

VMware Center for Policy and Compliance for vCenter Configuration Manager

Creating Sustainable Compliance Processes

AT A GLANCE

Increasing security bulletins, new vulnerabilities and changes to regulatory mandates mean organizations can: become security experts or leverage industry experts to implement effective compliance solutions. The Center for Policy and Compliance (CP&C) was established to prevent IT organizations from having to become compliance and security experts so they can instead focus attention on their business.

The CP&C researches and sifts through the overabundance of abstract security and compliance information mandates and develops and maintains specific, implementable best practices that are incorporated into the VMware vCenter Configuration Manager product.

KEY BENEFITS

- **Reduce information security risks**—Access out-of-the-box compliance toolkits that map regulations to security controls, and provide extensive testing and verification of security patches.
- **Get access to unmatched content libraries**—Gain insight into multiple compliance targets including SOX, HIPAA, GLBA, PCI DSS, Microsoft Security Hardening Guide and more.
- **Maintain continuous security and compliance updates**—Eliminate the research and fact-finding work associated with ongoing and timely security updates and changes in regulations and standards.
- **Leverage industry expertise and best practices**—Leverage expertise that employees and companies can use on the job every day to comply with regulatory requirements to better manage vulnerabilities and threats.

“VMware’s Center for Policy and Compliance templates provide the ability to track changes in regulations and our team can take advantage of VMware’s regulatory expertise.”

— Greg Allender
Director of Global Information Security
Convergys

Industry Challenges

IT departments continue to face challenges when it comes to regulatory compliance. The IT organization’s primary function is to implement and maintain technology to support business goals. However, as the complexity of IT increases, so does the corresponding risk. A core requirement of any compliance strategy is to understand the nature and volume of risk that an organization faces and implement appropriate security controls to manage it effectively. Additionally, the number of regulations and industry requirements make it difficult to centrally manage and monitor compliance on a continuous and repeatable basis.

Solution Overview

With the weekly announcement of security bulletins, new vulnerabilities and changes to regulatory mandates, organizations have two choices: Become security experts or leverage external industry expert guidance to implement effective compliance solutions. The VMware Center for Policy and Compliance (CP&C) allows organizations to offload this burden and lets you focus attention on your core business. CP&C translates and interprets the multitude of regulatory requirements, industry standards and guidance into easy-to-implement toolkits to effectively manage risk and maintain compliance. Additionally, CP&C extensively tests and verifies security patches across multiple platforms to provide expert security, compliance guidance and consultation. By purchasing VMware vCenter Configuration Manager you gain access to all the value of CP&C and its ongoing expertise.

Compliance Toolkits

The CP&C compliance toolkits include an unmatched knowledgebase of regulations, standards and security hardening guidelines.

CP&C eliminates the research and fact-finding that organizations would have to do by providing timely security updates and ongoing enhancements to the compliance toolkits to incorporate changes in regulations and standards:

Government Regulations

- Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX)
- Gram-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA)
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA)
- Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC)

Industry Regulations

- Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS)
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17799
- National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
- North American Regulatory Commission (NERC)

International Standards

- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 27001

Directives

- Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG)

Guidelines

- Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC)
- Microsoft Security Hardening Guide
- VMware Security Hardening Guidelines
- Center for Internet Security (CIS)

Patch Assurance

- Research and test of all Microsoft security packages

Proven Security & Compliance Expertise

CP&C security and compliance experts participate in a wide variety of groups, activities and events, including industry

standards boards, trade journals, delivering compliance training, industry conferences and symposiums, and customer compliance implementation consultations:

- Security hardening guidelines authoring—CIS Virtual Machine Security Guidelines and the CIS VMware ESX Server Benchmark, NIST and MITRE on the development of security configuration policy compliance standards
- Industry board participation—PCI Security Alliance, SANS Technology Institute, MITRE's OVAL Advisory Board
- Deep security, policy and compliance domain expertise—more than 10 years of experience on average
- Multiple industry certifications—CISSP, SANS GSEC, SANS GCIH, SANS GCIA, SANS G7799, SANS GWAS, CCNA, MCSE, VISA QDSP/QSA

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