

OVAL 5 Tutorial

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Slides online at:

OVALtools.org



About

- This talk
 - Draws from
 - NIST talks
 - OVAL XML Schema's internal documentation
 - OVAL MIRE.org webpages
 - Prepared by Jason Smith & Matt Payne
- This speaker
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 - . OVALtools.org & MattPayne.org



Agenda

- Conceptual overview from Stephen Quinn & Peter Mell's *NIST Briefing*:
 - Automated Security Measurement FISMA Technical Control Automation
- Components of OVAL:
 - Language, Repositories, MITRE's Interpreter
- Getting started with MITRE's Interpreter
- Overview of OVAL tests
- Advertisement for OVALtools.org's OVALdsl
- Advertisement for what you can do!
- What's next?

Gifts to Community



COTS Tool Vendors -

Provision of an enhanced IT security data repository

No cost and license free

CVE/OVAL/XCCDF/CVSS

Cover both patches and configuration issues

Elimination of duplication of effort

Cost reduction through standardization

Federal Agencies

Automation of technical control compliance (FISMA)

Reduction of administrative costs



Current Problems

Conceptual Analogy





Current Problems

Conceptual Analogy Continued (2)

Outsource



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In-House



Current Problems

Conceptual Analogy Continued (3)

Outsource



In-House



a.) Troubleshoot/Analyze

- Conduct Testing
- Is there a problem?
- Cause of error condition?
- Is this check reporting correctly?

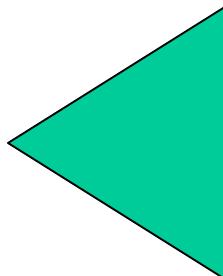
b.) Document/Report Findings

c.) Recommendations

d.) Remediate

Current Problems

Conceptual Analogy Continued (5)



Standardize & Automate

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More DATA



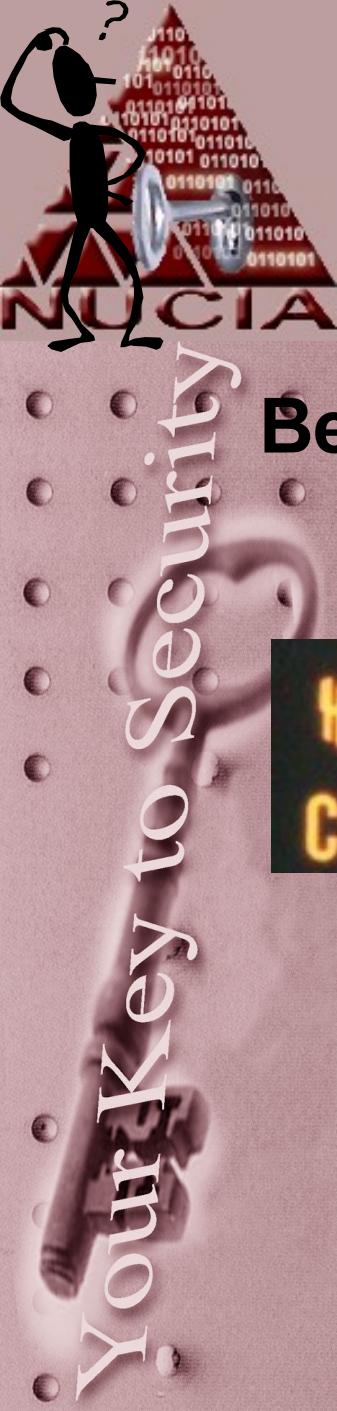
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Current Problems

Conceptual Analogy Continued (6)



Before



After

 **Error Report**

Problem:
Air Pressure Loss

Diagnosis Accuracy:
All Sensors Reporting

Diagnosis:
Replace Gas Cap

Expected Cost:
\$25.00



XML Made Simple

XCCDF - eXtensible Car Care Description Format

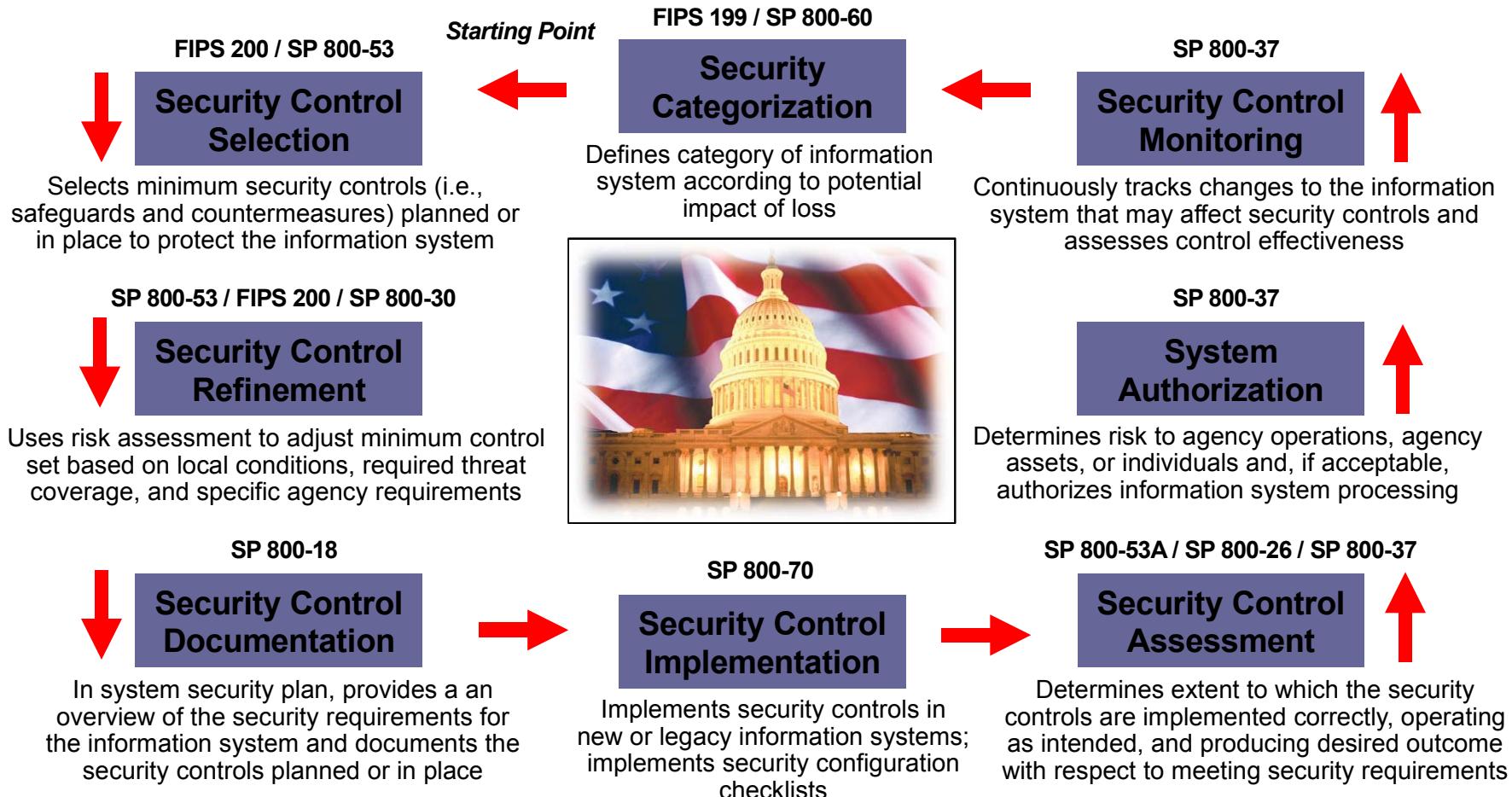
```
<Car>
  <Description>
    <Year> 1997 </Year>
    <Make> Ford </Make>
    <Model> Contour </Model>
  <Maintenance>
    <Check1> Gas Cap = On <>
    <Check2> Oil Level = Full <>
  </Maintenance>
</Description>
</Car>
```

OVAL – Open Vehicle Assessment Language

```
<Checks>
  <Check1>
    <Location> Side of Car <>
    <Procedure> Turn <>
  </Check1>
  <Check2>
    <Location> Hood <>
    <Procedure> ... <>
  </Check2>
</Checks>
```



FISMA Compliance



Common FISMA Statements

*While FISMA compliance is
Important, it can be
Complex and Laborious.*

*“Can parts of FISMA compliance
be streamlined and automated”?*

*“My organization spends more
money on compliance than
remediation”.*

Fundamental FISMA Questions

What are the NIST Technical Security Controls?

What are the Specific NIST recommended settings for individual technical controls?

How do I implement the recommended setting for technical controls? Can I use my COTS Product?

Am I compliant to NIST Recs & Can I use my COTS Product?

Will I be audited against the same criteria I used to secure my systems?

FISMA Documents

FIPS 200 / SP 800-53

Security Control Selection

SP 800-53 / FIPS 200
/ SP 800-30

Security Control Refinement

SP 800-18

Security Control Documentation

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SP 800-70

Security Control Implementation

SP 800-37

Security Control Monitoring

SP 800-37

System Authorization

SP 800-53A / SP 800-26
/ SP 800-37

Security Control Assessment

Automation of FISMA Technical Controls

What are the NIST Technical Security Controls?

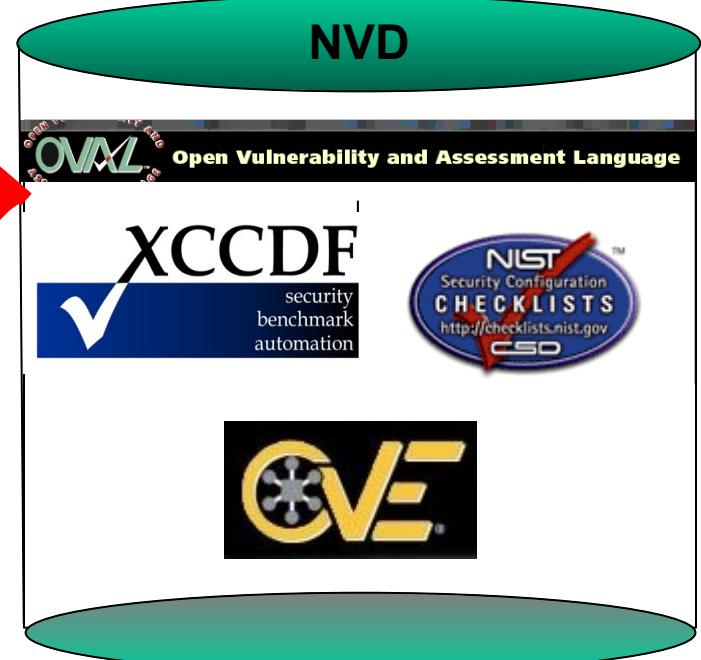
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COTS Tools



Automated Compliance

The Connected Path

800-53 Security Control

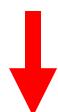
Result

800-68 Security Guidance

API Call

NVD Produced 800-68 in
XML Format

COTS Tool Ingest



Automated Compliance

800-53 Security Control

AC-7 Unsuccessful Login

800-68 Security Guidance

AC-7: Account Lockout Duration

AC-7: Account Lockout Threshold

NVD Produced 800-68 in
XML Format

```
- <registry_test id="wrt-9999" comment="Account Lockout  
Duration Set to 5" check="at least 5">  
- <object>  
  <hive>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</hive>  
  <key>Software\Microsoft\Windows</key>  
  <name>AccountLockoutDuration</name>  
  </object>  
- <data operation="AND">  
  <value operator="greater than">5*</value>
```

Result

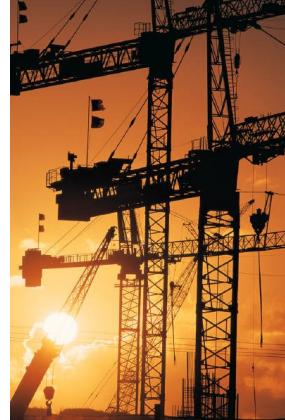
```
RegQueryValue (IpHKey, path, value, sKey, Value, Op);  
if (Op == '>' )  
if ((sKey < Value )  
return (1); else  
return (0);
```

API Call

```
IpHKey = "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE"  
Path = "Software\Microsoft\Windows\"  
Value = "5"  
sKey = "AccountLockoutDuration"  
Op = ">"
```

COTS Tool Ingest

Wrapping together existing initiatives



Mitre - Common Vulnerability
Enumeration (CVE)

Mitre - Open Vulnerability Assessment
Language (OVAL)

NSA - eXtensible Configuration Checklist
Description Format (XCCDF)

FIRST- Common Vulnerability Scoring
System (CVSS)

NIST- National Vulnerability Database

NIST- NIST Checklist Program

Existing NIST Products



National Vulnerability Database

2.2 million hits per month

20 new vulnerabilities per day

Integrated standards:

Checklist Program



244 products



20 vendors



8 vendors
24 products

91 separate guidance documents

Covers 140 IT products



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XML feed for all CVEs

<http://nvd.nist.gov>



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Resource Status

NVD contains:
16418 CVE Vulnerabilities
54 US-CERT Alerts
1245 US-CERT Vuln

Notes

1162 Oval Queries

Last updated:

04/14/06

Publication rate:

17 vulnerabilities / day

Workload Index

Vulnerability Workload Index: 6.89

Email List

Enter your e-mail address and press "Add" to receive [NVD](#) announcements.

Search CVE Vulnerability Database [\(Perform Advanced Search\)](#)

Keyword search:

Try a product or vendor name

Try a [CVE](#) standard vulnerability name or [OVAL](#) query

Only vulnerabilities that match ALL keywords will be returned

Linux kernel vulnerabilities are categorized separately from vulnerabilities in specific Linux distributions

Show only vulnerabilities that [US-CERT Technical Alerts](#)have the following [US-CERT Vulnerability Notes](#)associated resources: [OVAL Queries](#)

Recent CVE Vulnerabilities

[CVE-2006-1790](#) Publish Date: 4/14/2006

A regression fix in Mozilla Firefox 1.0.7 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (crash) and possibly execute arbitrary code via the InstallTrigger.install method, which leads to memory corruption.

[CVE-2006-1738](#) Publish Date: 4/14/2006

Unspecified vulnerability in Mozilla Firefox and Thunderbird 1.x before 1.5 and 1.0.x before 1.0.8, Mozilla Suite before 1.7.13, and SeaMonkey before 1.0 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (crash) by changing the (1) -moz-grid and (2) -moz-grid-group display styles.

[CVE-2006-1737](#) Publish Date: 4/14/2006

Integer overflow in Mozilla Firefox and Thunderbird 1.x before 1.5 and 1.0.x before 1.0.8, Mozilla Suite before 1.7.13, and SeaMonkey before 1.0 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (crash) and possibly execute arbitrary bytecode via JavaScript with a large regular expression.

[CVE-2006-1742](#) (Firefox, Thunderbird, Mozilla suite, SeaMonkey)

Publish Date: 4/14/2006 CVSS Severity: 2.3 (Low)

The JavaScript engine in Mozilla Firefox and Thunderbird 1.x before 1.5 and 1.0.x before 1.0.8, Mozilla Suite before 1.7.13, and SeaMonkey before 1.0 does not properly handle temporary variables that are not garbage collected, which might allow remote attackers to trigger operations on freed memory and cause memory corruption.

[CVE-2006-1741](#) (Firefox, Thunderbird, Mozilla suite, SeaMonkey)

Publish Date: 4/14/2006 CVSS Severity: 2.3 (Low)



National Vulnerability Database

a comprehensive cyber vulnerability resource

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About Us

NVD is a product of the

There are **28** matching records. Displaying matches **1** through **20**.

CVE-2006-0012 TA06-101A VU#641460

Summary: Unspecified vulnerability in Windows Explorer in Microsoft Windows 2000 SP4, XP SP1 and SP2, and Server 2003 SP1 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via attack vectors involving COM objects and "crafted files and directories," aka the "Windows Shell Vulnerability."

Published: 4/11/2006

CVSS Severity: 5.6 (Medium)

CVE-2006-0003 TA06-101A VU#234812

Summary: Unspecified vulnerability in the RDS.Dataspace ActiveX control, which is contained in ActiveX Data Objects (ADO) and distributed in Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) 2.7 and 2.8, allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via unknown attack vectors.

Published: 4/11/2006

CVSS Severity: 5.6 (Medium)

CVE-2006-1189 TA06-101A VU#341028

Summary: Unspecified vulnerability in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 through 6 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via a crafted URL with double-byte characters, aka the "Double Byte Character Parsing Memory Corruption Vulnerability."

Published: 4/11/2006

CVSS Severity: 10.0 (High)

CVE-2006-1188 TA06-101A VU#824324

Summary: Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 through 6 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via HTML elements with a certain crafted tag, which leads to memory corruption.

Published: 4/11/2006

CVSS Severity: 7.0 (High)

CVE-2006-1186 TA06-101A

Summary: Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 through 6 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via by instantiating the (1) Mdt2gddr.dll, (2) Mdt2dd.dll, and (3) Mdt2gddo.dll COM objects as ActiveX controls, which leads to memory corruption.

Published: 4/11/2006

CVSS Severity: 10.0 (High)

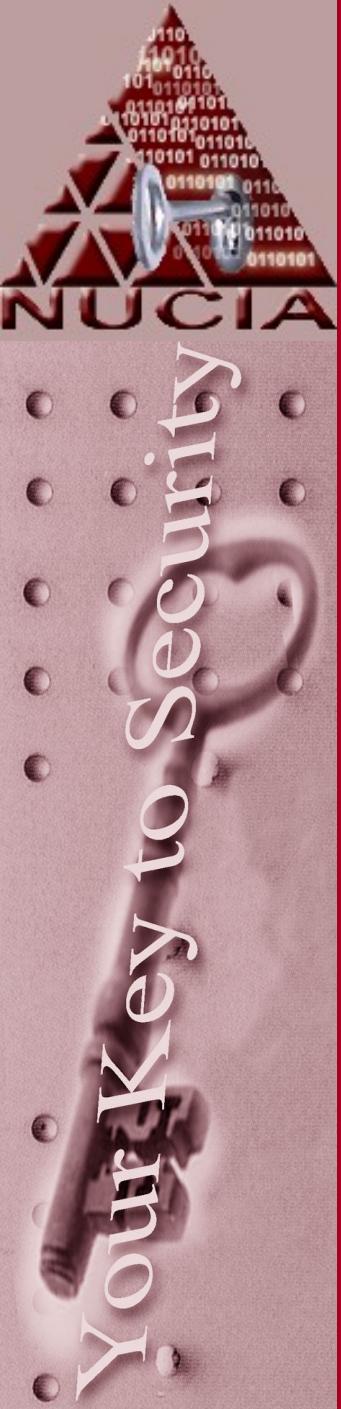
CVE-2006-1185 TA06-101A VU#503124

Summary: Unspecified vulnerability in Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.01 through 6 allows



Example Command line

- C:\>ovaldi.exe \
- -o windows.definition.s.xml \
- -d payne\d \
- -m \
- -r payne\r \
- -p > payne\1 \
- 2> payne\2
- MITRE's demo interpreter
- -o OVAL file to use
- -d data – systems characteristics file
- -m DO NOT check md5 sum
- -r results file
- -p print much info



Trying just OVAL id 1020

- OVAL-ID:
oval.org.mitre.oval:def:1020



Offline OVAL analysis

- “*-i – Specifies the pathname of a System Characteristics file that is to be used as the basis of the analysis. In this mode, the Interpreter does not perform data collection on the local system, but relies upon the input file, which may have been generated on another system*”



Future plans for OVALdI development.

- We are currently committed to implementing a number of new probes by early September. Let me make sure we do not duplicate any efforts here. Here is the list that I plan to start working on in the next few weeks:

win-def:passwordpolicy_test
win-def:lockoutpolicy_test
win-def:auditive_ntppolicy_test
win-def:file_effectiverights_test
win-def:sid_test



Variable Support

- MITRE will also implement external variables soon and the remaining function types defined for use with local_variables:

oval-def:BeginFunctionType

oval-def:EndFunctionType

oval-def:EscapeRegexFunctionType

oval-def:SplitFunctionType

oval-def:EscapeRegexFunctionType



References

Slides taken from:

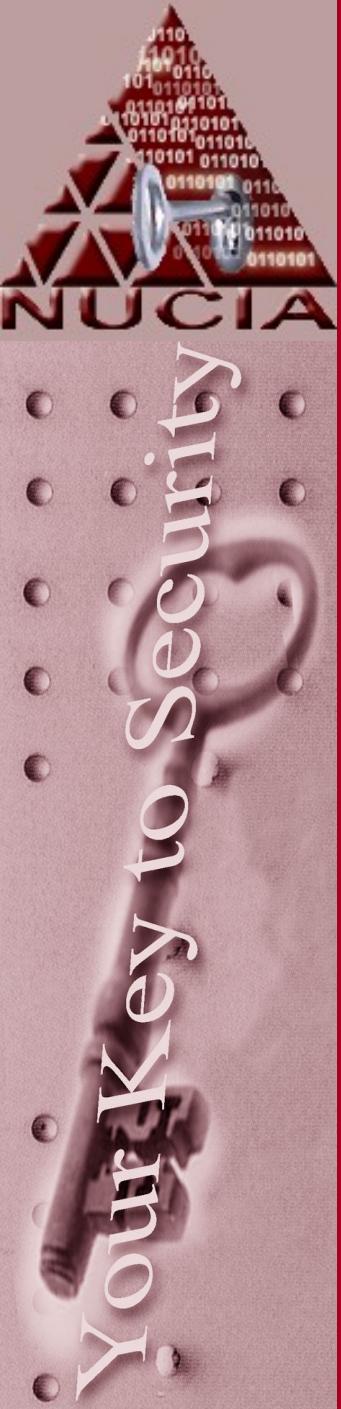
1. “*OVAL Tutorial*”. *John Baker, MITRE. July 12th 2006.*
2. “*Automated Security Measurement FISMA Technical Control Automation*”. *Stephen Quinn & Peter Mell, NIST.*

Both sets of slides available at:

http://oval.mitre.org/oval/documents/docs-06/oval_developer_days_slides.zip

or

<http://tinyurl.com/k9oez>



Tools Used

- **XMLSpy** - www.altova.com
- **Eclipse WTP** - <http://www.eclipse.org/webtools/>
- **XPath Explorer** -
<http://www.purpletech.com/xpe/index.jsp>
- **Microsoft's XMLPad**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/ot2eo>



XCCDF vs. OVAL

XCCDF

High level language which defines security policies relevant to a system

Describes what makes up a secure system

Does not include info about how to assess specific systems

References OVAL tests for that platform

OVAL

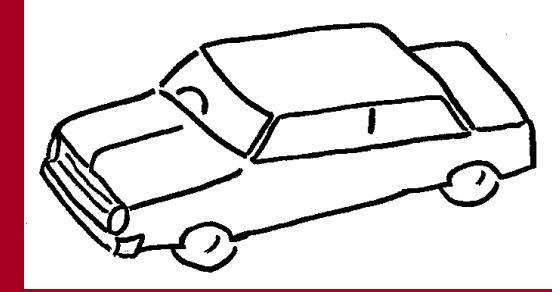
Low level language which compares a system's state to a policy

Performs specific tests for a specific platform

Provides simple pass/fail results for each test

OVAL + XCCDF

Example: Car Care



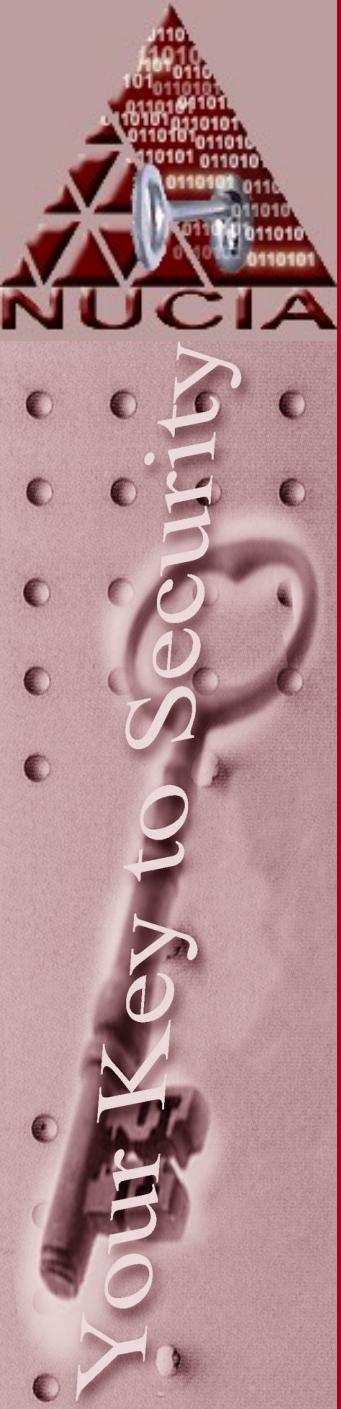
XCCDF

```
<car>
  <description>
    <year>1997</year>
    <make>Ford</make>
    <model>Contour</model>
  </description>
  <maintenance>
    <check1>Gas Cap =On</>
    <check2>Oil Level =Full</>
  </maintenance>
</car>
```

OVAL

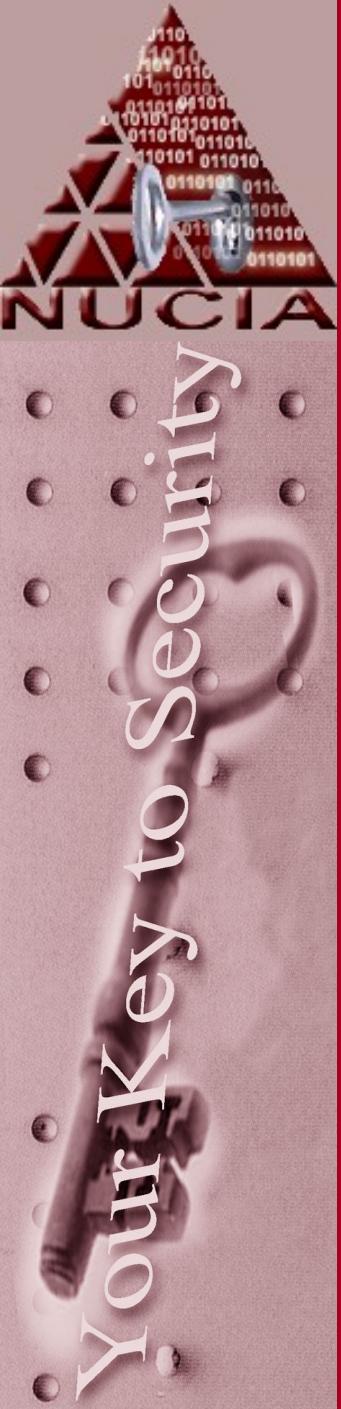
```
<checks>
  <check1>
    <location>side of car</>
    <procedure>turn</>
  </check1>
  <check2>
    <location>hood</>
    <procedure>dipstick</>
  </check2>
</checks>
```





What is OVAL?

- *Open Vulnerability Assessment Language*
- *Created by MITRE*
- *Three Components:*
 - *Language*
 - *Repository*
 - *Interpreter*



Language

<http://oval.mitre.org>

A collection of XML schema for representing system information, expressing specific machine states, and reporting the results of an assessment.



Language

<http://oval.mitre.org>

Three main schemas:

- System Characteristics Schema***
- Definition Schema***
- Results Schema***

OVAL definitions use the schemas to keep definitions consistent and standardized for each supported platform.



Repository

<http://oval.mitre.org>

The central meeting place for the OVAL Community to discuss, analyze, store, and disseminate OVAL Definitions.

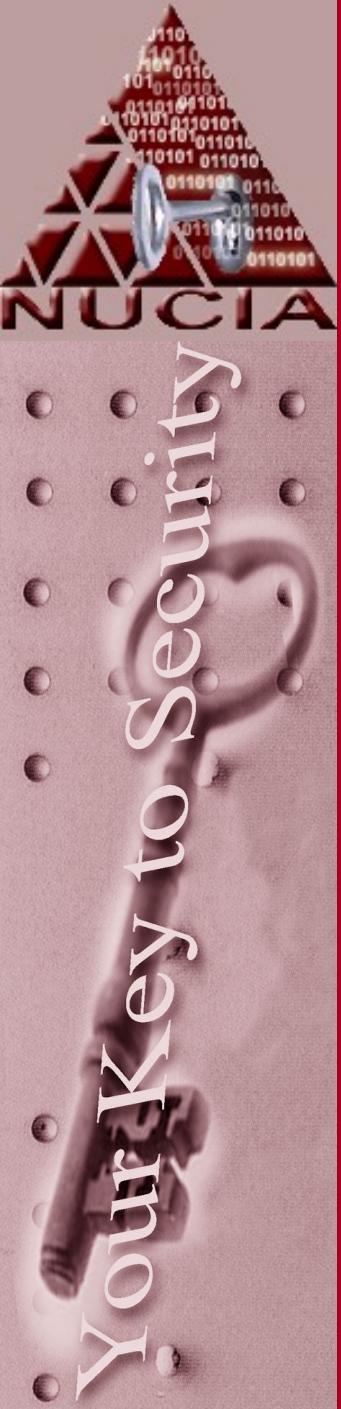
Updated regularly, data files may be used in the OVAL Interpreter as well as incorporated by vendors into their vulnerability assessment and other information security products and services.



Interpreter
<http://oval.mitre.org>

Proof of Concept Security Configuration Scanner

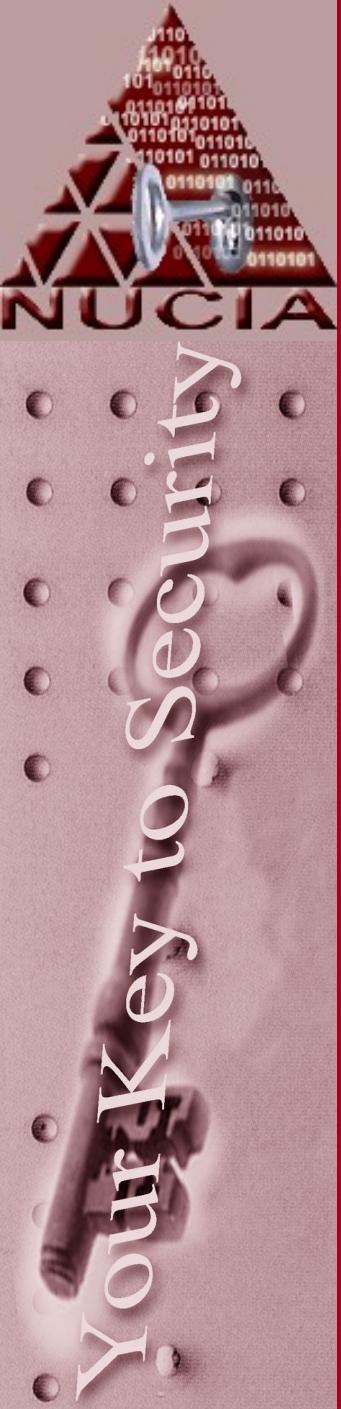
OVAL's reference interpreter shows how: information can be collected from a computer; definitions can be used to test the system for computer vulnerabilities, configuration issues, programs, and patches; and results of the tests can be presented.



Getting Started

The OVAL 5 Interpreter source and binary distributions are available from <http://oval.mitre.org>

*Download page:
<http://tinyurl.com/faj9g>*

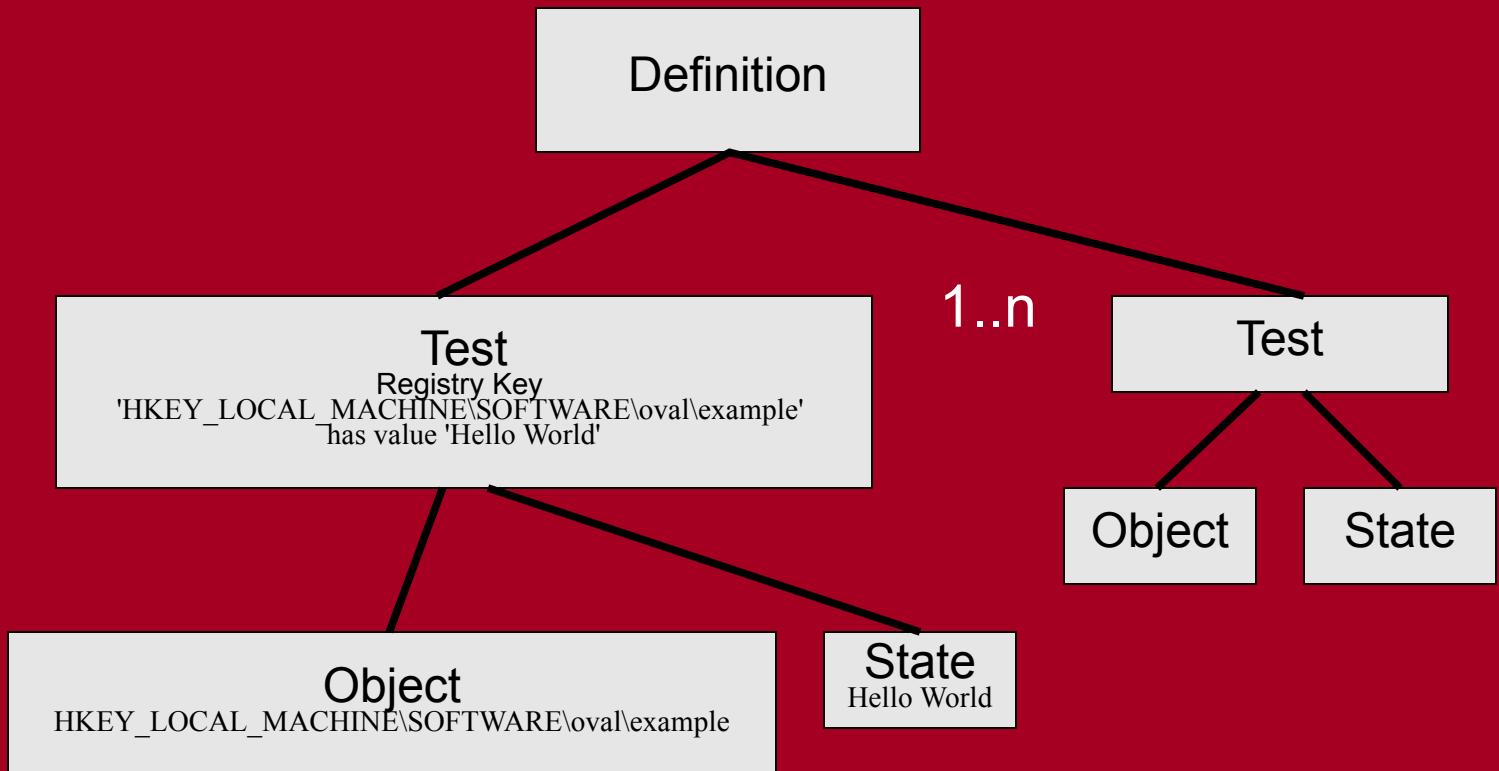


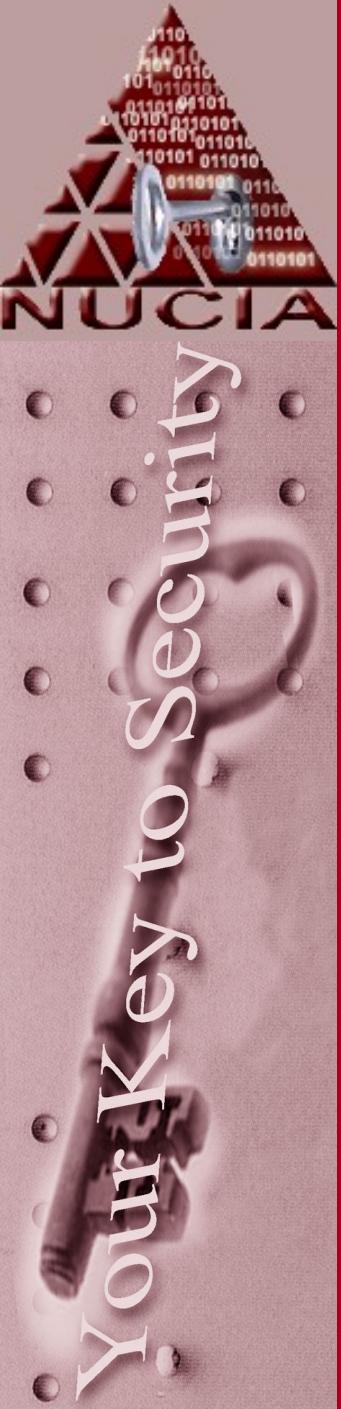
Interpreter

- *The OVAL interpreter uses 'definitions' as input.*
- *OVAL input is expressed in XML.*
- *Each input file contains one or more definitions.*
- *Sets of pre-defined definitions exist for several operating systems/applications.*



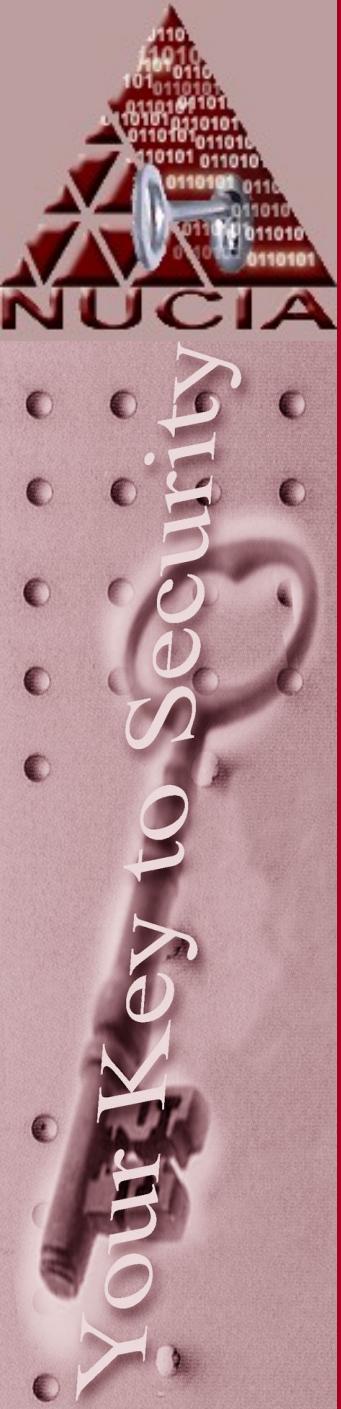
Definition Structure - Hello World





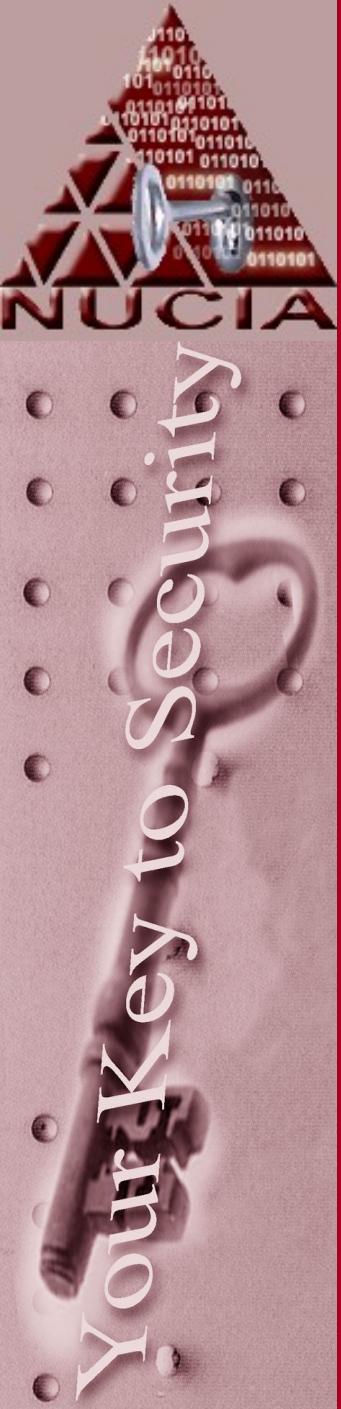
Object Code

```
<registry_object  
id="oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:obj:1">  
  <hive>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</hive>  
  <key>SOFTWARE\oval</key>  
  <name>example</name>  
</registry_object>
```



State Code

```
<registry_state  
id="oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:ste:1">  
    <value operation="equals">Hello World</value>  
</registry_state>
```



Test Code

```
<registry_test id='oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:tst:1'  
check='all'>  
    <object object_ref='oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:obj:1' />  
    <state state_ref='oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:ste:1' />  
</registry_test>
```

- The OVAL Interpreter currently supports the following tests:
 1. `ind-def:environmentvariable_test`
 2. `ind-def:file_md5_test`
 3. `ind-def:variable_test`
 4. `ind-def:xmlfile_content_test`
 5. `win-def:file_test`
 6. `win-def:registry_test`
 7. `win-def:wmii_test`
 8. `unix-def:file_test`
 9. `unix-def:uname_test`
 10. `unix-def:process_test`
 11. `linux-def:listing_servers_test`
 12. `ind-def:family_test`
 13. `linux-def:rpminfo_test`
- Of the following 13 tests,



Test Frequency

- `textfield content test` happens 22 times
`process test` happens 76 times
`unknown test` happens 20 times
`family test` happens 4 times
`package test` happens 97 times
`file test` happens 3263 times
`metabase test` happens 32 times
`inetd test` happens 29 times
`swlist test` happens 92 times
`pminfo test` happens 621 times
`egistry test` happens 5043 times
`name test` happens 699 times
`inetlisting servers test` happens 49 times
`patch test` happens 438 times
For a total of 10485 tests. Scanned 1706 .xml files.



Definition Code

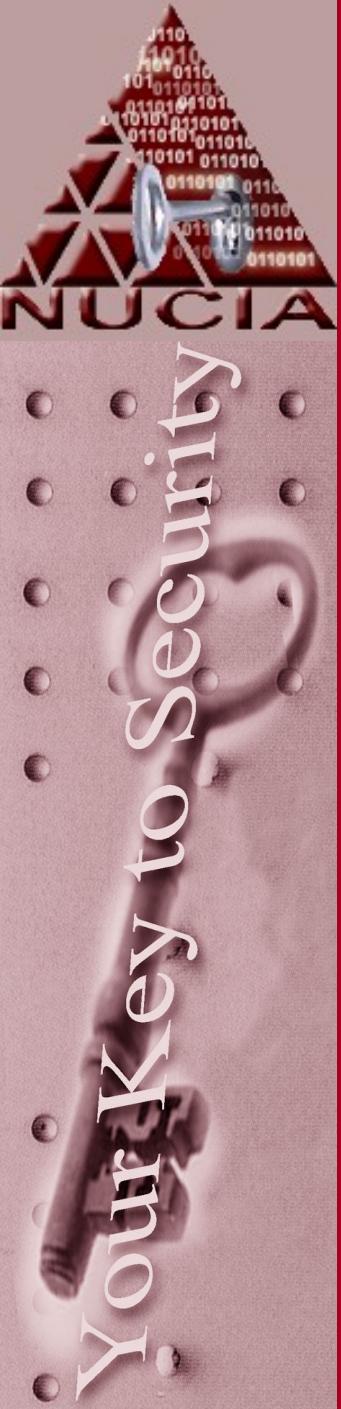
```
<definition id='oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:def:1'>
  <metadata>
    <title>Hello World Example</title>
    <description>
      This definition is used to introduce the OVAL
      language to those interested in writing OVAL content.
    </description>
  </metadata>
  <criteria>
    <criterion
      test_ref='oval:org.nucia.oval.tutorial:tst:1'
      comment='the value of the registry key equals Hello World' />
  </criteria>
</definition>
```



Definitions Document Structure

- *Namespace Stuff*
- *Generator*
- *Definitions*
- *Tests*
- *Objects*
- *States*
- *Variables*
- *Digital Signature*

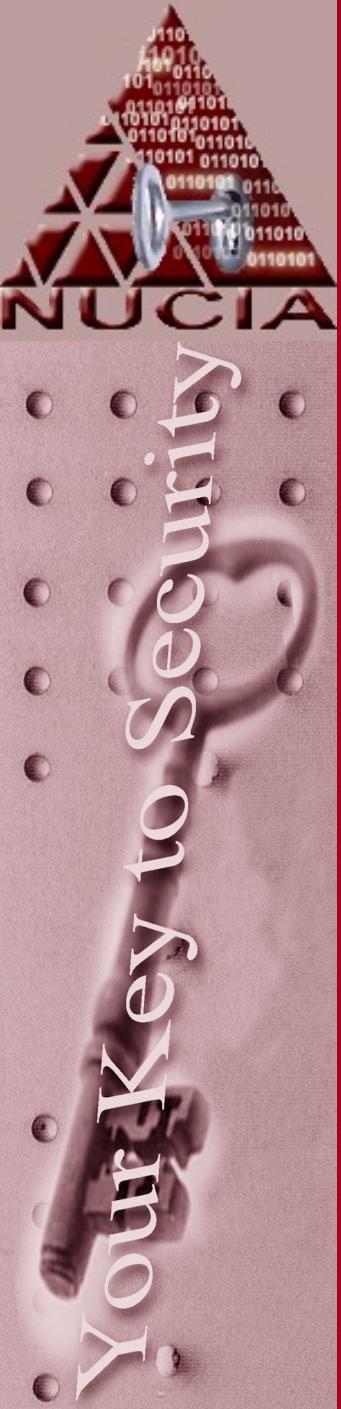




Generator Code

This code provides information about the OVAL Document.

```
<generator>
  <oval:schema_version>5.0</oval:schema_version>
  <oval:timestamp>2005-10-12T18:13:45</oval:timestamp>
</generator>
```



Variables

- Define values to be obtained at run time.*
- Represent an array of values.*
- Three Types:*
 - local_variable*
 - external_variable*
 - constant_variable*

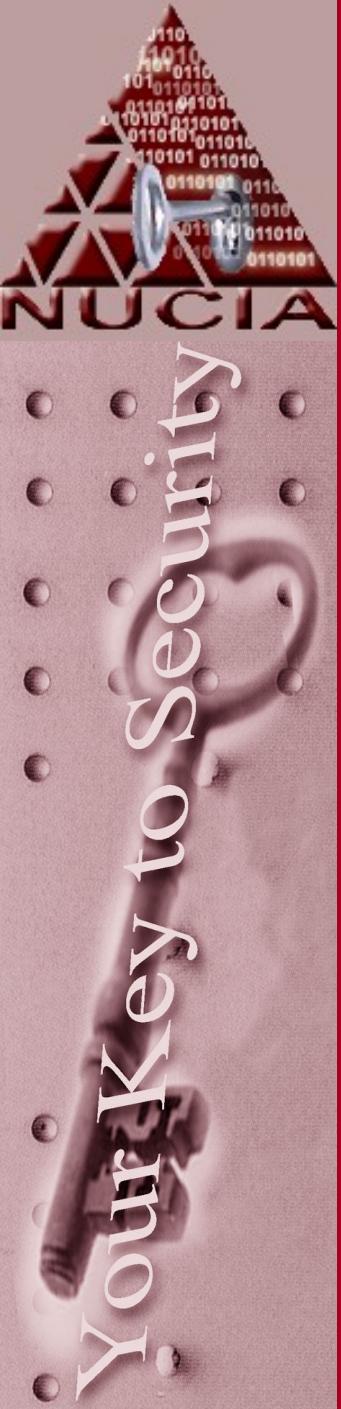
```
<constant_variable datatype="string" id="var1">
    <value>\system32</value>
</constant_variable>
```



Running

- *Open a command prompt.*
- *~\Program Files\OVAL\ovaldi.exe -m -o hello_world.xml -d data_file.xml -r results_file.xml”*

This will invoke the interpreter to run the hello world definition (-o), ignoring the MD5 of the definitions file (-m). It will write the raw data to the data_file (-d) and the results to the results_file (-r).

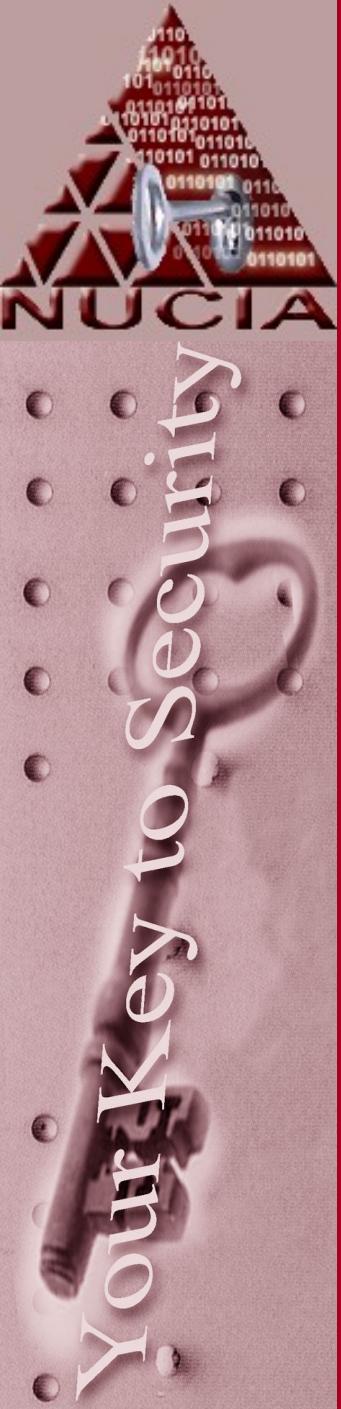


Results

The interpreter generates a results XML document.

The results document contains:

- *Generic system information*
- *The original definitions document*
- *A true/false result for each definition*



So What?

What's this good for?

- XCCDF and other high-level tools*
- Java Web-Apps*
- ...*



CIS XCCDF Benchmark

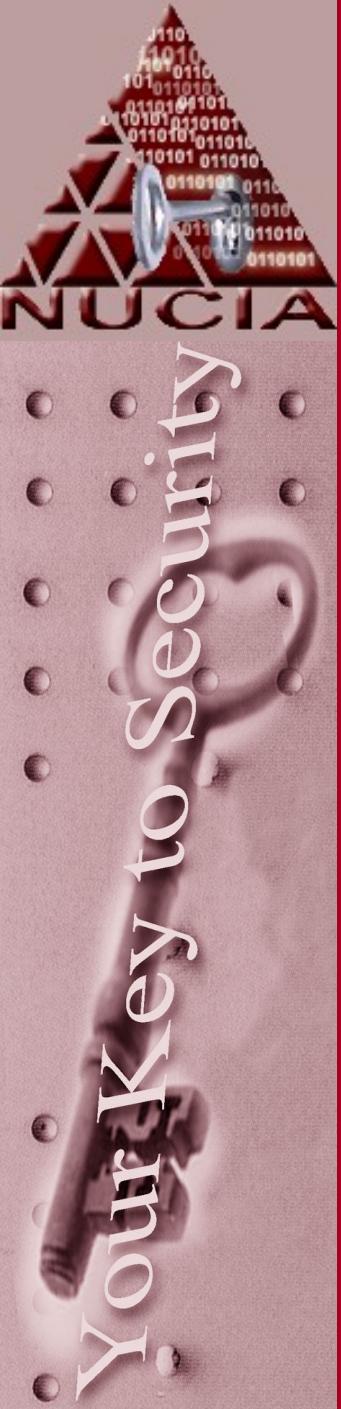
- Only currently-available XCCDF benchmark tool*
- Uses only proprietary OVAL definitions written by CIS*
- Commercial-ware*
- Demonstrates the ability to customize OVAL for specific needs.*
- Uses OVAL version 4 which encapsulates objects and states in the corresponding tests.*



Example XCCDF

...

```
<Rule id='restrict-guest-acc-rul' selected='true'>
  <status date='2005-01-30'>draft</status>
    <title>Restrict Guest Access</title>
    <description>
      <!>For more information on this
      setting, please review the description
      2.2.4.<!>
    </description>
    <check system=
      "http://oval.mitre.org/XMLSchema/oval">
      <check-export export-name='var-0006'
        id='restrict-guest-acc-val'></check-
      export>
      <check-content-ref href='cis-winxp-oval.xml'
        name='OVAL10005'></check-content-ref>
    </check>
  </Rule>
...
```



Corresponding OVAL

```
<definition class='compliance' id='OVAL10005'>
...
<criteria>
  <configuration operation='AND '>
    <criterion comment="" test_ref='cis-0006'></criterion>
      <configuration>
        </criterion>
      </configuration>
    </criteria>
  </definition>
```

Corresponding OVAL

```
<registry_test  
xmlns="http://oval.mitre.org/XMLSchema/oval#windows"  
check="all" comment="Restrict Guest Access" id="cis-0006">  
...  
<object>  
    <hive>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</hive>  
    <key>SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\  
        Services\Eventlog\Security</key>  
    <name>RestrictGuestAccess</name>  
</object>  
<data operation='AND'>  
    <type>reg_dword</type>  
    <value datatype="binary" operator="equals"  
        var_ref="var-0006"></value>  
</data>  
</registry_test>
```



More OVAL Examples

Definition oval:org.mitre.oval.org:def:105

OVAL-ID:	oval:org.mitre.oval:def:105	Date:	2006-06-26
Status:	ACCEPTED	Description:	
Class:	inventory		The operating system installed on the system is Microsoft Windows XP.
Ref-ID:			
Schema Version:	5		
Platform(s):	Microsoft Windows XP		
Definition Synopsis:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">the installed operating system is part of the Microsoft Windows familyAND Windows XP is installed		

definition-105.xml

output.log

Run_it.bat

raw_data.xml

results.xml

More OVAL Examples

Definition oval:org.mitre.oval.org:def:100011

OVAL-ID: oval:org.mitre.oval:def:100011		Date: 2006-07-03
Status:	INTERIM	Description:
Class:	vulnerability	Firefox 1.0.3 and 1.0.4, and Netscape 8.0.2, allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code by tricking the user into using the "Set As Wallpaper" (in Firefox) or "Set as Background" (in Netscape) context menu on an image URL that is really a javascript: URL with an eval statement, aka "Firewalling."
Ref-ID:	CVE-2005-2262	
Schema Version:	5	
Platform(s):	Microsoft Windows 2000	
Definition Synopsis:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mozilla Firefox version 1.0.4 or earlier is installed<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Firefox version 1.0.4 or earlier is installed◦ AND Mozilla Firefox version 1.0.4 or earlier is installed• AND NOT Mozilla Firefox version 1.0.2 or earlier is installed<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Firefox version 1.0.2 or earlier is installed◦ AND Mozilla Firefox version 1.0.2 or earlier is installed		

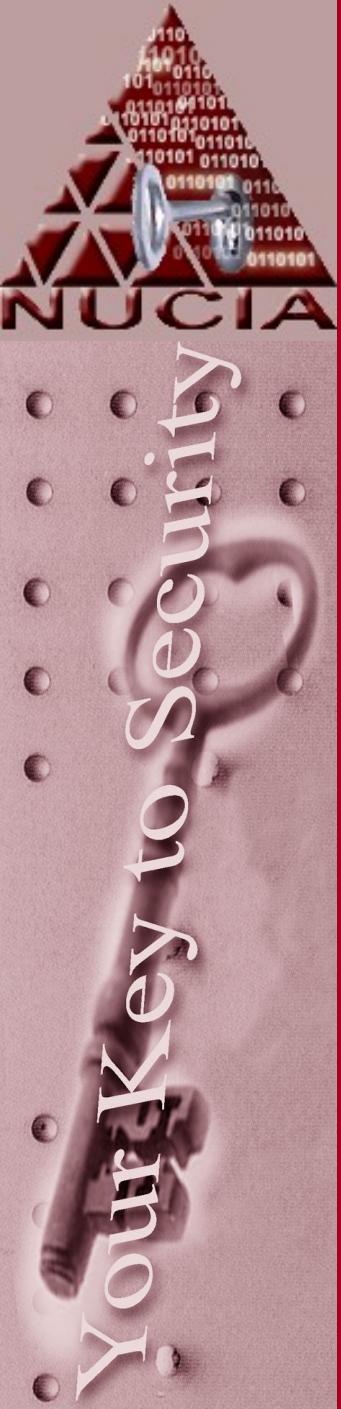
definition-100011.xml

output.log

Run_it.bat

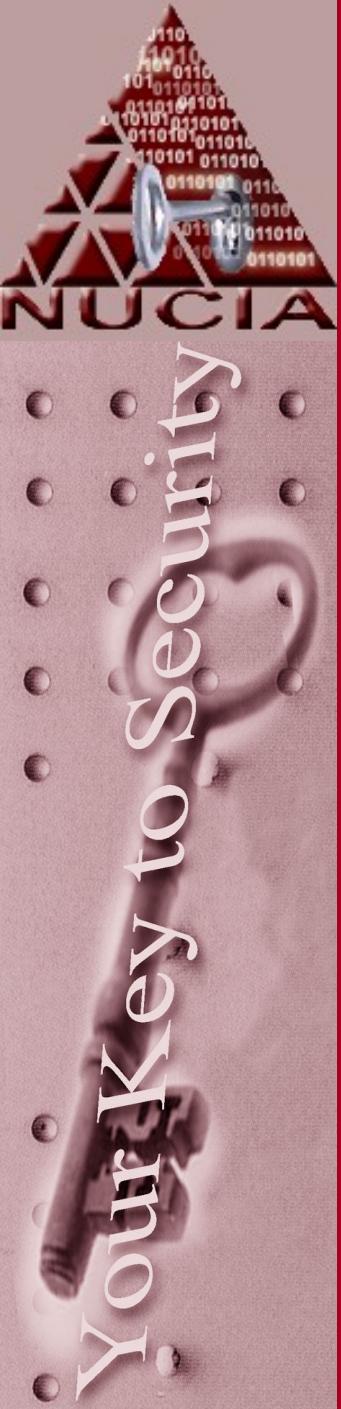
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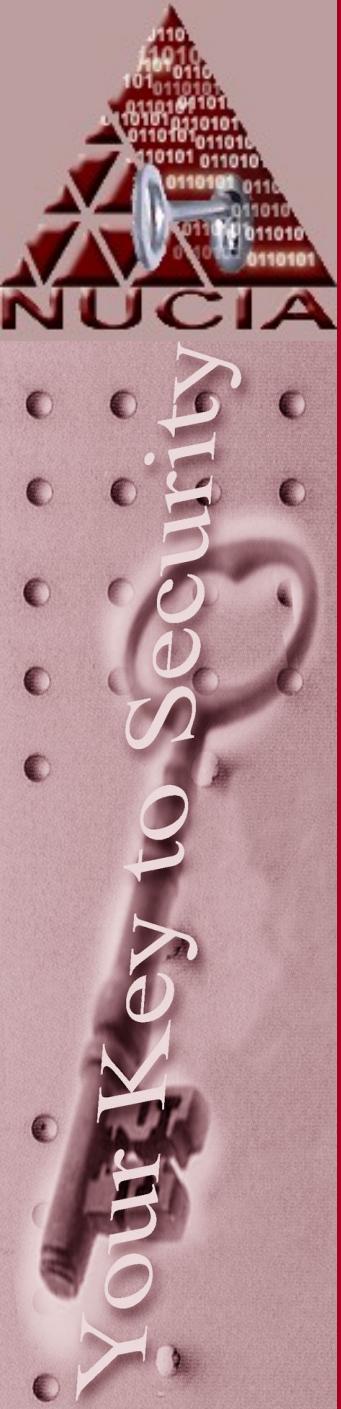
Future Work

1. Write OVAL definitions.
2. Build an open source XCCDF editor.
3. Build an open source XCCDF interpreter.
4. Write XCCDF/OVAL for securing JAVA web applications.



Apache specific tests

- `Version_test`
 - The `version test` is used to check the version of Apache installed system. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references an `apache_object` and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.



Independent Definition

- `family_test`
 - > The `family_test` element is used to check the family a certain system belongs to. This test basically allows the high level system types (window, unix, ios, etc.) to be tested. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `family_object` and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.



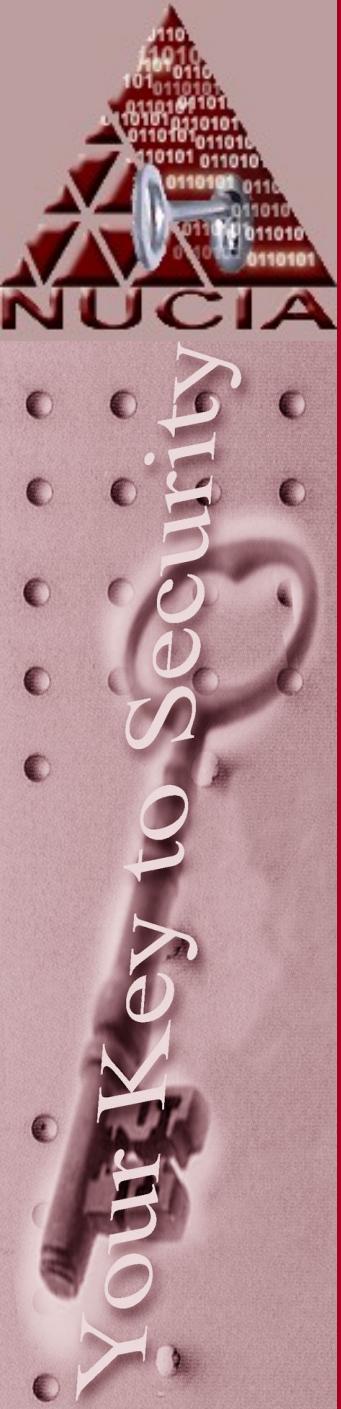
`file md5-test`

- “The file md5 test is used to check the md5 associated with a specified file. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a file md5_object and the optional state element specifies the md5 to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



Linux: `dpkg info _test`

- The `dpkg info test` is used to check information for a given DPKG package. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `dpkg info_object` and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.



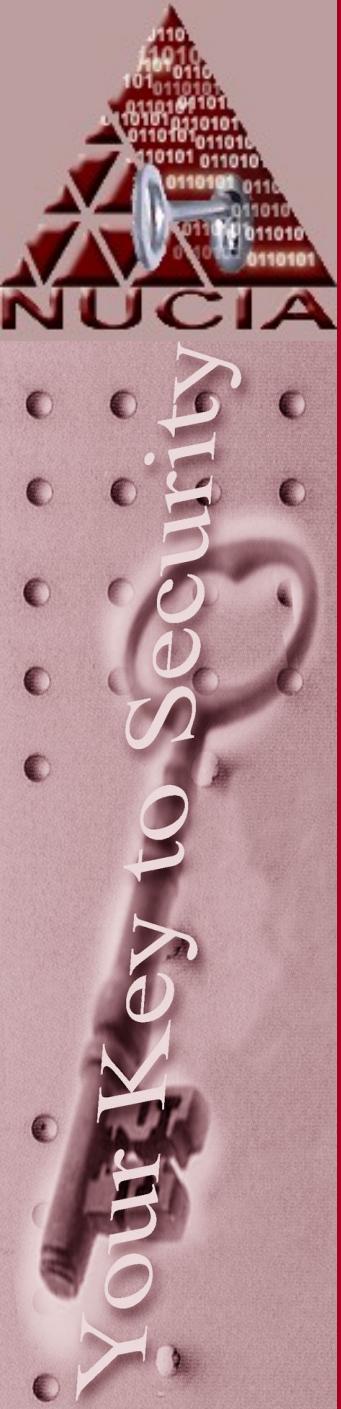
inet listening servers_test

- “The `inet listening servers test` is used to check what applications are listening on the network. It is generally using the parsed output of running the command `netstat -awlnp` with root privilege. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references an `inet listening servers_object` and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



`rpminfo-test`

- “The `rpm info test` is used to check the RPM header information for a given RPM package. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in theoval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `rpminfo-object` and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



OS X:accountinfo_test

- “User account information (username, uid, gid, etc.) See netinfo(5) for field information, nutil(1) for retrieving it. We may need/want to add in data elements for things like authentication_authority, generateuid, mcx_settings (restricted account settings”)

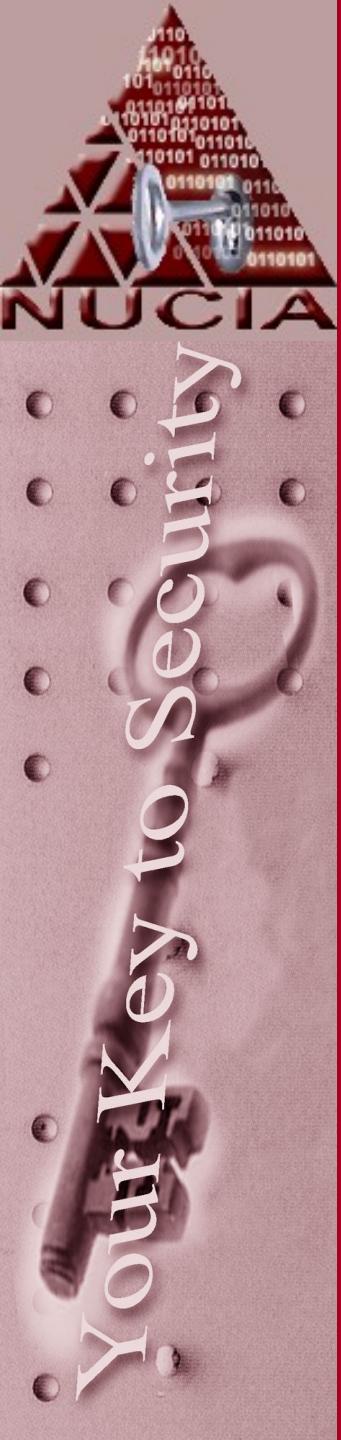


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- “This test’s purpose is generally used to check if a program is listening on the network, either for a new connections or as part of an ongoing connection. It is generally speaking the parsed output of running the command `netstat -tuvlnpe` with root privilege.”

OS X: nvram_test

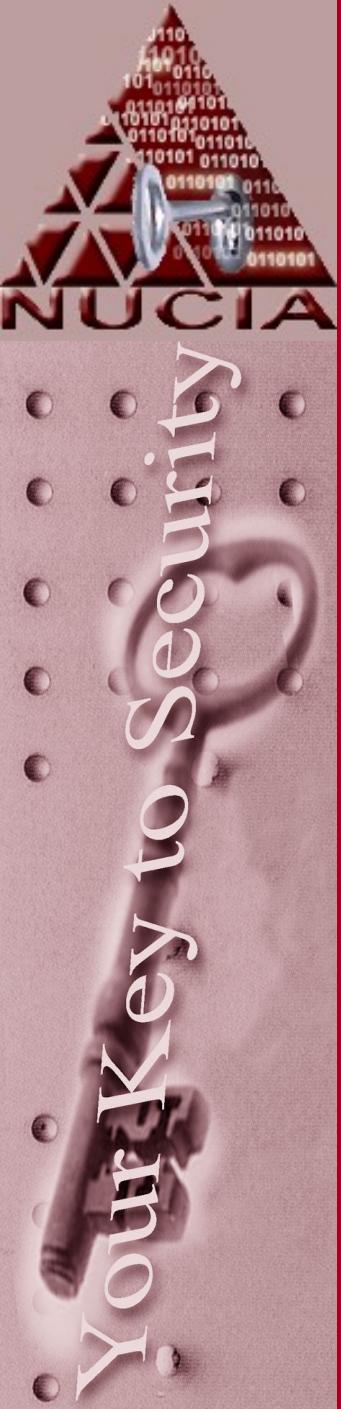
- “This test pulls data from the ‘nvram p’ output.”





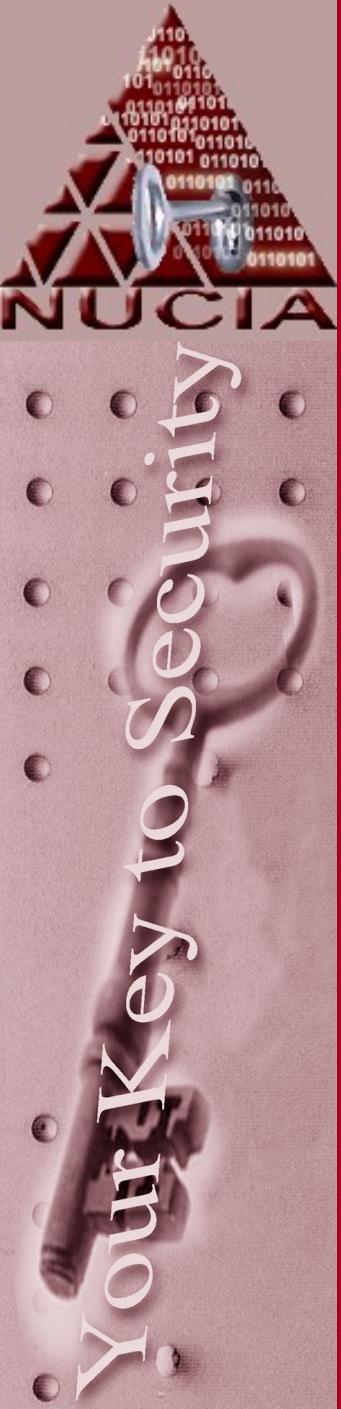
pwpolicy_test

- “This test pulls data from the ‘`pwpolicy_getpolicy`’ output. The actual values get stored under `/var/db/netinfo/local.nidb/` in a `Store.#` file. Is this test actually needed, or can the text file content test be used instead?”



accountinfo_test

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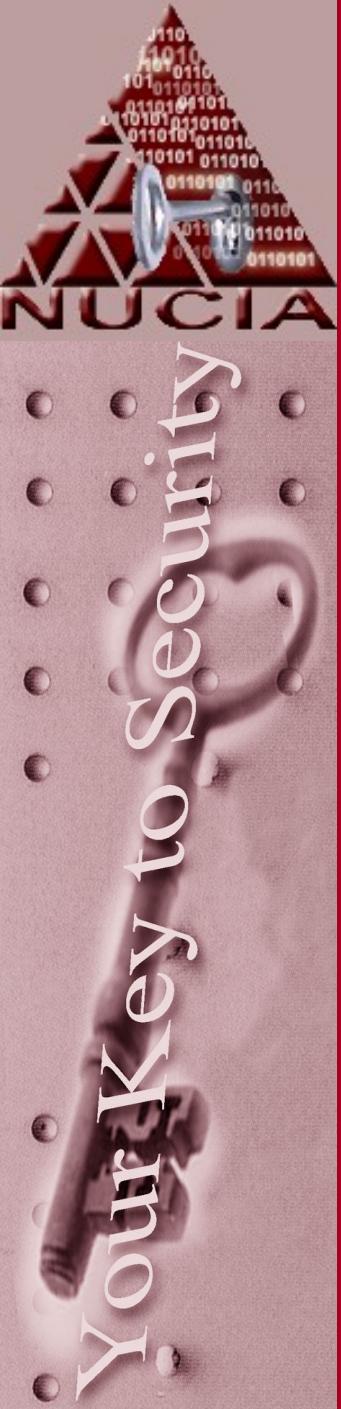
Solaris: `isa info _test`

- “The `isa info test` reveals information about the instruction set architectures. This information can be retrieved by the `isa info` command. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references an `isa info _object` and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



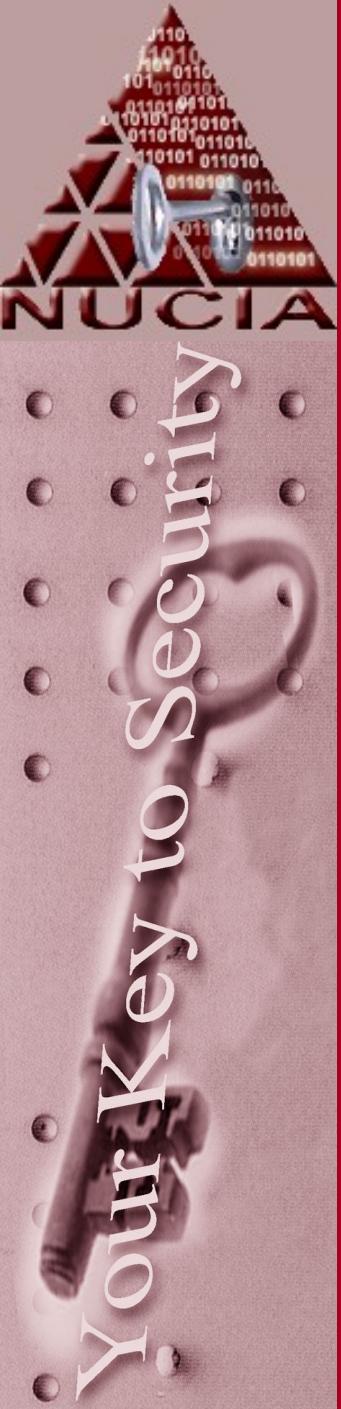
package_test

- “The package test is used to check information associated with different packages installed on the system. The information used by this test is modeled after the /usr/bin/pkginfo command. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references an intd_object and the optional state element specifies the information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



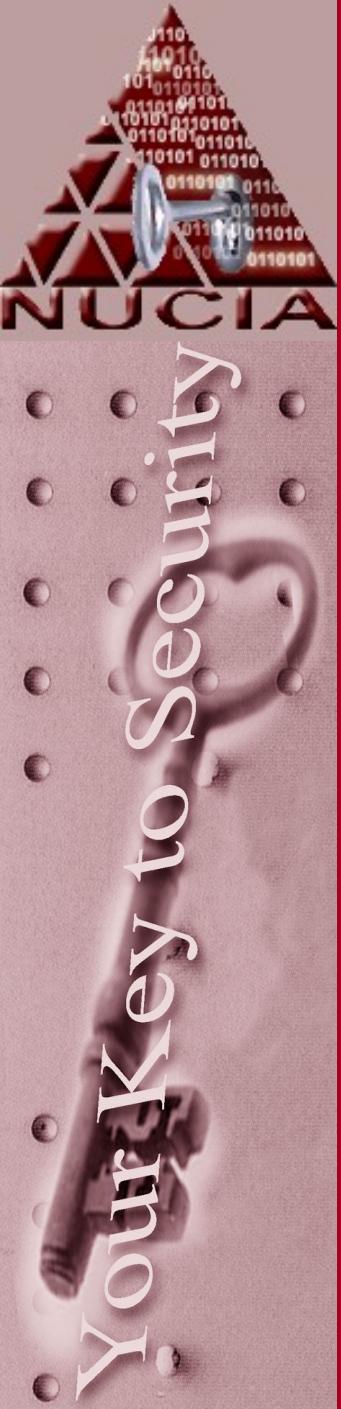
patch_test

- “The patch test is used to check information associated with different patches installed on the system. The information being tested is based off the /usr/bin/showrev -p command. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references an intd_object and the optional state element specifies the information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



UNIX: file _test

- “The `file test` is used to check metadata associated with UNIX files, of the sort returned by either `ls` command, `stat` command or `stat()` system call. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `file_object` and the optional `state` element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



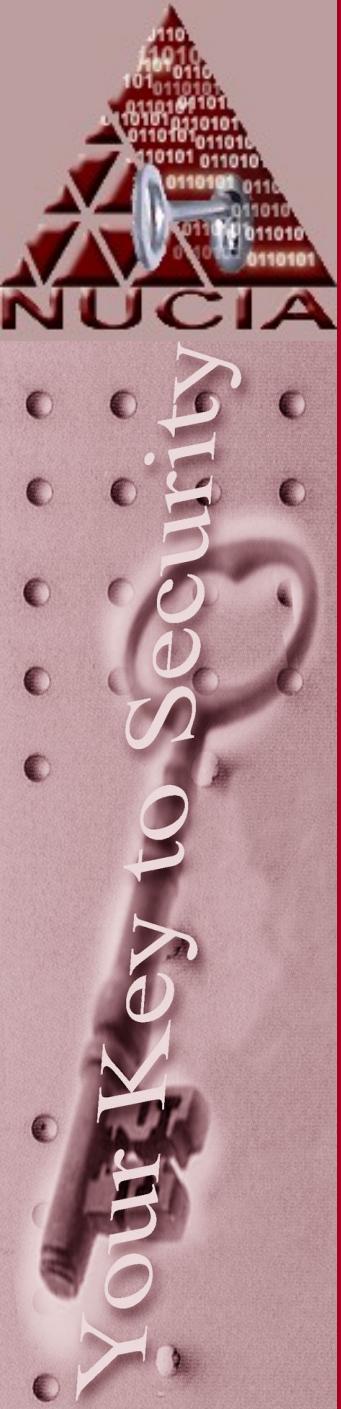
ine td_test

- “The `ine td test` is used to check information associated with different Internet services. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references an `ine td_object` and the optional state element specifies the information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



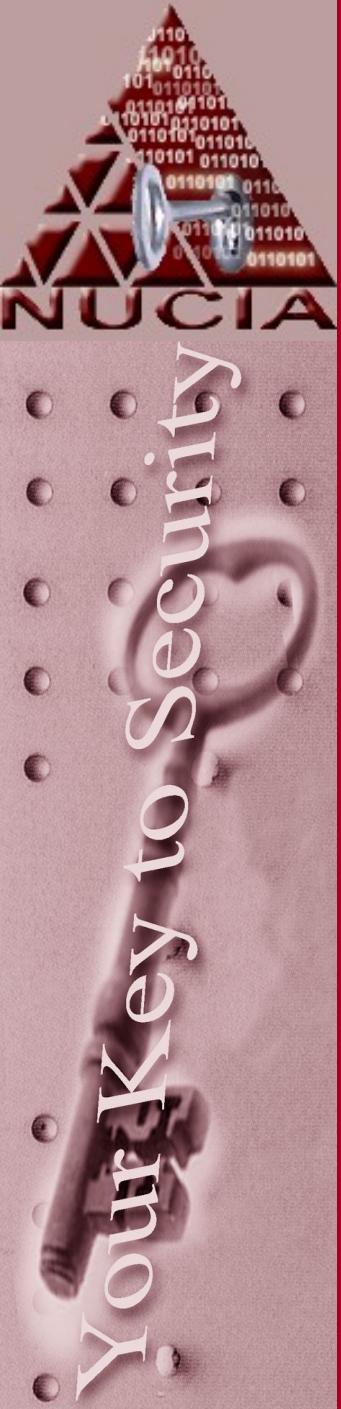
interface_test

- “The interface test enumerates various attributes about the interfaces on a system. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references an interface_object and the optional state element specifies the interface information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



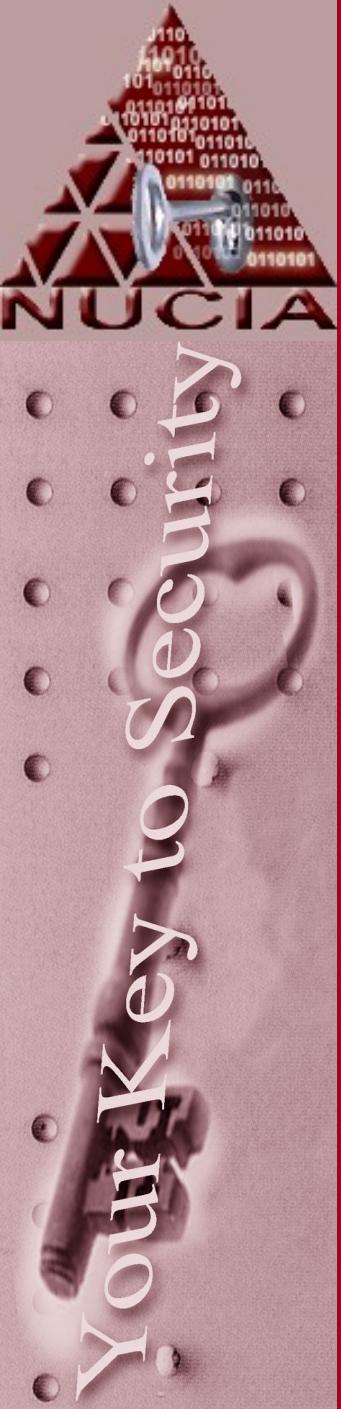
password_test

- “The password test is used to check metadata associated with the UNIX password file, of the sort returned by the passwd command. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a password_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



Process_test

- “The process test is used to check information found in the UNDX processes. It is equivalent to parsing the output of the ps command. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a process_object and the optional state element specifies the process information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



runlevel_test

- “The runlevel test is used to check information about which runlevel specified service are scheduled to exist at. For more information see the output generated by a chkconfig -list. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a runlevel_object and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



shadow_test

- “The shadow test is used to check information from the /etc/shadow file for a specific user. This file contains a user’s password, but also their password aging and lockout information. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references an intd_object and the optional state element specifies the information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



uname _test

- “The `uname test` reveals information about the hardware the machine is running on. This information is the parsed equivalent of `uname -a`. For example: “Linux quark 2.6.5-7.108-default #1 Wed Aug 25 13:34:40 UTC 2004 i686 i686 i386 GNU/Linux” or “Darwin TestHost 7.7.0 Darwin Kernel Version 7.7.0: Sun Nov 7 16:06:51 PST 2004; root:xnu/xnu-517.9.5.0~bj~1/RELEASE_PPC Power Macintosh powerpc”. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the `oval-definitions-schema` and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `uname_object` and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



Windows: accessstooken_test

- “The `accessstooken test` is used to check the properties of a Windows’ access token as well as individual privileges and rights associated with it. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references an `accessstooken_object` and the optional state element specifies the data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



active directory_test

- “The active directory test is used to check information about specific entries in active directory. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references an active directory_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



auditive ntpolicy_test

- “The audit event policy test is used to check different types of events the system should audit. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval-definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a auditive ntpolicy_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



Windows: file _test

- “The `file test` is used to check metadata associated with Windows files. It extends the standard `TestType` as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the `TestType` description for more information. The required object element references a `file_object` and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the `check` attribute that is inherited from the `TestType`.”



file audit permissions test

- “The file audit permissions test is used to check the audit permissions associated with Windows files. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a file audit permissions_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



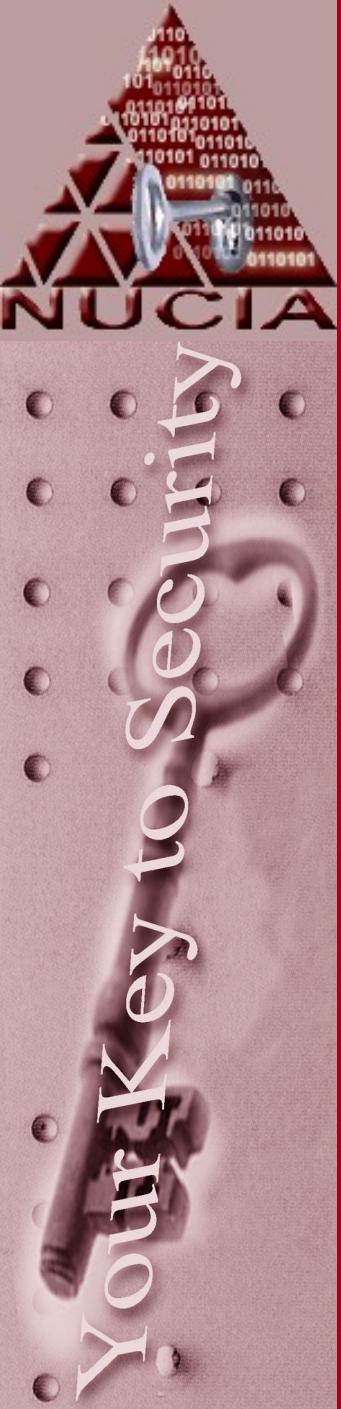
file effective rights_test

- “The file effective rights test is used to check the effective rights associated with Windows files. Note that the trustee’s effective access rights are the access rights that the ACL grants to the trustee or to any groups of which the trustee is a member. The file effective rights_test element extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a file effective rights_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



group_test

- “The group test allows the different users that belong to specific groups be tested. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a group-object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



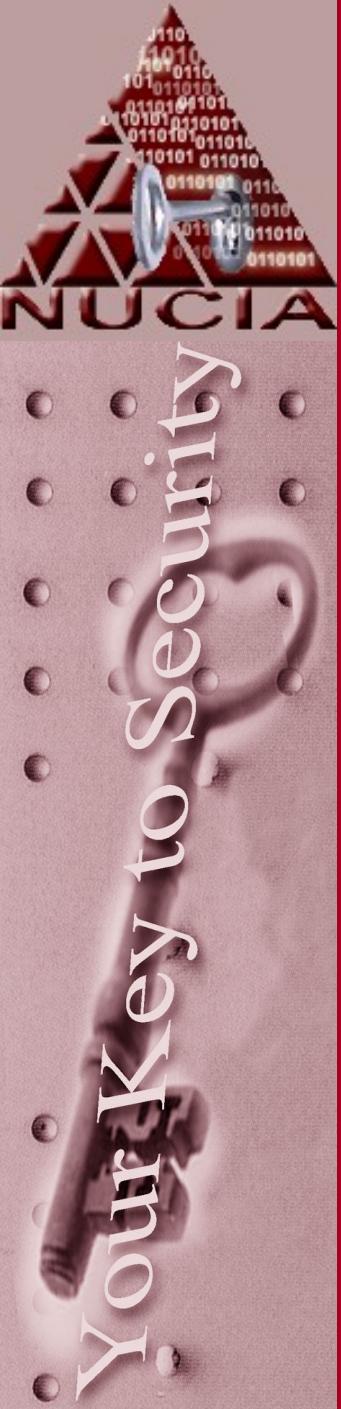
interface_test

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lockoutpolicy-test

- “The *lockoutpolicy test* enumerates various attributes associated with lockout information for users and global groups in the security database. It extends the standard *TestType* as defined in the *oval definitions-schema* and one should refer to the *TestType* description for more information. The required object element references a *lockoutpolicy-object* and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the *check* attribute that is inherited from the *TestType*.”



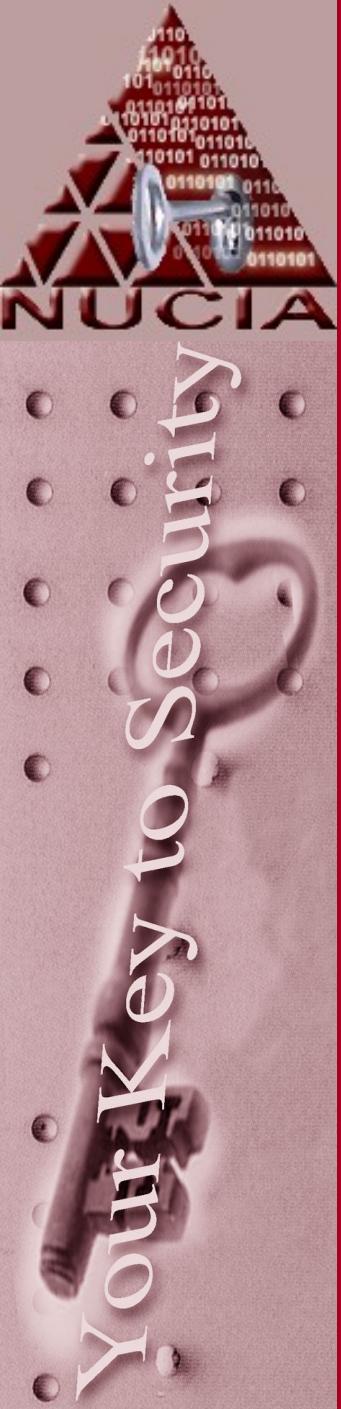
metabase_test

- “The *metabase test* is used to check information found in the Windows metabase. Extends the standard *TestType* as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the *TestType* description for more information. The required object element references a *metabase_object* and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the *check* attribute that is inherited from the *TestType*.”



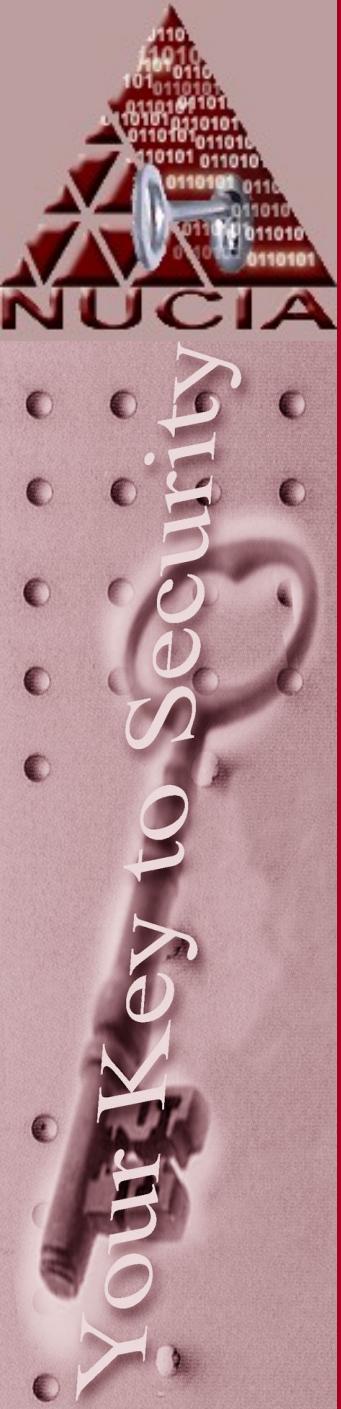
passwordpolicy_test

- “The password policy test is used to check specific policy associated with passwords. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definition schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a passwordpolicy_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”
- “NOTE: This information is stored in the SAM or Active Directory but is encrypted or hidden so the registry_test and active directory_test are of no use. If this can be figured out, then the password_policy test is not needed.”



port_test

- “The port test is used to check information about the available ports on a Windows system. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a port_object and the optional state element specifies the port information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



Process_test

- “The process test is used to check information found in the Windows processes. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a process_object and the optional state element specifies the process information to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



registry_test

- “The registry test is used to check metadata associated with Windows registry key. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a registry_object and the optional state element specifies the registry data to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



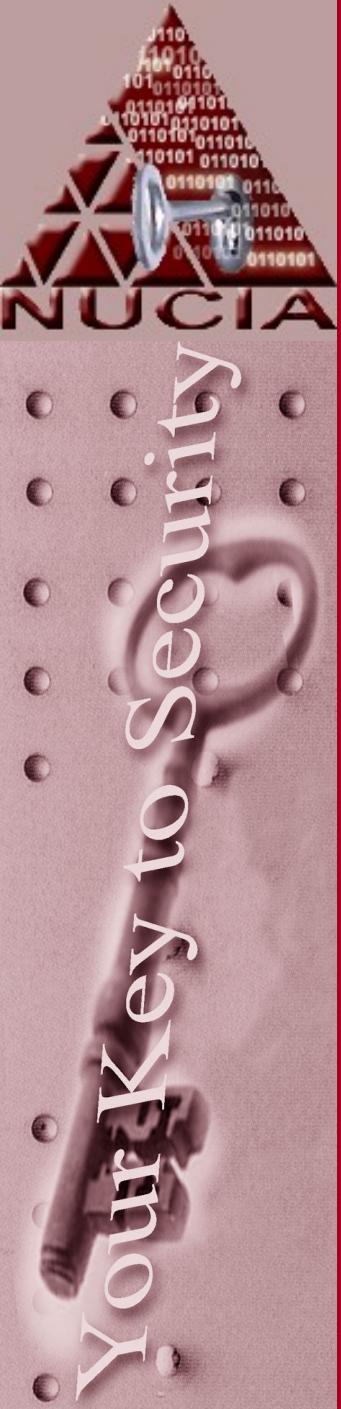
registryauditedpermissions_test

- “The registry key audited permissions test is used to check the audit permissions associated with Windows registry keys. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a *registryauditedpermissions_object* and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



regkey effective rights_test

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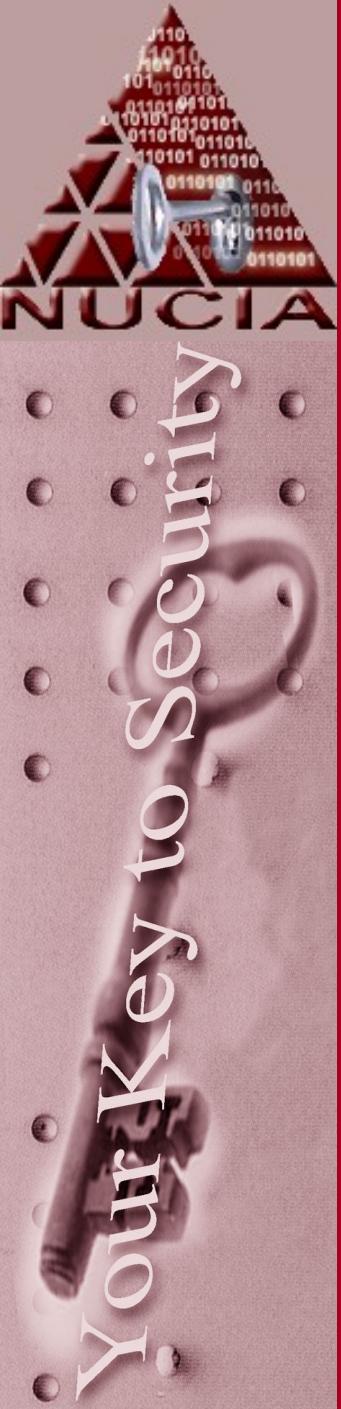
sid_test

- “The sid test is used to check properties associated with the specified sid. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a sid_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



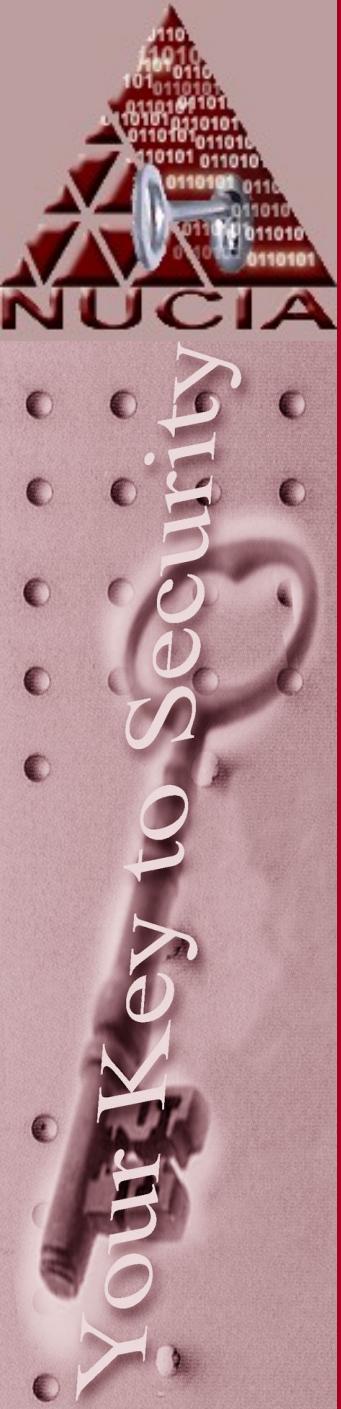
`user_test`

- “The user test is used to check information about Windows users. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a user_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



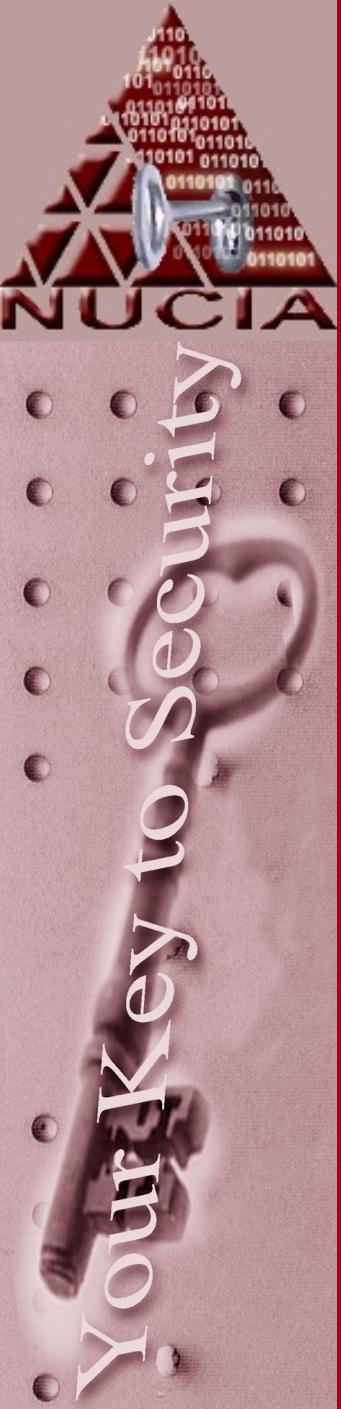
volume _test

- “The volume test is used to check information about different storage volumes found on a Windows system. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-scheme and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a volume_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.”



wmi_test

- “*The wmi test is used to check information access by WMI. It extends the standard TestType as defined in the oval definitions-schema and one should refer to the TestType description for more information. The required object element references a wmi_object and the optional state element specifies the metadata to check. The evaluation of the test is guided by the check attribute that is inherited from the TestType.*”



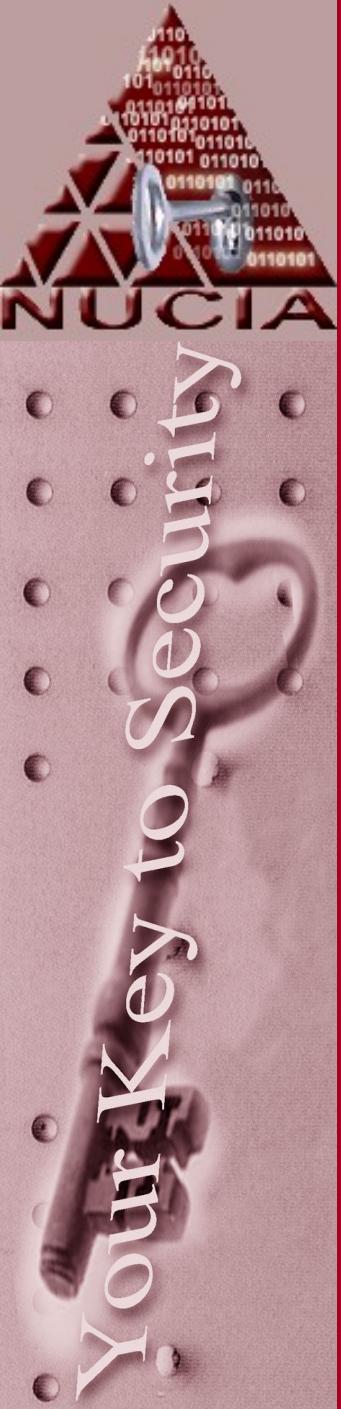
Wmi - Windows management information

- *Wmic - command line version*



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Hello World in OVAL

- From MITRE's **OVAL Definition Tutorial**
 - <http://tinyurl.com/k5hh2>
- XML is good for programs & programmers
- This is great Smart interoperable data
- This is not good for subject matter experts!
- Line counts:
 - 31 in XML
 - 10 in our DSL
- OVALdsl can be generated from OVAL XML
- OVAL XML can be generated from OVAL dsl

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1.  <oval_definitions>
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3.  <definition id="oval:org.mitre.oval:obj:1">
4.  <metadata>
5.  <title>Hello World Example</title>
6.  <description> This definition is used to introduce the OVAL Language to individuals interested in writing OVAL Content. </description>
7.  </metadata>
8.  <criteria>
9.  <criterion test_ref="oval:org.mitre.oval:tst:1" comment="the value of the registry key equals Hello World"/>
10. </criteria>
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16. <state state_ref="oval:org.mitre.oval:ste:1"/>
17. </registry_test>
18. </tests>
19. <objects>
20. <registry_object id="oval:org.mitre.oval:obj:1">
21. <hive>HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE</hive>
22. <key>SOFTWARE\oval</key>
23. <name>example</name>
24. </registry_object>
25. </objects>
26. <states>
27. <registry_state id="oval:org.mitre.oval:ste:1">
28. <value>Hello World</value>
29. </registry_state>
30. </states>
31. </oval_definitions>
```



Hello World in a DSL for OVAL

1. `def d = new Defn("vulnerability");`
2. `d.title = "Hello World Example";`
3. `d.description =`
`""";`
- 4.
5. `This definition is used to introduce the OVAL`
`language`
6. `to individuals interested in writing OVAL`
`Content.`
7. `""".`
8. `def t= d.criteria("AND", "Software`
`Section");`
9. `t comment="the value of the registry key`
`equals Hello World";`
10. `t registry_object(hive:"HKEY_LOCAL_MAC`
`HIVE", key:"SOFTWARE\oval", name:"example") == t.registry_state(value:"Hello`
`World");`



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def t= d.crite ria("AND", "Software Section");
t.com ment="the value of the registry key equals Hello World";
tre g istry_o bje ct(hive :"HKEY_SO CAL_MACHIN E",
key :"SO FTWARE\oval",
name :"example")
==
```

tre g istry_st at e(value :"Hello World");



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