

OCCT — OS Compliance Check Tool

User Manual (Prototype)

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1. Introduction

1.1 What is OCCT

OCCT (OS Compliance Check Tool) is a full-stack prototype that automates Windows OS security auditing. It checks configurations against security frameworks (Common Criteria) and presents dashboards with evidence and remediation hints.



1.2 Key Benefits

- Automated checks of high-impact settings (e.g., firewall defaults, local admin membership).
- Visibility into privileged accounts and account activity tied to security events.
- Evidence-driven findings with framework mapping and remediation hints.

1.3 In-Scope vs Out-of-Scope

In scope (prototype):

- Windows 11 local host checks, Live Mode collectors, and Sample Mode with seeded data
- YAML-driven controls library with mappings to CC
- Dashboard, controls, and evidence views

Out of scope (prototype):

- Fleet-wide remote scanning/agent deployment
- Auto-enforcement/patching
- Email/SIEM integrations
- Group policy/OS cross-compatibility

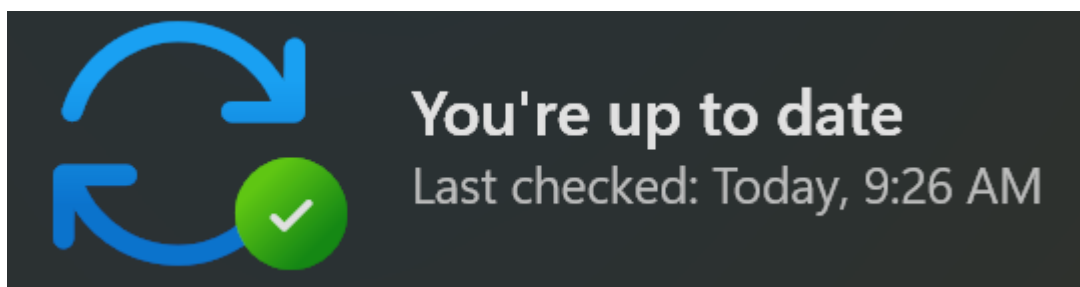
2. System Requirements

- **Operating System:** Windows 11, run as local administrator for full checks.
- **Software & Runtime:** PowerShell 5.1+, Python 3.9+, modern browser (e.g. Chrome).
- **Permissions:** Elevated PowerShell for querying firewall, local groups, and event logs.

3. Installation & Setup

3.1 Prepare the Windows Host

1. Ensure Windows is up to date
2. Confirm local admin access



3.2 Install OCCT Backend & Frontend

1. Use this [Download Link](#) to download a zip file containing the latest version of the application

2. Unzip the file and store it in the preferred location
3. Open a PowerShell terminal with Administrator privileges and find the location of the folder (occt-tool)

In PowerShell

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy -Scope CurrentUser -ExecutionPolicy RemoteSigned -Force
python -m venv env
.\env\Scripts\activate
```

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

```
python -m backend.app
```

The above should start the application on localhost: <http://127.0.0.1:5000>

```
(env) PS C:\Users\      \occt-tool> python -m backend.app
[detectors] start_live_poller_if_enabled called
[detectors] live poller started (ids=(4625, 4728, 4732, 4624), every 15s, lookback=5m, dedupe=0s)
[detectors] live poller started (ids=(4625, 4728, 4732, 4624), every 15s, lookback=5m, threshold=5)
[detectors] +0 events, +0 alerts (published 0; sent_to 0 clients; clients_now=0 bus_id=1887699704848 pid=25256),
bookmark=897469
[OK] Ingested 25 audit, 7 events, 2 detections into C:\Users\      \occt-tool\backend\instance\occt.db
[auto-ingest] backend.ingest_samples completed
* Serving Flask app 'app'
* Debug mode: on
WARNING: This is a development server. Do not use it in a production deployment. Use a production WSGI server instead.
* Running on http://127.0.0.1:5000
Press CTRL+C to quit
```

4. Architecture Overview

4.1 Components

- **Collectors** (PowerShell): Query Windows configuration, groups, firewall, events.
- **Backend** (Python/Flask + SQLAlchemy): APIs, evidence processing, SQLite persistence.
- **Controls** Library (YAML): Control IDs, titles, mappings, severity, remediation.
- **Frontend** (Flask/JS/Jinja): Dashboard, controls pages, account activity, evidence views.

High-level architecture overview:

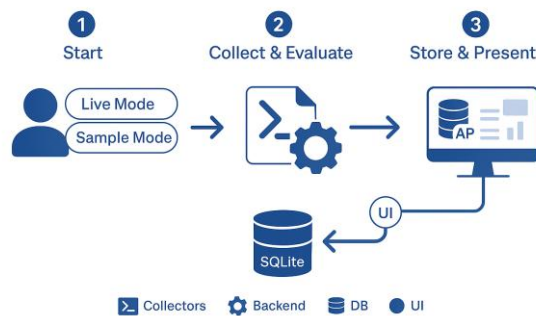
OCCT - Full stack (High-level)



4.2 Data Flow

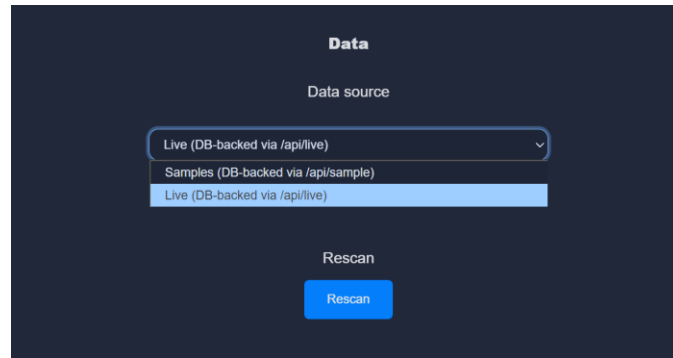
1. User triggers Scan (Live) or opens Sample Mode
2. Collectors gather facts/events → Backend evaluates against controls.yml
3. Results stored in SQLite → UI renders dashboards and evidence sent by API

OCCT Data Flow



4.3 Modes (Live vs Sample)

- **Live Mode:** Execute checks on the local Windows host.
- **Sample Mode:** Explore preloaded evidence without touching the host.

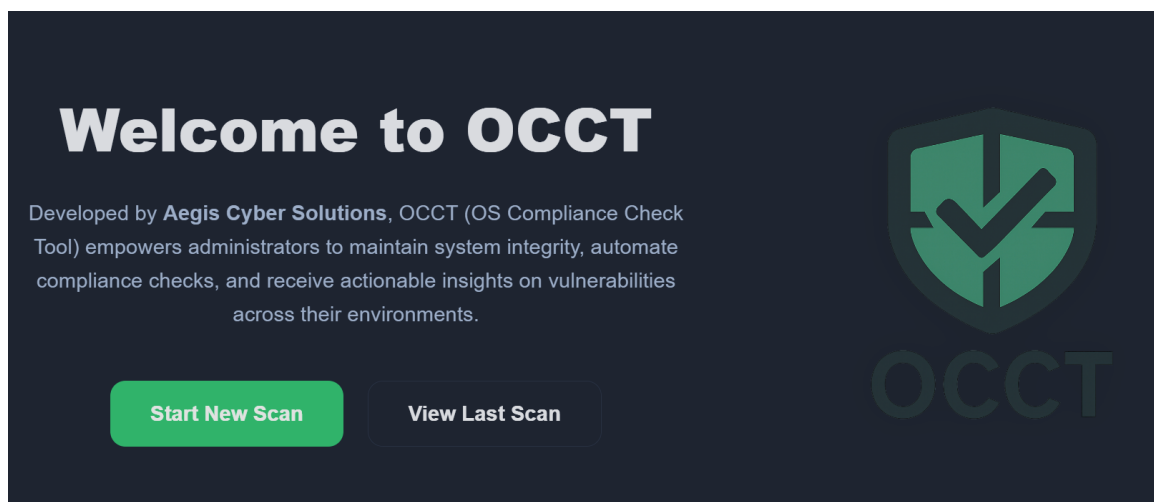


5. Getting Started (Quick Start)

5.1 Launching OCCT

```
.\env\Scripts\activate  
python -m backend.app
```

After logging in you will be greeted with a login page with a prefilled username and password for proof of concept. This is followed by the landing page:

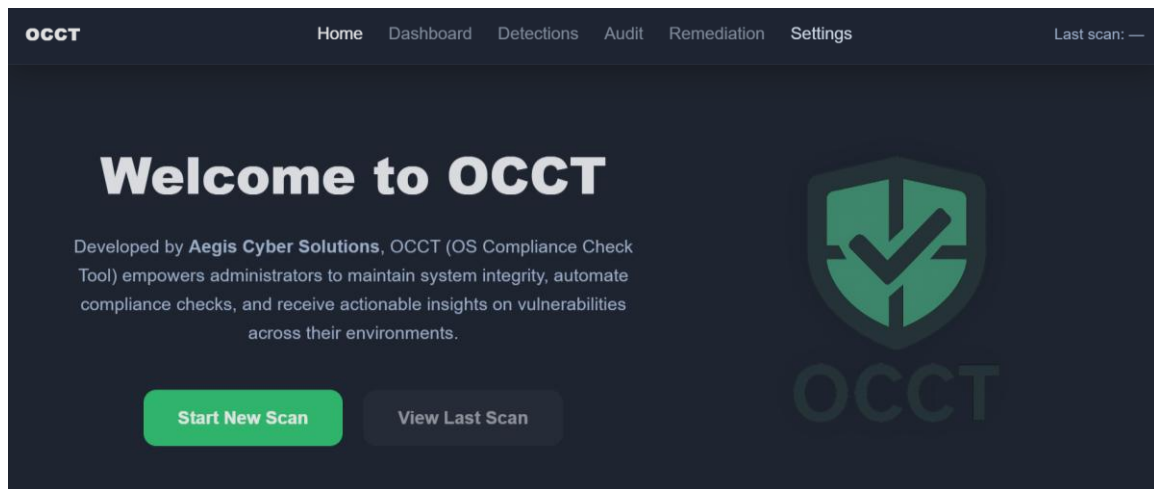


5.2 Running Your First Scan

- Login

- Click Start New Scan
- Review Dashboard → Audit → Remediation

Buttons and data will be greyed out/unavailable until the first scan is run:



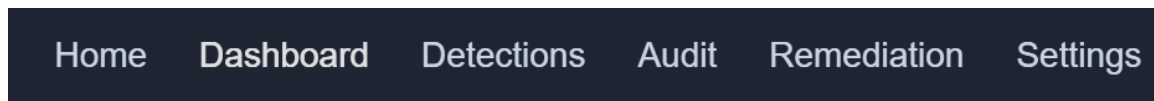
6. Using OCCT

6.1 Dashboard (Overview)

- Compliance Summary: pass/fail counts and severity distribution.
- Recent Findings: latest non-compliant or noteworthy events.
- Host & Mode: host label and Live/Sample indicator.



Navigate to the other pages using the navigation bar at the top of each page:



6.2 Controls & Compliance Views

Browse controls by category on the Audit page (Firewall, Account, etc.). Each control row shows Time, Category, Control, ID, CC ID, Severity, Outcome, Account/Host, Description:

The screenshot shows the 'Audit Trail' page in the OCCT application. It features a search bar and filters for Category (System, Security, Account) and Outcome (All). The table lists audit events with columns for Time, Category, Control, ID, CG ID, Severity, Outcome, Account/Host, and Description.

Time	Category	Control	ID	CG ID	Severity	Outcome	Account/Host	Description
23/04/2025 00:05	Account	Administrators group members approved	AC-001	FDP_ACC.1	High	Failed	SRV-DC01	Unexpected account(s) are members of Administrators.
15/04/2025 14:20	Account	Administrators group: strict baseline	AC-002	FDP_ACC.1	High	Failed	SRV-DC01	Unexpected members in Administrators (strict policy).
15/04/2025 14:40	Security	Audit policy: Account management (Success & Failure)	AU-021	FAU_GEN.1	High	Failed	SRV-DC01	One or both account management subcategories not set to Success & Failure.
23/04/2025 03:45	System	Firewall default inbound = Block (all profiles)	FW-001	FDP_ACC.2	High	Failed	SRV-WS001	One or more profiles have inbound default set to Allow.
16/04/2025 15:00	Account	Account lockout duration/reset	PW-006	FIA_AFL.1	Medium	Failed	SRV-DC01	Lockout duration too short or reset window too

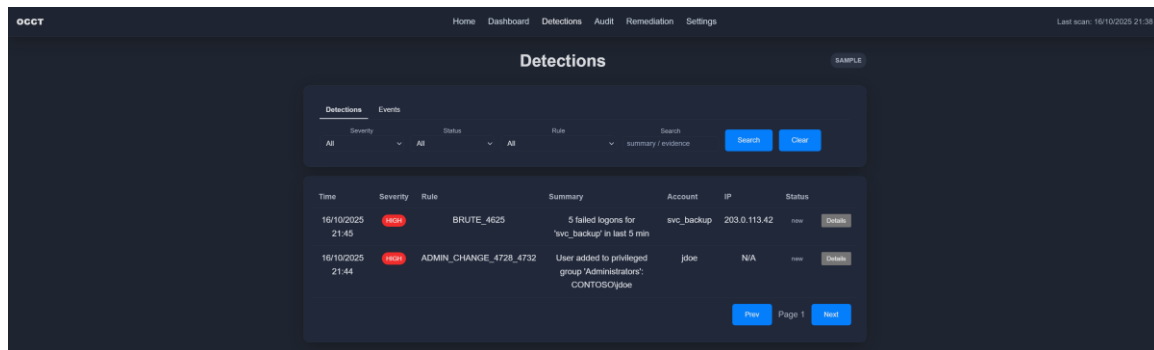
The Remediation page is a counterpart to the above, displaying all controls listed with their remediation hint if failed = true:

The screenshot shows the 'Remediation' page in the OCCT application. It displays remediation hints for failed controls, categorized into 'Needs attention (Failed)' and 'Compliant (Informational)'. Each entry includes the control name, host, date, outcome, and a detailed remediation hint.

Needs attention (Failed)	Compliant (Informational)
Administrators group members approved (Account) Host: SRV-DC01 23/04/2025 00:05 Outcome: Failed Remediation: Review and remove unapproved members. Get-LocalGroupMember Administrators Remove-LocalGroupMember -Member 'MEMBER_NAME' Observed: Unexpected account(s) are members of Administrators.	Advanced audit policy in use (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:30 Outcome: Passed Observed: Advanced auditing enabled; subcategory settings present.
Administrators group: strict baseline (Account) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:20 Outcome: Failed Remediation: Get-LocalGroupMember Administrators Remove-LocalGroupMember -Member 'MEMBER_NAME' Observed: Unexpected members in Administrators (strict policy).	Audit policy: Account Lockout (Success) (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:32 Outcome: Passed Observed: Account Lockout auditing includes Success.
Audit policy: Account management (Success & Failure) (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:40 Outcome: Failed Remediation: auditpol /set /subcategory:"User Account Management","Security Group Management" success:enable failure:enable Observed: One or both account management subcategories not set to Success & Failure.	Audit policy: Logon events (Success & Failure) (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:45 Outcome: Passed Observed: Logon auditing set to Success & Failure.
Firewall default inbound = Block (all profiles) (System) Host: SRV-WS001 23/04/2025 03:45 Outcome: Failed Remediation: netsh advfirewall firewall add rule name="Block Inbound" dir=in action=block profile=all	Audit policy: Policy change (Success & Failure) (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 15/04/2025 14:35 Outcome: Passed Observed: Audit Policy Change set to Success & Failure.
	Audit: shutdown if unable to log security audits (Security) Host: SRV-DC01 16/10/2025 21:38 Outcome: Passed Observed: System is configured to shut down on audit logging failure (CrashOnAuditFailure=1).
	Built-in Administrator (RID 500) disabled (Account) Host: SRV-DC01 16/10/2025 21:38 Outcome: Passed Observed: Built-in Administrator (RID 500) is disabled.

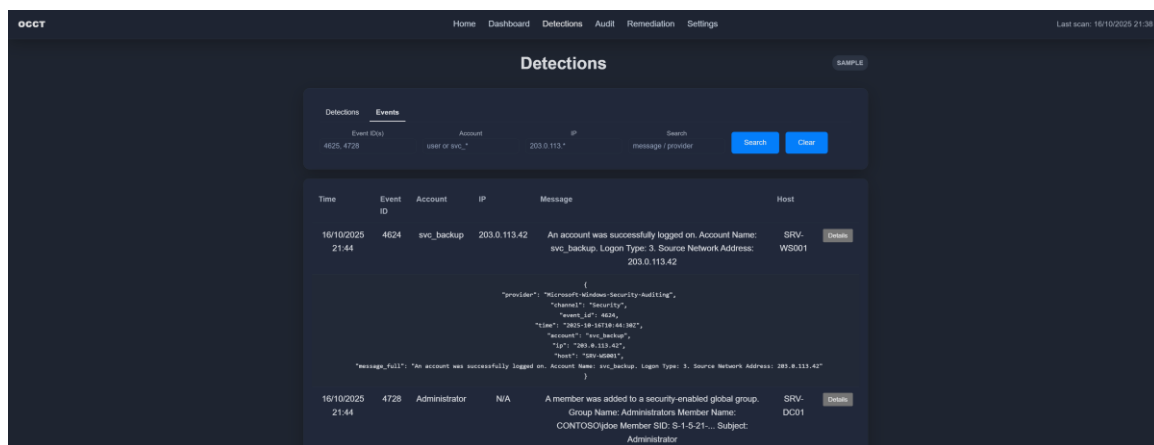
6.3 Account Activity & Admin Group Monitoring

View recent account events and Administrators group changes (adds/removes). Windows Security Event IDs like 4732/4728 indicate changes to local admin group membership.



6.4 Event & Evidence Views

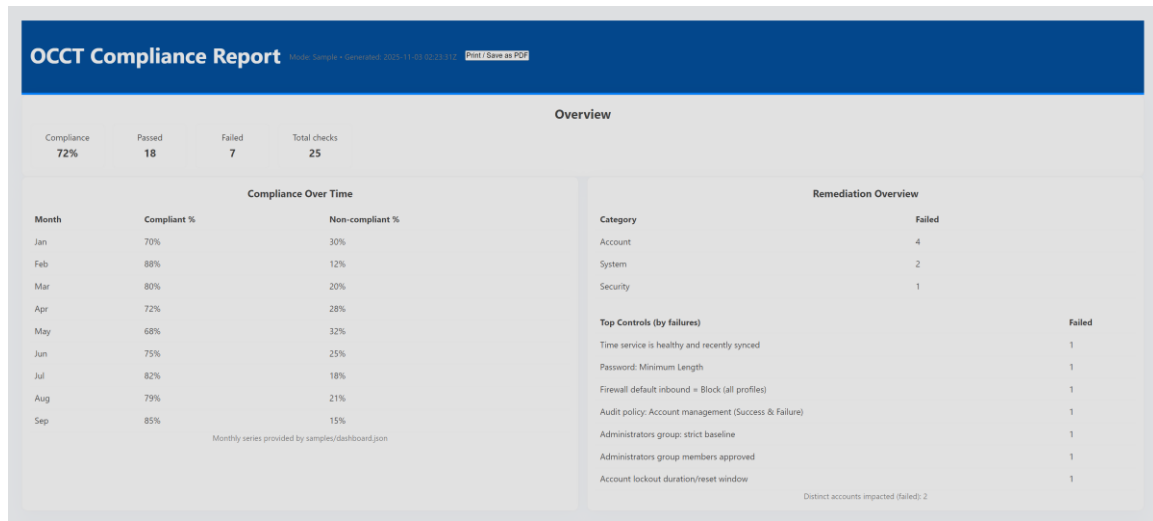
Inspect collected facts (registry/policies) and events (Security/System). Use filters (time, category, control) to locate relevant evidence.



6.5 Reports & Exports

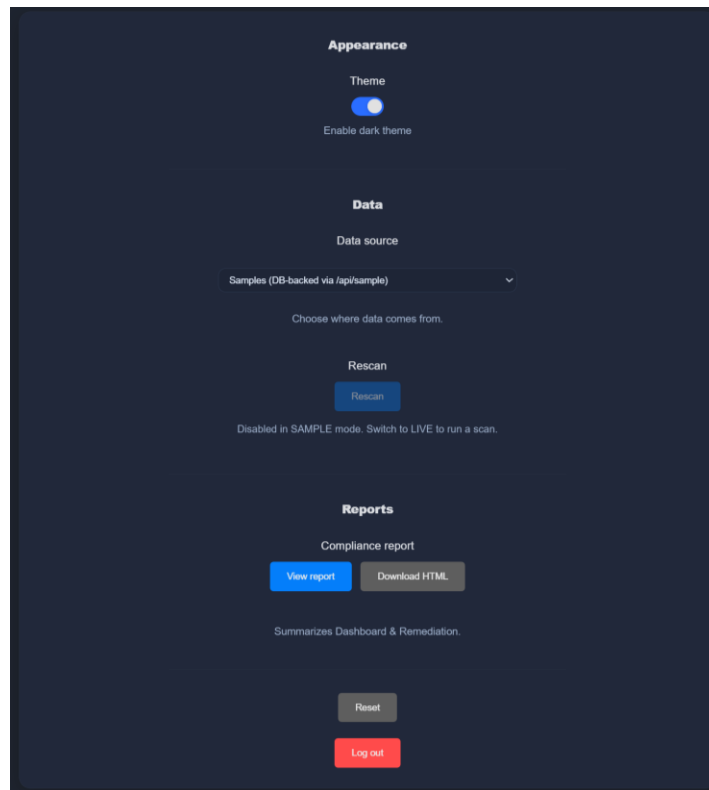
Export evidence lists for executive summaries in the following ways:

1. Export Audit Table to CSV on Audit Page
2. External Report Overview on Settings Page:



6.6 Settings

- Toggle Dark/Light Mode
- Switch Mode (Live/Sample)
- Rescan (Live)
- View Report (Opens external html formatted report)
- Download HTML (Downloads the report in HTML format)
- Reset (Resets the settings to default)
- Logout (Logs out of the application):



7. Controls Library & Framework Mapping

7.1 Control Card Template

- Control ID, Title, Category, Severity
- Framework Mapping (CC)
- Pass Condition
- Evidence fields and Remediation

```
- id: PW-001
title: "Password: Minimum Length"
category: Account
severity: medium
cc_sfr: FMT_MTD.1
when: "win.password.min_length >= 14"
pass: "Observed {{win.password.min_length}}, expected >=14"
fail: "Observed {{win.password.min_length}}, expected >=14"
remediation: "Increase 'Minimum password length' to 14 or more: Local Security Policy → Account Policies → Password Policy."
```

7.2 Example Controls (Prototype)

FW-001 — Firewall default inbound = Block (all profiles)

- **Category:** Firewall | Severity: High
- **Observed:** One or more profiles have inbound default set to Allow.
- **Remediation** (PowerShell):

```
Get-NetFirewallProfile | Select-Object Name, DefaultInboundAction
Set-NetFirewallProfile -Profile Domain,Private,Public -DefaultInboundAction
Block
```

AC-002 — Complete access control (Local Administrators membership hygiene)

- **Category:** Account | Severity: High
- **Detection:** Unexpected members in Administrators
- **Remediation** (PowerShell):

```
Get-LocalGroupMember -Group "Administrators"
Remove-LocalGroupMember -Group "Administrators" -Member {username} #
replace with actual account
```

8. Data Sources & Evidence

- **Windows Configuration:** firewall profiles, local groups, password policy
- **Windows Event Logs:** e.g., Security 4732/4728 (admin group changes), 4720 (account creation), 4625 (logon)
- **OCCT Facts & Events:** stored in SQLite with timestamps, category, control, outcome, account, description, source, host
- **Controls Library** (controls.yml): metadata, mapping, and detection logic.

03/11/2025	4732	—	N/A	A member was added to a security-enabled local group. Subject: [REDACTED]_PC Security ID: S-1-5-21-1327341472-2141134068-2661061119-1003 Account Name: [REDACTED] Account Domain: [REDACTED]_PC Logon ID: 0x116171 Member: Security ID: S-1-5-21-1327341472-2141134068-2661061119-1037 Ac...	Details
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```
{
  "provider": "Microsoft-Windows-Security-Auditing",
  "channel": "Security",
  "event_id": 4732,
  "time": "[REDACTED]",
  "host": "[REDACTED]_PC",
  "message_full": "A member was added to a security-enabled local group. Subject: Security ID: S-1-5-21-1327341472-2141134068-2661061119-1003 Account Name: [REDACTED] Account Domain: [REDACTED]_PC Logon ID: 0x116171 Member: Security ID: S-1-5-21-1327341472-2141134068-2661061119-1037 Account Name: - Group: Security ID: S-1-5-32-545 Group Name: Users Group Domain: Builtin Additional Information: Privileges: -"
}
```

9. Troubleshooting

Symptom	Likely Cause	Fix
“Running scripts is disabled on this system.”	PowerShell execution policy	In the same PowerShell as Admin shell: Set-ExecutionPolicy -Scope Process -ExecutionPolicy Bypass
Controls page shows No Evidence	Scan not run (Live)	In Live Mode, return to Home or Settings, and click Run Scan
Live Poller/Events not working	Insufficient privileges to query local settings	Run OCCT with Administrator privileges
SQLite “database is locked”	Parallel runs or viewer open	Stop extra instances; close viewers; retry
Remediation hint shows placeholders literally	Placeholder not replaced	E.g. Replace {username} with real account name
Failed to install greenlet after “pip install -r requirements.txt”	Windows ARM machines are not compatible with the original requirements.txt	Use command: pip install -r requirements.winarm.txt

10. Security, Privacy & Known Limitations

- **Local Only:** Prototype runs locally; no data leaves the host.
- **Permissions:** Some checks require admin rights.
- **Scope:** Prototype controls cover key areas; not exhaustive CC coverage.
- **Integrations:** Email/SIEM integrations are not part of the prototype.