Extending SCAP into the VMware virtual infrastructure

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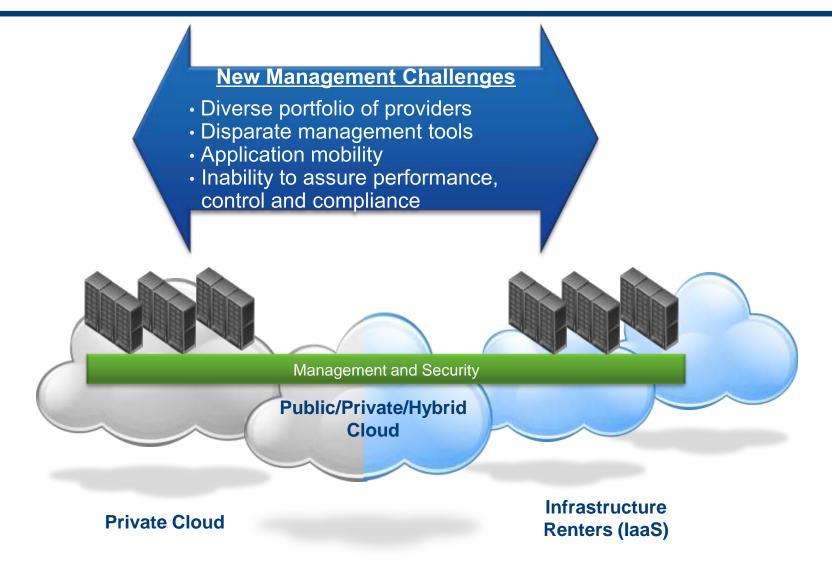
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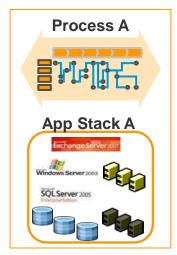
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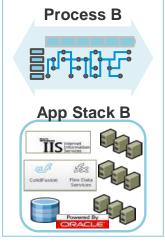
- The Evolution of IT management, compliance & security
- VMware's commitment: open, interoperable & secure
- VMware Authoritative guidance & SCAP
 - VMware & ThreatGuard joint project
 - Extending the standards
 - Translating the authoritative guidance
- SCAP solutions from ThreatGuard
- VMware Configuration & Compliance Solution
 - Future VMware SCAP solutions

IT Management Is Changing in the Virtualization-Cloud Era



Cloud Drives Changes in Management Requirements





Traditional Management

- Static bindings between processes, applications, and infrastructure
- Change is carefully planned, risky, manual, and slow
- Heterogeneous elements and processes across silos
- Management software executes to the lowest common denominator



Cloud Management

- <u>Dynamic</u> relationships across all layers of the technology stack
- Change is <u>constant</u> and <u>automated</u>
- Normalization of data and elements
- Massive <u>standardization</u> and high-level <u>abstraction</u>
- Day-to-day is <u>automated</u>; management should focus on higher order tasks

Virtualization & Cloud Management: Why VMware?

VMware Virtualization & Cloud Management

From the leader in virtualization & cloud infrastructure – specifically for dynamic data centers – to simplify how IT is managed

Zero-Touch Automation

- Optimizes operational efficiency with built-in automation
- Native management designed-in, at each architectural layer
- Embedded expertise helps you make smarter use of virtual infrastructure

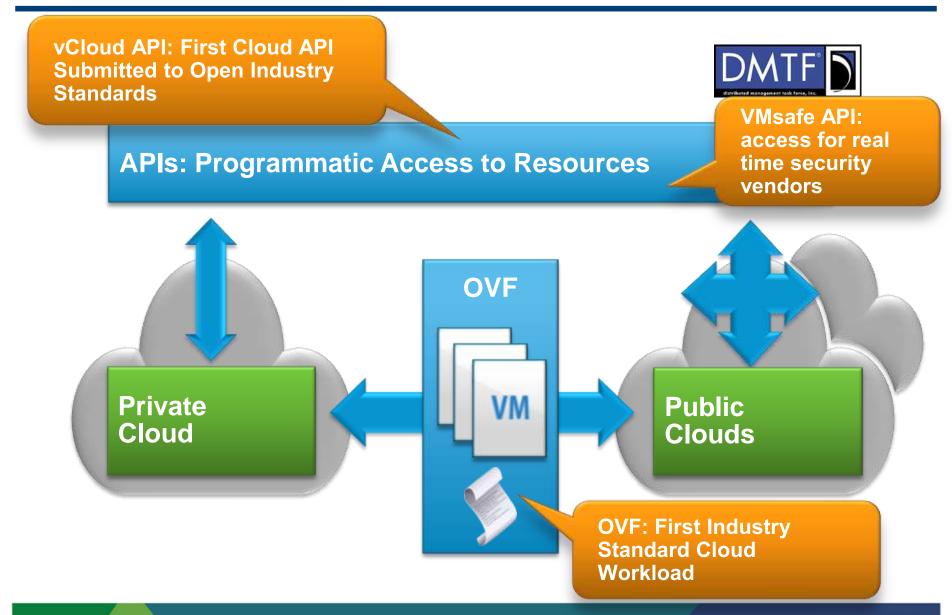
Policy-Driven Service Assurance

- Controls dynamic environments to assure compliance & performance
- Delivers self-service with control
- Self-manages to desired state
- Reduces risk & ensures compliance and security

Management & Cloud Interoperability

- Freedom of <u>choice</u> via management interoperability with ecosystem partners
- Cloud interoperability across service providers
- Open and standards-based approach
- Enables application mobility across clouds

VMware's Commitment: open, interoperable & secure



VMware's Commitment to Authoritative Guidance & SCAP

- Publication of vSphere Security Hardening Guide
- Publication of vCloud Director Security Hardening Guide
- ThreatGuard & VMware partnership
 - Extension of OVAL & SCAP standard to include virtual infrastructure
 - Translation of vSphere Security Hardening Guide to SCAP
- VMware SCAP solutions in the works (more later in this deck)





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Setting the Standard

About ThreatGuard

Engineering Company

- Founded: 2002; Standards: 2004; SCAP: 2006
- Goal: Be the BASF of SCAP
- Goal: Provide most widely used SCAP engine in the world

Business Concepts

- Technical Socializing (NIST, NSA, MITRE)
- Enable, extend, innovate(Secutor Prime, S-CAT)
- Drive the standards (Remediation, Deviations, Scoring)

Cadre-driven Outreach

- Top contributor for OVAL (9 straight quarters)
- Foundational SCAP Support (Key roles in FDCC)
- Donated technology (Make SCAP tangible)

The Forerunner of SCAP Technology

- Commitment to SCAP languages since 2004
- Primary tool used to establish the FDCC images in the OMB lab
- Leveraged in OMB demonstration as exemplary SCAP



Our Task for SCAP 1.2

Task Dates

- Official Start: June 24
- OVAL 5.8 cutoff: July 21
- SCAP 1.2 cutoff: August 15

Create OVAL Extensions for VMware

- visdkmanagedobject_test in the ESX schema
- Extensions submitted June 25
- Officially announced as part of OVAL 5.8 on July 2

Create Sample Content for Extensions

- Sample content generated: June 25
- Extended content: July 2
- Remediation content: July 7



Flexibility Hybrid architecture to support multiple deployment requirements

Desktop module can stand alone or be used for off-line reconnaissance. Use in closed labs to test An enterprise tool for software operability the trenches. Highunder tightened level views easily security. Use Secutor show problem Secutor Prime in remote Magnus areas and quickly offices with drill down to expose degraded comm lines; guidance on how to export results for Magnus. make things better. S-CAT **Platform Independent Design: Modular Assessment Engine:** ❖ Java, .NET, Native Binary Easy to Integrate SecureShell, telnet, rexec Over-the-wire Microsoft Windows Localhost agent Solaris Proxy agent Red Hat Enterprise Linux Used by Secutor Magnus ❖ HP-UX Used by Multiple Vendors and Cisco IOS **GOTS** systems for Compliance Assessments and Enforcement Mainframes MacOSX And more...



Today's Demo

SCAP Assessment

- Target: VirtualMachine Objects in the VI
- Secutor Prime
 - Desktop SCAP Tool
 - Used in every Federal Agency, across DoD, and in 80+ foreign countries
 - Remediation

S-CAT

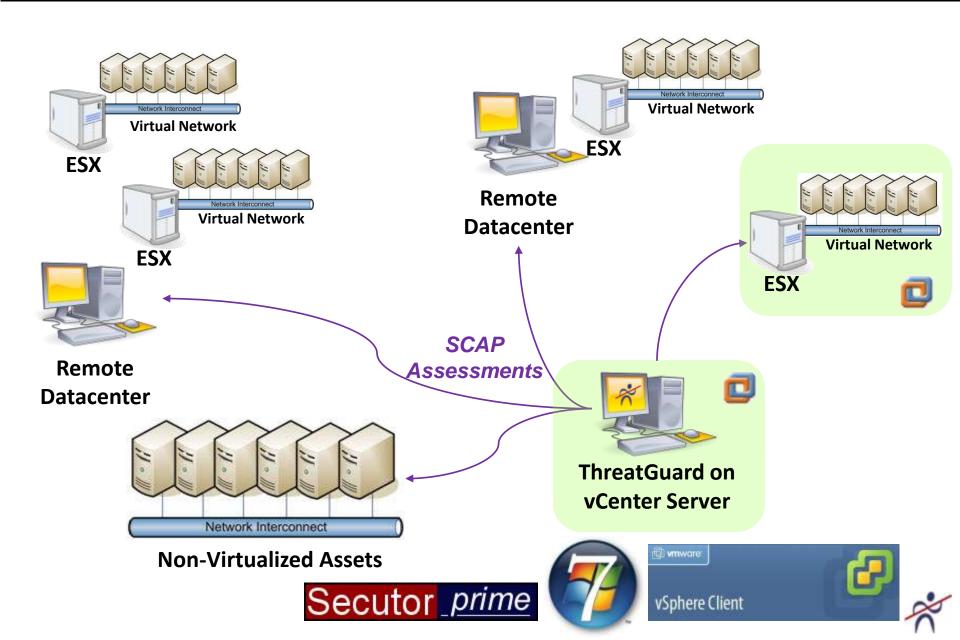
- Embeddable SCAP Engine
- Used to SCAP-enable existing products quickly
- SCAP Data in vSphere Client
- Secutor Magnus (aka vSphere Auditor)
 - ThreatGuard Enterprise SCAP Product
 - Correlation
 - Aggregation

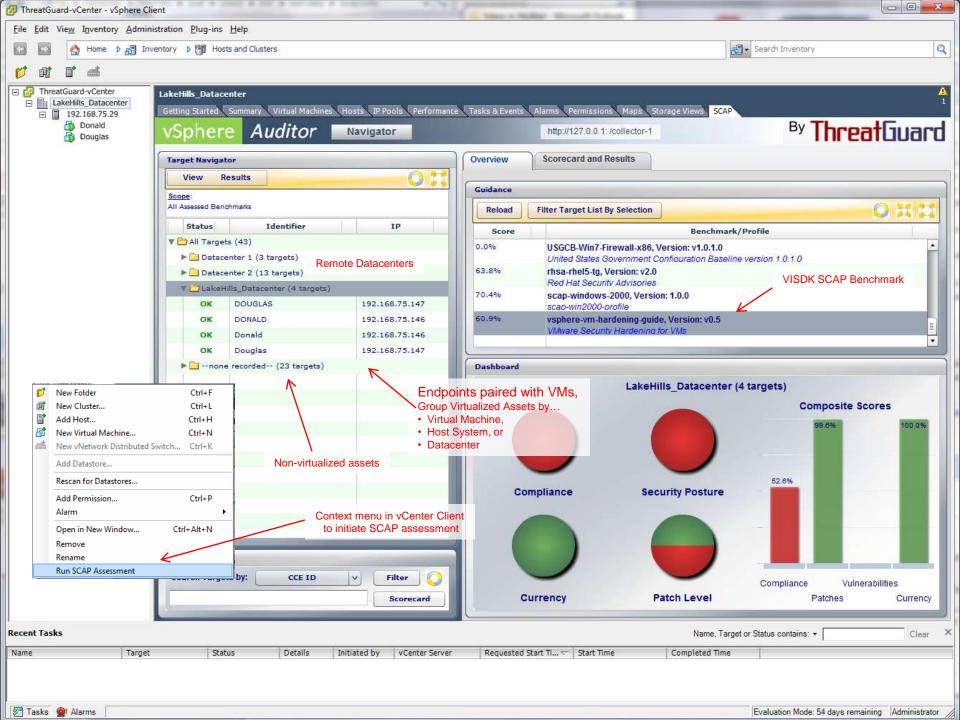
Advanced Topics

- Open Remediation and Adjustment Language
- SCAP Integration through Manageable Process Links
- Correlation Linkages Of the Underlying Devices
- CyberScope Aggregation of Federal Enumerations



Demo Environment





Security Measurement through Automation and Content

What is SCAP good for, and how does your product support it?

- Compliance Assessments
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Virtual Devices
- Configuration Management
- System Diagnostics
- Automated Threat Response
- Standardized Decision Intelligence Systems
- Service Level Agreements
- Offline Assessments





VMware solution: vCenter Configuration Manager

Avoid Configuration Drift & Maintain Compliance

Only full-coverage IT compliance solution spanning physical and virtual server & desktop environments

Eliminate manual, error-prone and timeconsuming work

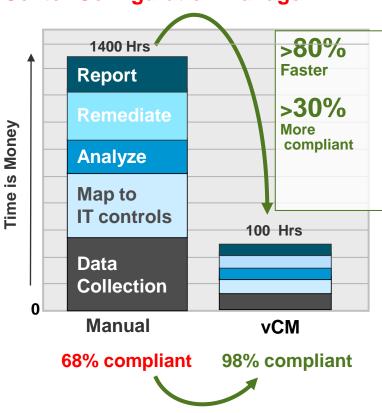
Apply out-of-the box compliance toolkits to automate audit data collection, analysis, remediation & verification

Continuously manage compliance with regulations and IT best practices, including VMware Hardening Guidelines

Massively reduce your risk posture & eliminate costly audit "events"

Supports DISA STIGs, CIS Benchmarks and many other standards

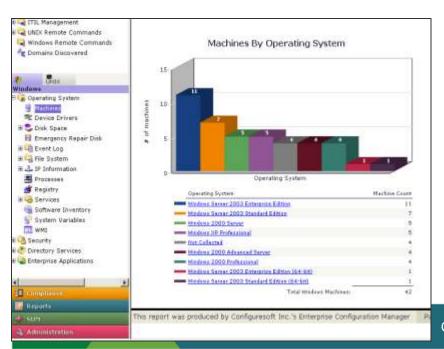
Automating IT Compliance with vCenter Configuration Manager

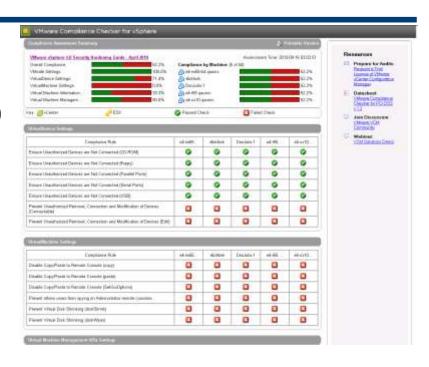


Future VMware SCAP Solutions

VMware Compliance Checker for vSphere

- Free download available by November 1st, 2010
- Leverages SCAP driven vSphere security assessment





vCenter Configuration Manager to be SCAP validated 1H2011

- Enterprise assessment & remediation of physical and virtual infrastructure
- Includes xPlatform patch management

Questions & Answers

