



Tenable Earns NIST SCAP Tool Validation for Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) Audits

Tenable Security Center Management Suite is validated by NIST to perform SCAP FDCC audits for both XP and Vista

April 11, 2008 – Columbia, MD – Tenable Network Security, Inc., the leader in unified security monitoring and creator of the popular and award-winning Nessus vulnerability scanner, announced today that Tenable's Security Center has been validated by NIST to perform Security Content Automation (SCAP) FDCC Compliance Auditing for the Microsoft XP and Vista platforms.

In July of 2007, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released a memorandum to Federal CIOs, (http://www.cio.gov/documents/FDCC_Memo.pdf) mandating that all government agencies implement the FDCC for all Windows XP and Vista desktops. In addition, all government agencies must use, when available, a NIST SCAP validated tool to audit and monitor compliance with the FDCC mandate.

The Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP), pronounced "Ess-Cap", is a method for using specific standards to enable automated vulnerability management, measurement, and policy compliance evaluation (e.g., FISMA compliance). More specifically, SCAP is a suite of open standards that enumerates software flaws, security related configuration issues, and product names, measures systems to determine the presence of vulnerabilities, and provides mechanisms to rank (score) the results of these measurements in order to evaluate the impact of the discovered security issues. SCAP defines how these standards are used in unison to accomplish these capabilities.

"NIST's SCAP tool validation is important because it provides independent, standards-based verification of the security functions delivered by the Tenable Security Center and related components," said Ron Gula, CEO of Tenable. "Tenable is pleased to announce this validation for Security Center and to provide our current and future customers the highest level of confidence that our solutions deliver on their security promises."

For more information on Tenable's validation status with NIST, please visit: http://nvd.nist.gov/validation_tenable.cfm

For more information on how Tenable's Security Center performs FDCC audits, please visit: <http://www.tenablesecurity.com/demos/>

About Tenable Network Security®

Tenable Network Security is the leader in unified security monitoring. Tenable provides agentless solutions for continuous monitoring of vulnerabilities, configurations, data leakage, and log analysis and compromise detection. Tenable's award-winning products are utilized by many Global 2000 organizations and Government agencies to proactively minimize network risk. For more information, please visit <http://www.tenablesecurity.com>.

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