

Subject: Information Security Automation Program - Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)

One of the comments I made during my July presentation to the ISACA AGM was the growing importance of the Information Security Automation Program and use of SCAP certified tools. The following links will take you to:

a. an announcement by the IRS of an intent to acquire SCAP tools for agency wide "Security Posture Monitoring and Reporting" and

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=a22f98acf981c1704f2f299af0a1f0dc&tab=core&_cviw=0

b. An RFI from DoD DISA for an "Asset Configuration Compliance Module (ACCM) Solution" - that must be SCAP compliant

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Similarly, the Office of Management and Budget has recently stated a requirement that the scanning to be performed as part of the annual FISMA C&A process must be performed by SCAP certified products.

Another measure of the snowball effect of the acceptance of this approach can be seen in the agenda of the September security automation conference where presentations will discuss the applicability of SCAP to HIPPA, PCI, Sarbox etc. This is the link to the draft conference agenda:

<http://nvd.nist.gov/scap/docs/security-automation-agenda-2008.pdf>

The Canadian labs have contributed greatly to the success of this US government and industry initiative in that 10 of the 12 products that have been SCAP certified were tested by the Canadian Labs. Since this is intended as an international program I would be interested in learning if any Canadian federal or provincial government organizations are considering adoption of this approach.

Please feel free to distribute this to the ISACA mailing list.

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