CC in the Cloud (CCitC) Technical Working Group – Weekly Meeting Minutes

7:27 AM PDT 2023-09-27

Call to Order: 0800

Meeting Lead: Joshua BRICKMAN

Attendees: 31 Member Count: 72

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 4th, 2023

Highlights:

- Vann, Benjamin, Jason, and Jeff from VMware attended the call to answer questions regarding the MDM mapping spreadsheet that was produced in in partnership with NIAP.

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Josh advised that for those attending the in-person workshop at CCUF/ICCC, a phone number will need to be provided to Oracle prior to arrival for access to their facilities.
 - o This information should be emailed to Garrett for collection and submission to Oracle.
 - The current list of expected attendees is located in Discussion #94 on GitHub.
- Jade advised that a 2-hour CCUF session on MDM/mobility in the cloud has been announced in the schedule however it will be occurring during our CCitC workshop. Josh to follow up with Brian and Petra on rescheduling the session.
- Vann, Benjamin, Jason, and Jeff from VMware are on the call to answer questions about the mapping spreadsheet.
 - Vann and her team have gone through CC & FedRAMP certifications and are familiar with both processes.
 - VMware has been involved primarily with NIAP and the MDM Working Group to conduct the analysis on the MDM PP and provide input on developing the MDM mapping spreadsheet and guidance. These documents will hopefully filter into the work efforts of CCitC.
 - Josh asked VMware if they viewed this effort as a proactive approach to future needs or a reactive approach to customer demand.
 - Benjamin talked about their efforts being more from a proactive standpoint since products are in demand from customers, and the future of SaaS solutions become a more attractive product particularly when desired certs like FedRAMP and CC are acquired.
 - Tyrone asked about the following assumption in the spreadsheet "Any use of digital signature services on the host platform to validate MDM software integrity prior to its installation or update. Note however that this would likely not be cloud-specific so long as the operational environment is defined to include a platform that has this capability (as would be done for any on-premise deployment)"

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- Benjamin described digital signature validation as occurring within the product itself regardless of whether implementation is in the cloud or on-prem.
- Jim D raised a concern that this could introduce scenarios where the platform becomes subject to evaluation as a component, which should not occur.
- Justin F clarified that some MDM requirements have an option to invoke platform provided functionality (for example use of SCHANNEL for TLS implementation) therefore some form of validation such as CAVP certificates should be cited for the platform in these functions to prove its capability.
- A broad discussion was had on this topic.
- Jade pointed out a lack of questions for VMware from CCitC members, which Josh attributed to likely a lack of time reviewing the MDM mapping spreadsheet by members.
- Brandon H advised that he has conducted a high-level editorial review of the guidance document and has made some minor editorial updates, relocated some sections, and included some additional explanations in order to make the overall document read better.
 - CCitC members should review these edits and provide any comments or suggestions.
 - See GitHub issue #100 'Guidance Doc Status and Ownership if Applicable', and log comments there for relevant unchecked items.

Questions/Follow-ups:

 Members attending ICCC/CCUF and attending the CCitC Workshop must send their phone number information to Garrett for collection and submission to Oracle for facility access requirements.

End of Meeting - Adjourned 0859 PDT