.conf
  - match: gpgcheck=0
  - content: gpgcheck=1
  - mode: replace
Reflected in Ansible

```yaml
---
lineinfile: dest=/etc/yum.conf line="gpgcheck=1" state=present
name: "Activate gpgcheck globally"
```
A few different design approaches available here...

Dedicated modules for compliance?
Use existing code and enforce standards?
Dry run modes when silo’d or change frozen?
Remember when we talked about sharing and reuse?

There’s a lot of prior art for this work
Fits your environment

DEV-SEC.IO

All-in-one Example

- Chef
- Puppet
- Ansible

Base Operating System

- GitHub
- Chef Supermarket
- Puppet Forge
- Ansible Galaxy
SIMP - System Integrity Management Platform

A Managed Ecosystem for Secure Operations

SIMP is an Open Source, fully automated, and extensively tested framework that can either enhance your existing infrastructure or allow you to quickly build one from scratch. Built on the mature Puppet product suite, SIMP is designed around scalability, flexibility, and compliance.

Initially designed as a turn-key solution for isolated environments, SIMP includes everything you need to get started building repeatable infrastructures at any scale.

- https://simp-project.com/
Ansible Lockdown

Ansible playbook roles for security

- samdoran: Update RHEL6 STIG baseline to R13
- RHEL6-STIG @ c9ebe48: Update RHEL6 STIG
- RHEL7-STIG @ d68135c: Add RHEL7-STIG
- tests: Update RHEL6 STIG baseline to R13
- .gitmodules: Use HTTPS for RHEL 6 STIG submodule
- CONTRIBUTING.md: Fix #8
- LICENSE: Initial commit
- README.md: Update links in README

Ansible-Lockdown

Intro

Ansible-Lockdown is a collaborative effort between Ansible and our IT Security partner MindPoint Group to provide you with thorough, vetted, and trusted security roles that you can integrate with any of your existing playbooks or as the building blocks for completely new playbooks.

- https://github.com/ansible/ansible-lockdown
Check the community hubs

Puppet Forge, Chef Supermarket, Ansible Galaxy, Github
However there are two parts to IT compliance

1. Enforcement
2. Reporting
Config management tools can be used for both
They’re generally better at the enforcing bit
So let's talk about scanning and reporting
And here is some bad news...
Bad news: Not a lot of the tools out there for scanning are open-source

eg. Nessus, QualysGuard, Nexpose
That is not to say they’re not good...

But we are at FOSDEM, so let's talk about the OSS options!
Also bad news: there’s normally an approval process or tool to get something signed off as a scanner for a particular standard.

eg. PCI, there are ASV (Approved Scanning Vendors)
OpenSCAP

- SCAP is U.S. standard maintained by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- The OpenSCAP project is a collection of open source tools for implementing and enforcing the standard
- Lots of existing profiles for various OS’s and compliance standards (PCI DSS, FISMA)
- Existing integrations with various tools and projects
oscap

$ yum install openscap-utils scap-security-guide -y
$ oscap xccdf eval --profile common --report /
/vagrant/report.html --results /vagrant/results.xml \
--cpe/usr/share/xml/scap/ssg/content/ssg-rhel6-cpe-dictionary.xml \
/usr/share/xml/scap/ssg/content/ssg-rhel6-xccdf.xml
Guide to the Secure Configuration of Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6

with profile Common Profile for General-Purpose Systems
— This profile contains items common to general-purpose desktop and server installations.

This guide presents a catalog of security-relevant configuration settings for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6. It is a rendering of content structured in the eXtensible Configuration Checklist Description Format (XCCDF) in order to support security automation. The SCAP content is is available in the `scap-security-guide` package which is developed at http://fedorahosted.org/scap-security-guide.

Providing system administrators with such guidance informs them how to securely configure systems under their control in a variety of network roles. Policy makers and baseline creators can use this catalog of settings, with its associated references to higher-level security control catalogs, in order to assist them in security baseline creation. This guide is a catalog, not a checklist, and satisfaction of every item is not likely to be possible or sensible in any operational scenario. However, the XCCDF format enables granular selection and adjustment of settings, and their association with OVAL and OCIL content provides an automated checking capability. Transformations of this document, and its associated automated checking content, are capable of providing baselines that meet a diverse set of policy objectives. Some example XCCDF Profiles, which are selections of items that form checklists and can be used as baselines, are available with this guide. They can be processed, in an automated fashion, with tools that support the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP). The DISA STIG for Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6, which provides required settings for US Department of Defense systems, is one example of a baseline created from this guidance.

Do not attempt to implement any of the settings in this guide without first testing them in a non-operational environment. The creators of this guidance assume no responsibility whatsoever for its use by other parties, and makes no guarantees, expressed or implied, about its quality, reliability, or any other characteristic.

### Evaluation Characteristics

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**CPE Platforms**

- `cpe:/o:centos:centos:6`
- `cpe:/o:centos:centos:latest`

**Addresses**

- IPv4: 127.0.0.1
- IPv4: 10.0.2.15
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SCAP Workbench

Foreman/Satellite Integration

- https://www.theforeman.org/plugins/foreman_openscap/0.6/

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There’s a talk on this tomorrow

How to audit, fix (and be merry) with OpenSCAP & Foreman

Security & Compliance automation with Foreman & OpenSCAP

Protecting against today's relentless and adaptive cyber threats requires continuous monitoring of your networks and systems. Foreman and OpenSCAP address this challenge through centralized security management, configuration scanning, monitoring and remediation. In this talk we will discuss how Foreman and OpenSCAP automatically scan for security gaps, vulnerabilities, and unauthorized changes in security configurations — monitor and remediate problems to restore security controls of your established security configuration.

Speakers

Ondřej Pražák

- https://fosdem.org/2017/schedule/event/openscap_foreman/
Lynis

- Basic hardening standards scanner
- Easy to install
- Bad news: PCI and other standards are plugins and are commercial only
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Bake your compliance steps into your base images

- Hashicorp tool
- Image management
- Provisioners for config management tools and shell scripts
- Some compliance steps can be hard to change on a running system
- Werner Buck had a great talk about compliance standards with Packer: http://wernerb.github.io/hashiconf-hardening/
System Testing DSL’s

Domain Specific Languages to test system correctness
RSpec tests for your servers configured by CFEngine, Puppet, Ansible, Itamae or anything else.
describe 'cis_level_1' do
  describe file('/etc/yum.conf') do
    it { should be_file }
    its(:content) { should match /gpgcheck=1/ }
    it { should be_file }
    it { should be_mode 644 }
    it { should be_owned_by 'root' }
    it { should be_grouped_into 'root' }
  end
end
A number of similar and inspired projects

- **goss** - [https://github.com/aelsabbahy/goss](https://github.com/aelsabbahy/goss) - Inspired by serverspec, but written in golang

- **infrataster** - [http://infrataster.net/](http://infrataster.net/) - Has specific methods and keywords for http, mysql etc

- **testinfra** - [https://github.com/philpep/testinfra](https://github.com/philpep/testinfra) - Python version of serverspec

- **gauntlt** - [http://gauntlt.org/](http://gauntlt.org/) - BDD wrappers around common security tools (nmap, sslyze etc)

- **bddsecurity** - [http://bbdsecurity.com](http://bbdsecurity.com) - Similar BDD focussed security tool
InSpec

- “InSpec is an open-source testing framework for infrastructure with a human-readable language for specifying compliance, security and other policy requirements”
- Chef’s compliance product
- Started as a fork of serverspec
control 'V-38483' do
  impact 0.5
  title 'The system package management tool must cryptographically verify the authenticity of system software packages during installation.'
  desc 'Ensuring the validity of packages\' cryptographic signatures prior to installation ensures the provenance of the software and protects against malicious tampering.'
  tag 'stig','V-38483'
  tag severity: 'medium'
  tag checkid: 'C-46039r1_chk'
  tag fixid: 'F-43429r1_fix'
  tag version: 'RHEL-06-000013'
  tag ruleid: 'SV-50283r1_rule'

  if os[:family] == 'redhat'
    describe parse_config_file('/etc/yum.conf') do
      its('main') { should include('gpgcheck' => '1') }
    end
  end
end

- https://supermarket.chef.io/tools?type=compliance_profile
- https://github.com/inspec-stigs/inspec-stigs
InSpec, or How to translate compliance spreadsheets into code

Michael Goetz - Monday, February 1, 15:40-16:20 - B3.019

InSpec allows you to examine any node with controls that can written in simple form and then executed in an automated fashion as part of your software development process. We'll talk about the basic concepts of InSpec, how to write controls and how to use the reported output to take your compliance spreadsheets into a automated development world.

Summary

What have we learnt?
Compliance is enforcement of standards

It’s not security, it’s standards for scaling security
Compliance responsibility can be tricky
Try to bring into teams if possible, move security left!
Config management tools are a great fit for compliance

They fit the model of enforcing rules in a defined way
Regardless of the config management tool you use, there’s pre-existing work

“Stand on the shoulders of giants”
Enforcement is just one part of the puzzle
Reporting is the other half
Unfortunately, not much OSS for compliance scanning
OpenSCAP, System DSL’s, InSpec and Lynis
Want to know more?

- A Year in Open Source Automated Compliance With Puppet – Trevor Vaughan at PuppetConf 2016
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a270uDh8muE
  https://medium.com/compliance-at-velocity/compliance-is-not-security-compliance-scales-security-50846e7a47c2#.k63bpravl
- Prove it! The Last Mile for DevOps in Regulated Organizations - DOES15 - Bill Shinn
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gg8gGisI4zM
- The Technical Practises of Integrating Information Security, Change Management and Compliance
Q&A