**🔍 Core Purpose & Scope**

1. **What is the primary objective?**
   * Is it *automated compliance enforcement*, *assessment only*, or *both*?
2. **What Windows versions should be supported?**
   * (e.g., Windows 10, 11, Server 2019/2022)
3. **Which STIG sources/formats will be used?**
   * Manual import (XCCDF/CKL), SCAP feed, DoD repository API?

**🧠 Functional Requirements**

1. **STIG application mode**:
   * One-click “auto remediate”?
   * Preview settings before applying?
   * Rollback capability?
2. **How will the tool detect current state?**
   * Use of built-in PowerShell, WMI, registry queries, etc.?
3. **Do you want to generate reports?**
   * Before/after STIG comparison?
   * Export format (HTML, PDF, CSV)?
4. **How will rules be grouped or prioritized?**
   * Critical first? All or customizable selection?

**🔐 Security & Permissions**

1. **Should the tool run as admin or require elevation checks?**
2. **Do you want logging/auditing of all changes?**
   * Central log file or Windows Event Log integration?
3. **Will this support system-level changes like disabling services, changing local policies, or registry modifications?**

**⚙️ Architecture**

1. **Do you want a local app, CLI tool, or web-based frontend?**
2. **Will it run standalone or in an enterprise network?**

* Centralized management?
* Multiple host deployment?

1. **How will updates to STIG baselines be handled?**

* Manual or automated updates?

**🧪 Testing & Validation**

1. **What is the STIG validation method?**

* Will the tool re-check settings post-application?

1. **Are you planning to use DISA SCAP tools or benchmarks to verify compliance?**

**🎯 Future Plans**

1. **Will this tool integrate with other GRC systems or dashboards (e.g., Splunk, Nessus, OpenSCAP, Jira)?**
2. **Do you want to support other OSs later (Linux, Mac)?**
3. **Should there be a GUI for non-technical users?**