Creating Value from Vulnerability

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NSA, DISA, NIST, SANS, Center for Internet Security, etc...

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DISA STIGs, NIST Checklists, Corporate baselines, etc.

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AF, DOD,
USG Standard desktop

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OS Vendors, Tool Vendors, Compliance Checkers

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DoD Policy, OMB, FISMA, Security Content Automation Program (SCAP)

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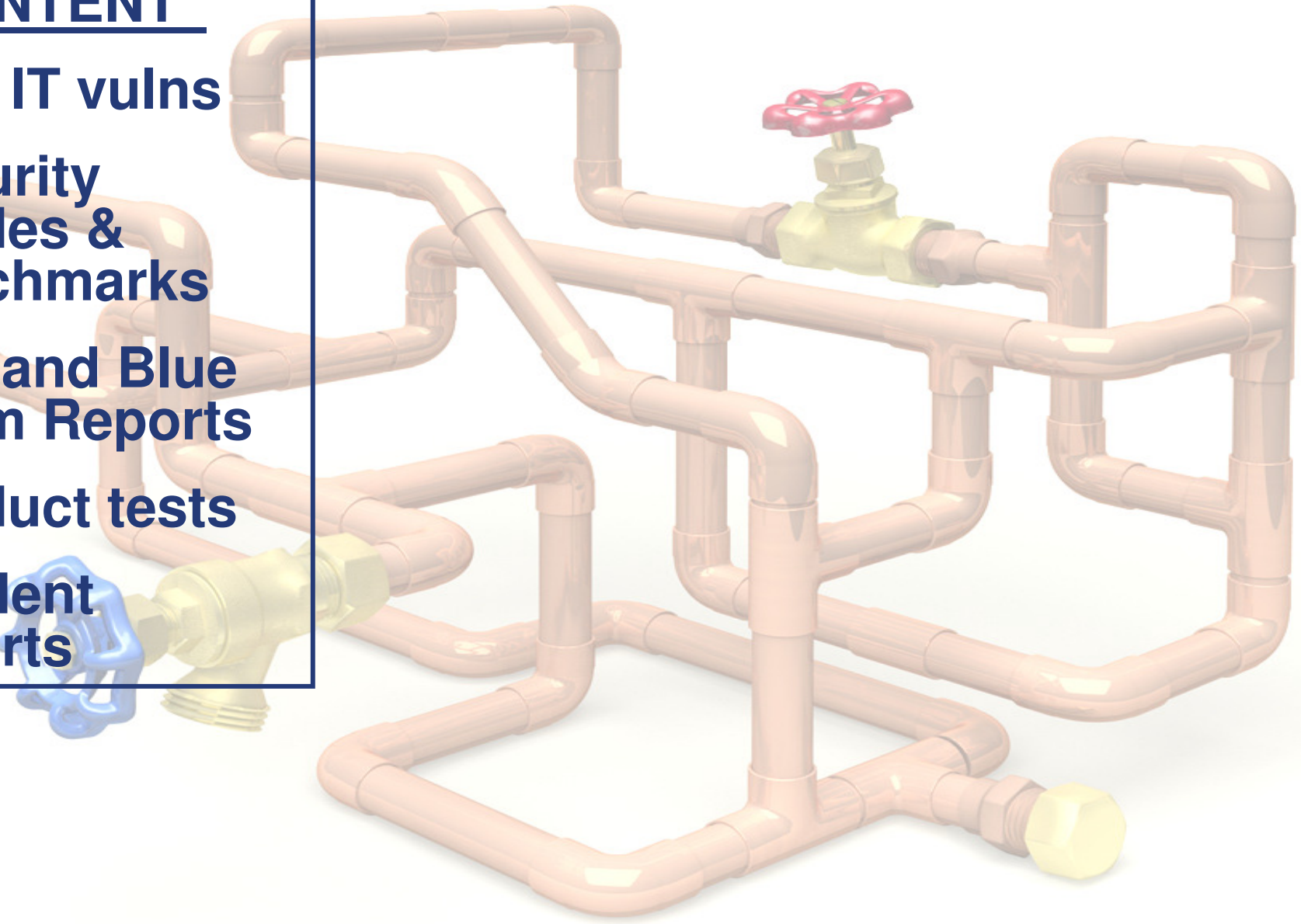

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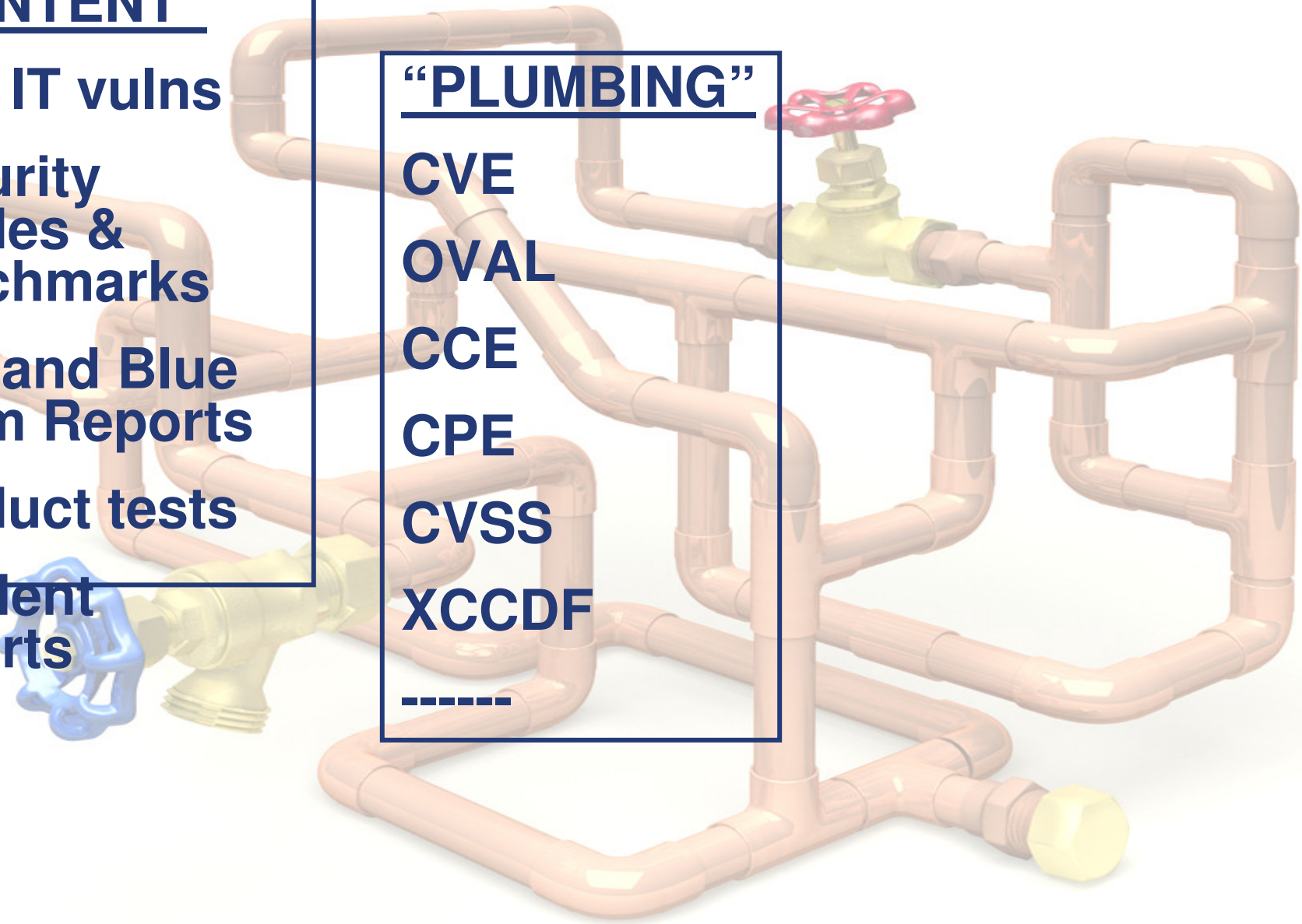

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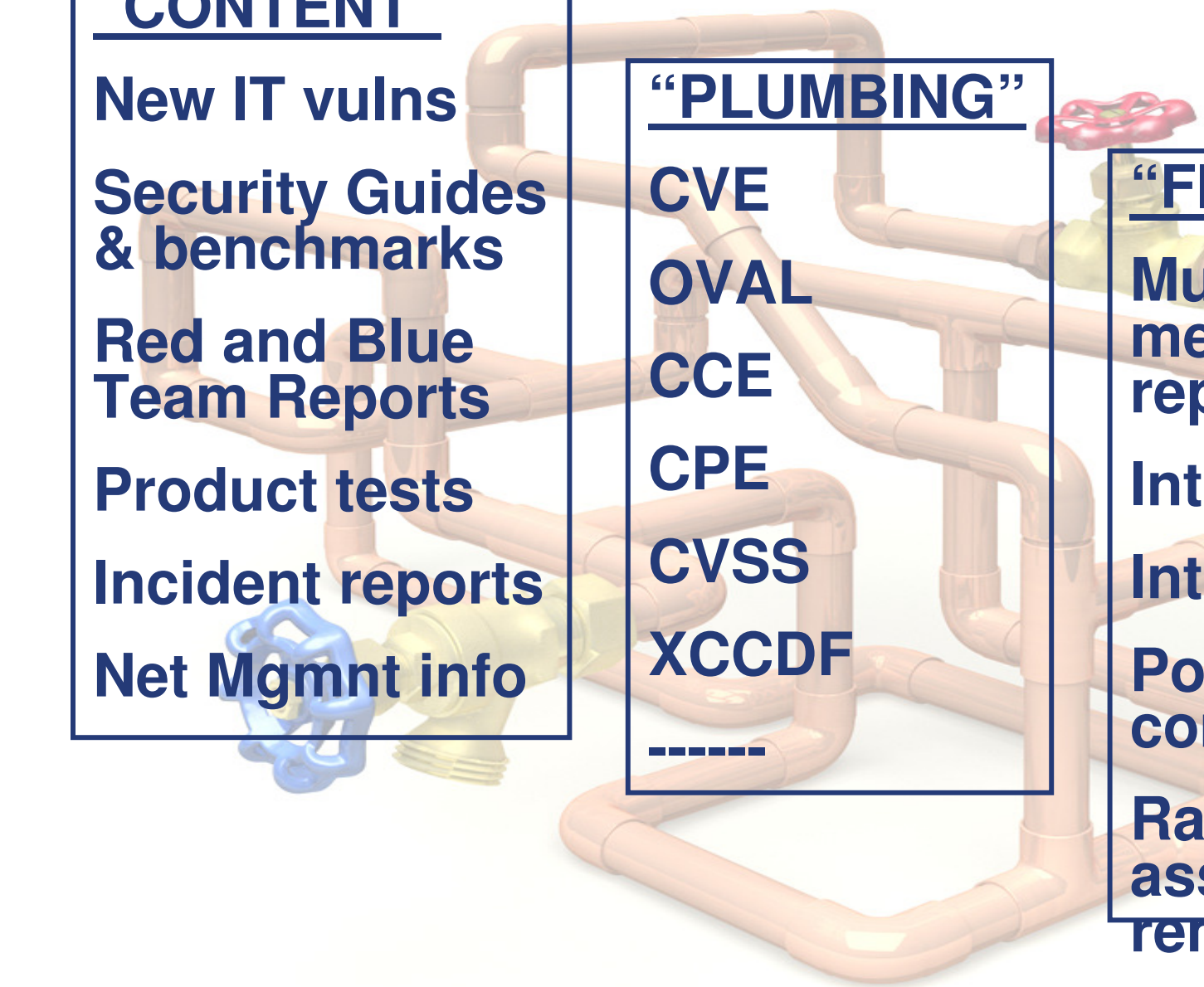

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"FIXTURES"

- Multiple tools to measure,fix, report
- Integrated reports
- Integrated tools
- Policy compliance
- Rapid sharing, assessment, remediation

Security Content Automation (SCAP)

- ... to automate compliance, manage vulnerabilities and perform security measurement

SCAP is *so cool...*

- *It requires cooperation AND it forces cooperation*
- *We must think about the enterprise*
- *Brings the security community together to voice and document opinions*
- *We can manage our systems cleverly AND comply*
- *The government cooperation with vendors is more "natural"*

SO much left to do...

- *We have new problems....*
  - *content generation*
  - *Governance*
  - *Systems engineering*
  - *resources*
- *What are the new opportunities, new links?*

Government–Private Partnership

- *Develop and bring* content
  - and good people
- *Equip and organize* the stakeholders
  - esp. the Buyers
- *Abstract* the interfaces