

Evaluate-STIG



User Guide

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1 Introduction

Evaluate-STIG is a PowerShell tool for automating [Security Technical Implementation Guide \(STIG\)](#) scans and can optionally output results to [STIG Viewer](#) compatible checklist files (both CKL and CKLB formats). It is only used for documenting STIG compliance state and not for configuring to STIG requirements. Evaluate-STIG can greatly reduce or eliminate the manual efforts typically required for documenting compliance while providing more complete, accurate, and consistent documentation. Labor efforts that previously could consume hours or days can now be completed in minutes.

Evaluate-STIG, designed with automation as the priority, detects which of the [supported STIGs](#) are required for the asset and reduces the risk of missed STIGs. It is able to scan both the local system as well as remote assets. For larger networks, it can be deployed by configuration management tools (e.g. Microsoft Configuration Manager, IBM BigFix, PDQ Deploy, Ansible, etc.) to maximize automation efficiencies.

Some of our users:



2 System Requirements

2.1 Supported Operating Systems

Evaluate-STIG may be ran on the following operating systems:

CentOS 7	Red Hat Linux 9	Windows 10	Windows Server 2019
Oracle Linux 7	Ubuntu 16.04	Windows 11	Windows Server 2022
Oracle Linux 8	Ubuntu 18.04	Windows Server 2008 R2	
Red Hat Linux 7	Ubuntu 20.04	Windows Server 2012 / R2	
Red Hat Linux 8	Ubuntu 22.04	Windows Server 2016	

2.2 Prerequisites

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| Windows | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PowerShell 5.1 or PowerShell 7.x (PowerShell 6 is not supported) Compatible PowerShell Execution Policy (depends on code signing certificate trust) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend adding included DOD-issued code signing certificate to the Local Machine\Trusted Publishers store For MS SQL: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SQLPS module (typically install by default) or SqlServer module (https://www.powershellgallery.com/packages/Sqlserver) Administrator level permission to both the operating system and SQL instance/database |
| Linux | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Libraries libicu and lshw must be installed When running from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PowerShell direct: PowerShell 7.3 or greater must be installed (note RHEL7 only supports PowerShell 7.3) Bash: Supported PowerShell archive (7.3 or greater) renamed to powershell.tar.zip located within the Evaluate-STIG folder. Use --DownloadPS or perform this manually. If using fapolicyd for application whitelisting, pwsh and libhostfxr.so must be allowed. |

Support Scripts

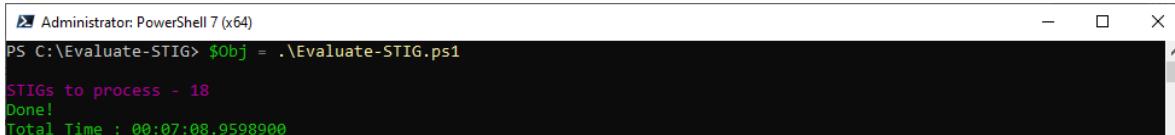
Included the Evaluate-STIG\Prerequisites folder are scripts to help ensure systems meet the above prerequisites:

- Windows**
 - Test-Prerequisites.bat** – To verify execution policy, certificate trust, and that no files have the blocked attribute.
 - Import-Certificates.bat** – To import the code signing certificate chain into the correct stores.
- Linux**
 - Test-Prerequisites.sh** – To verify **libicu** and **lshow** are installed and remind about whitelisting if **fapolicyd** is installed.

3 Usage

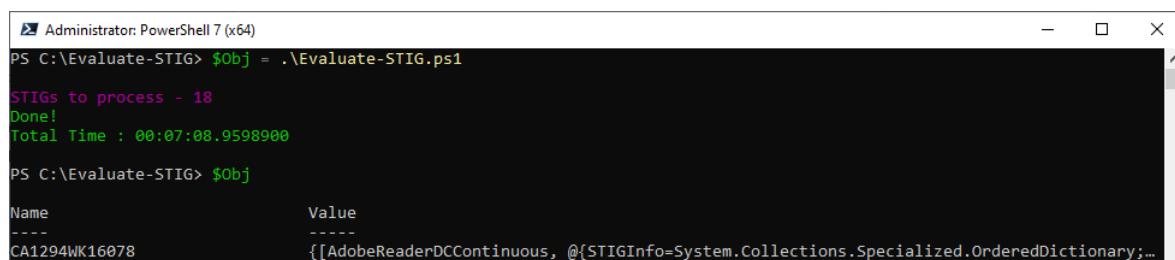
Evaluate-STIG is primarily designed as a command-line tool that should be executed from an elevated PowerShell prompt. In the simplest form, a default, full scan of the local machine is performed by calling the Evaluate-STIG.ps1 file with no options. Below example will store the output into a variable named \$Obj:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1
STIGs to process - 18
Done!
Total Time : 00:07:08.9598900
```

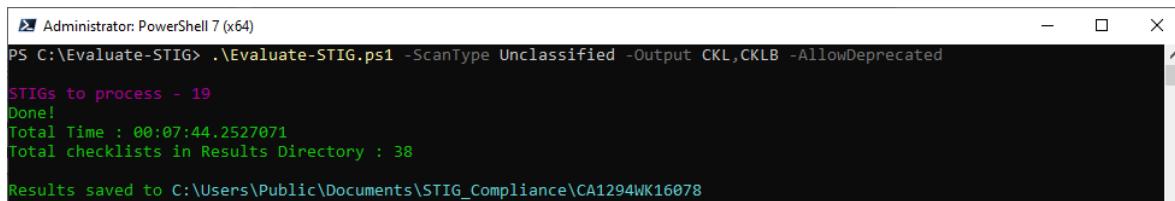
Which can be examined after:



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1
STIGs to process - 18
Done!
Total Time : 00:07:08.9598900
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj
Name          Value
----          -----
CA1294WK16078 {[AdobeReaderDCCContinuous, @{STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary;...]
```

Add parameters as necessary to customize the scan to your needs. Below example will perform an unclassified (default) scan, saving the results as both .CKL and .CKLB files, and enable deprecated STIG scanning:

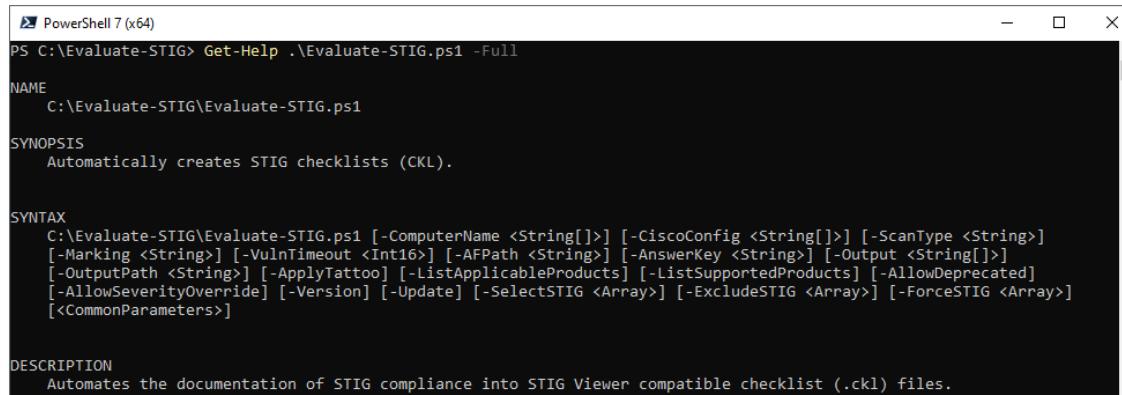
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ScanType Unclassified -Output CKL,CKLB -AllowDeprecated
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ScanType Unclassified -Output CKL,CKLB -AllowDeprecated
STIGs to process - 19
Done!
Total Time : 00:07:44.2527071
Total checklists in Results Directory : 38
Results saved to C:\Users\Public\Documents\STIG_Compliance\CA1294WK16078
```

Use Get-Help to display Evaluate-STIG's help information:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> Get-Help .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Full
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> Get-Help .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Full
NAME
  C:\Evaluate-STIG\Evaluate-STIG.ps1

SYNOPSIS
  Automatically creates STIG checklists (CKL).

SYNTAX
  C:\Evaluate-STIG\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 [-ComputerName <String[]>] [-CiscoConfig <String[]>] [-ScanType <String>]
  [-Marking <String>] [-VulnTimeout <Int16>] [-AFPath <String>] [-AnswerKey <String>] [-Output <String[]>]
  [-OutputPath <String>] [-ApplyTattoo] [-ListApplicableProducts] [-ListSupportedProducts] [-AllowDeprecated]
  [-AllowSeverityOverride] [-Version] [-Update] [-SelectSTIG <Array>] [-ExcludeSTIG <Array>] [-ForceSTIG <Array>]
  [<CommonParameters>]

DESCRIPTION
  Automates the documentation of STIG compliance into STIG Viewer compatible checklist (.ckl) files.
```

3.1 PowerShell Parameters

Scan Settings

The below parameters may be used for customizing scan settings by adding to your command line:

-ScanType

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Classification of asset being scanned. This is solely for achieving a Not Applicable status for checks that are classification dependent.
Valid Entries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unclassified: Checks that are not applicable to unclassified systems will have Status set as such. • Classified: Checks that are not applicable to classified systems will have Status set as such.
Default:	"Unclassified"
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ScanType Unclassified</code>

-Marking

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Use to optionally set the Marking field in .CKL output files.
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Marking MyMarking</code>

-VulnTimeout

Parameter Type:	<Int16>
Description:	Set the maximum time in minutes allowed for a singular Vuln ID check to run.
Default:	"15"
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -VulnTimeout 30</code>

-AnswerKey

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Use to direct Evaluate-STIG which Answer Key to use for determining if a comment from an answer file should be applied. Answer Keys are per Vuln ID and user-defined within the answer file. If this parameter is not specified, Evaluate-STIG will still attempt to use the "DEFAULT" key if configured in the answer file for that Vuln ID.
Default:	"DEFAULT"
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -AnswerKey MyKey</code>

-AFPath

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Specify location of folder with answer files. May be a local or UNC path. Default location is ".\Evaluate-STIG\AnswerFiles". Must point to a folder of answer files and not an answer file itself. If this parameter is not specified, Evaluate-STIG will still attempt to use the "DEFAULT" key if configured in the answer file for that Vuln ID.
Default:	".\Evaluate-STIG\AnswerFiles\"
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -AFPath \\Server01\AnswerFiles\</code>

-Output

Parameter Type:	<String[]>
Description:	Specify outputs to generate. Multiple outputs may be specified though comma separation.
Valid Entries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Console: Results will be returned to the console as a PowerShell object. When outputting to the console, it is recommended results be stored in a variable so they can be walked after (e.g. <code>\$Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1</code>). • CKL: Results will be saved to singular .CKL files per STIG. Compatible with STIG Viewer 2.17 • CKLB: Results will be saved to singular .CKLB files per STIG. Compatible with STIG Viewer 3.x. • CSV: Results will be saved to singular .CSV files per STIG. • XCCDF: Results will be saved to singular .XCCDF.XML files per STIG. • CombinedCKL: Results will be saved to a multi-STIG .CKL file. <i>Note that some STIGs are not combinable and will have their results saved to singular .CKL files alongside the combined CKL.</i> • CombinedCKLB: Results will be saved to a multi-STIG .CKLB file. <i>Note that some STIGs are not combinable and will have their results saved to singular .CKLB files alongside the combined CKLB.</i> • CombinedCSV: Results will be saved to a multi-STIG .CSV file. <i>Note that some STIGs are not combinable and will have their results saved to singular .CSV files alongside the combined CSV.</i> • OQE: Generate Objective Quality Evidence (OQE) artifacts on Windows systems. • Summary: Generate summary reports of the scans. • STIGManager: Send results to a STIG Manager instance. See STIG Manager for more. • Splunk: Send results to a Splunk HTTP Event Collector. See Splunk for more.
Default:	"Console"
Example:	<code>\$Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output Console,CombinedCKL,CKLB</code>

-JSON

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Output Console Object in JSON Format using OutputPayload Options. JSON Objects are based on Group ID.
Requires:	-Output Console
Example:	

```
$Obj =.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output Console -JSON
```

-OutputPayload

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	Specify which fields to output when outputting to CSV, JSON, or Splunk. Order of fields will be retained from command line. For multiple, separate with commas. Default is all fields. Requires -Output CSV CombinedCSV Splunk or -JSON.
Valid Entries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title: Name of the STIG. • Version: Version of the STIG. • ReleaseDate: Release date of the STIG. • Classification: Classification of the STIG. • HostName: Asset name. • Site: Site name for web server STIGs. • Instance: Instance or database name for database STIGs. • IP: IP address of asset. • MAC: MAC address of asset. • FQDN: Fully Qualified Domain Name of asset. • Role: Role of asset (Workstation Member Server Domain Controller None). • GroupID: Group ID (vulnerability ID) from STIG. • GroupTitle: Group Title (Rule Name) from STIG. • RuleID: Rule ID of Group ID from the STIG. • STIGID: STIG ID of Group ID from the STIG. • Severity: Severity of Group ID from the STIG. • SeverityOverride: SeverityOverride from result if used. • Justification: Justification for the SeverityOverride from result if used. • LegacyIDs: Legacy IDs for the Group ID from the STIG. • RuleTitle: Rule Title of the Group ID from the STIG. • Discussion: Discussion for the Group ID from the STIG. • CheckText: Check Text for the Group ID from the STIG. • FixText: Fix Text for the Group ID from the STIG. • CCI: CCI reference(s) for the Group ID from the STIG. • Status: Status of check. • FindingDetails: Finding Details for check. • Comments: Comments for check. • ESVersion: Version of Evaluate-STIG used. • StartTime: Time that the scan for the STIG began.
Requires:	-Output CSV CombinedCSV Splunk or -JSON
Example:	

```
.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output CSV -OutputPayload HostName,Title,GroupID,Status,FindingDetails
```

-OutputPath

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Specify location to save files produced by -Output . May be a local or UNC path. A folder for the machine name will be created automatically in [OutputPath].
Default:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Windows: "C:\Users\Public\Documents\STIG_Compliance" Linux: "/opt/STIG_Compliance"
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output CombinedCKL,CKLB -OutputPath \\Server01\MyShare\</code>	

-PreviousToKeep

Parameter Type:	<Int16>
Description:	Number of previous scan session outputs to retain in -OutputPath . Scan outputs are the items requested with -Output . Retained results will be moved to a [OutputPath]\Previous\[Results Date-Time] folder.
Default:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using -PreviousToKeep 0 will remove all previous results and only retain current results. Using a negative value (e.g. -PreviousToKeep -1) will keep all previous results.
Requires:	-Output
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output CombinedCKL,CKLB -PreviousToKeep 5</code>	

-SelectSTIG

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	By default, Evaluate-STIG will scan for all of the supported STIGs applicable to the asset. This parameter is to limit the scan to only certain STIG(s). Use [Tab] or [CTRL + Space] to properly select STIG(s) by their short names. Multiple STIGs may be selected using comma separation. This option cannot be used with -ExcludeSTIG . STIG short names are identified in the -ListSupportedProducts .
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -SelectSTIG Chrome,MSEdge</code>	

-SelectVuln

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	Specify which vulnerability IDs to include in scan. Entries must be in the V-#### format as listed in the STIG. For multiple vulnerability IDs, separate with commas. If outputting to .CKL or .CKLB, results will be saved to a "_Partial" folder under [OutputPath].
Requires:	-SelectSTIG
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -SelectSTIG Chrome,MSEdge -SelectVuln V-221558,V-235719</code>	

-ExcludeVuln

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	Specify which vulnerability IDs to exclude from scan. Entries must be in the V-#### format as listed in the STIG. For multiple vulnerability IDs, separate with commas. <i>If a vulnerability ID is both selected and excluded, -ExcludeVuln wins and the vulnerability ID will not be scanned.</i>
Requires:	-SelectSTIG
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -SelectSTIG Chrome,MSEdge -ExcludeVuln V-221558,V-235719</code>	

-ExcludeSTIG

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	This parameter is to exclude certain STIG(s) from a scan and scan for all other applicable STIGs. Use [Tab] or [CTRL + Space] to properly exclude STIG(s) by their short names. Multiple STIGs may be excluded through comma separation. This option cannot be used with -SelectSTIG . STIG short names are identified in the -ListSupportedProducts .
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ExcludeSTIG Chrome,MSEdge</code>	

-ForceSTIG

WARNING Evaluate-STIG results are not guaranteed with this option. Use at own risk.

Parameter Type:	<Array>
Description:	By default, Evaluate-STIG will determine which STIGs are applicable to the asset based on defined criteria for that STIG. This parameter is to force certain STIG(s) be scanned regardless of Evaluate-STIG's applicability check. Use [Tab] or [CTRL + Space] to list STIG(s) by their short names. Multiple STIGs may be forced using comma separation. STIG short names are identified in the -ListSupportedProducts option. <i>If a STIG is both excluded and forced, -ForceSTIG will win and the STIG will be scanned.</i>
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ForceSTIG ADDomain,JavaJRE8Windows</code>	

-AllowDeprecated

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	STIGs that Evaluate-STIG supports but have been removed from https://cyber.mil are considered deprecated and will not be scanned by default. This parameter will enable the detection and scan of deprecated STIGs. <i>If a STIG is forced with -ForceSTIG, deprecation will be ignored and the STIG will always be scanned.</i>
Example:	
<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -AllowDeprecated</code>	

-AllowSeverityOverride

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Enables setting the Security Override and Justification fields in the checklist when the STIG contains verbiage that a specific criterion changes the severity of the check. Refer to your organization's policy if usage of the Security Override feature in STIG Viewer is allowed.
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -AllowSeverityOverride</pre>

-ApplyTattoo

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Writes the Evaluate-STIG version and last run date on the system. This is useful in providing configuration management tools proof of when the last scan completed and the version of Evaluate-STIG used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows: Registry - "HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Evaluate-STIG" • Linux: File - "/etc/Evaluate-STIG"
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ApplyTattoo</pre>

-SMCollection

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Used to direct Evaluate-STIG which STIG Manager collection settings to use within the Preferences.xml file. See STIG Manager for more.
Requires:	-Output STIGManager
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output STIGManager -SMCollection MyCollection</pre>

-SMPassphrase

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	If SMImport CLIENT CERT is encrypted, this provides the passphrase to decrypt the certificate's key defined in SMImport CLIENT CERT KEY . The passphrase will be converted to a SecureString before used.
Requires:	-Output and -SMCollection
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output STIGManager -SMCollection MyCollection -SMPassphrase MyPassphrase</pre>

-SplunkHECName

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Use to direct Evaluate-STIG which configured Splunk HTTP Event Collection (HEC) to upload results. See Splunk for more.
Requires:	-Output Splunk
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output Splunk -SplunkHECName MyHECName</pre>

Remote and Cisco Options

The below parameters are used to initiate remote and Cisco config file scans. Most of the Scan Setting parameters discussed previously may be used in addition to these to customize remote scans:

[-ComputerName](#)

Parameter Type:	<String[]>
Description:	Use this parameter to perform a remote scan of Windows/Linux systems. Entries may be a computer name, IP address, text file of computers (one per line), a PowerShell array object, or a combination. Multiple may be specified using comma separation. Entries must be resolvable in DNS or the hosts file. This parameter is only valid for Windows hosts. See Remote Scanning for more.
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ComputerName Workstation01, "C:\ComputerList.txt"</pre>

[-AltCredential](#)

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	By default for remote Windows scans, Evaluate-STIG will use the credential that launched PowerShell on the host computer to connect to the remote computer. Use this parameter to prompt for an alternate credential to use for remote connections. This parameter is only for remote Windows connections, not Linux. See Remote Scanning for more.
Requires:	-ComputerName
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ComputerName Workstation01, "C:\ComputerList.txt" -AltCredential</pre>

[-CiscoConfig](#)

Parameter Type:	<String[]>
Description:	Path to Cisco show tech-support output file(s)/folder(s) to be scanned. Multiple entries may be specified using comma separation. If a folder is specified, the folder will be recursively searched for qualifying show tech-support files. See Cisco Scanning for more.
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -CiscoConfig C:\ShowTech.txt, "C:\ShowTechFolder\"</pre>

[-ThrottleLimit](#)

Parameter Type:	<Int16>
Description:	Maximum number of computers or configuration files to scan concurrently for remote and Cisco scans.
Requires:	-ComputerName or -CiscoConfig
Default:	"10"
Example:	<pre>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ComputerName Workstation01, "C:\ComputerList.txt" -ThrottleLimit 15</pre>

Utility Options

Below are non-scan related parameters available in Evaluate-STIG:

-ListSupportedProducts

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Displays all of the STIGs supported by Evaluate-STIG.
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ListSupportedProducts</code>

-ListApplicableProducts

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Displays all of the STIGs supported by Evaluate-STIG that would be applicable to the system.
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -ListApplicableProducts</code>

-Version

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Displays the version of Evaluate-STIG.
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Version</code>

-Update

Parameter Type:	<Switch>
Description:	Updates to the current version of Evaluate-STIG available on SPORK.
Requires:	Connection to the DODIN.
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Update</code>

-LocalSource

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Updates from a path that contains the extracted Evaluate-STIG content.
Requires:	-Update
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Update -LocalSource \\Server01\Evaluate-STIG\</code>

-Proxy

Parameter Type:	<String>
Description:	Proxy to use when updating Evaluate-STIG. System proxy used by default.
Requires:	-Update
Example:	<code>.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Update -Proxy 192.168.2.1:8080</code>

3.2 Bash Wrapper Script

Evaluate-STIG provides a Bash wrapper script (Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh) for Linux systems that do not have PowerShell installed. PowerShell is still used to perform the scan but it is a temporarily extracted instance of PowerShell that does not leave the Evaluate-STIG folder. **The PowerShell archive is not included with Evaluate-STIG and must be added by either using the [--DownloadPS](#) option or manually downloading.**

Parameters

--DownloadPS

Description:	Downloads the current version of PowerShell and saves it as powershell.tar.gz in the Evaluate-STIG folder.
Requires:	Internet access. Alternatively, the appropriate powershell-7.[x].[x]-linux.tar.gz manually downloaded, renamed to powershell.tar.gz, and placed in the Evaluate-STIG folder. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RHEL 7 - https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell/releases/tag/v7.3.0 • All Others - https://github.com/PowerShell/PowerShell/releases/latest
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --DownloadPS</code>

--PSPath

Description:	Path to directory containing PowerShell executable (pwsh) if PowerShell is installed.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --PSPath /opt/microsoft/powershell/7/</code>

--ScanType

Description:	Sets the -ScanType parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ScanType Unclassified</code>

--Marking

Description:	Sets the -Marking parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Marking MyMarking</code>

--VulnTimeout

Description:	Sets the -VulnTimeout parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --VulnTimeout 30</code>

--AnswerKey

Description:	Sets the -AnswerKey parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --AnswerKey MyKey</code>

--AFPath

Description: Sets the [-AFPath](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --AFPath //Server01/AnswerFiles/
```

--Output

Description: Sets the [-Output](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output CombinedCKL,CKLB
```

--JSON

Description: Sets the [-JSON](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires [--Output Console](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output Console --JSON
```

--OutputPayload

Description: Sets the [-OutputPayload](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires [--Output CSV|CombinedCSV|Splunk](#) or [--JSON](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output CSV --OutputPayload HostName,Title,GroupID,Status
```

--OutputPath

Description: Sets the [-OutputPath](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires [--Output](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output CombinedCKL,CKLB --OutputPath //Server01/MyShare
```

--PreviousToKeep

Description: Sets the [-PreviousToKeep](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires [--Output](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output CombinedCKL,CKLB -PreviousToKeep 5
```

--SelectSTIG

Description: Sets the [-SelectSTIG](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --SelectSTIG Firefox,Ubuntu20
```

--SelectVuln

Description:	Sets the -SelectVuln parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.
Requires:	--SelectSTIG
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --SelectSTIG Firefox,Ubuntu20 --SelectVuln V-251545,V-238196</code>

--ExcludeVuln

Description:	Sets the -ExcludeVuln parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.
Requires:	--SelectSTIG
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --SelectSTIG Firefox,Ubuntu20 --ExcludeVuln V-251545,V-238196</code>

--ExcludeSTIG

Description:	Sets the -ExcludeSTIG parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ExcludeSTIG Firefox,Ubuntu20</code>

--ForceSTIG

WARNING Evaluate-STIG results are not guaranteed with this option. Use at own risk.

Description:	Sets the -ForceSTIG parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ForceSTIG Firefox,Ubuntu20</code>

--AllowDeprecated

Description:	Sets the -AllowDeprecated parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --AllowDeprecated</code>

--AllowSeverityOverride

Description:	Sets the -AllowSeverityOverride parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --AllowSeverityOverride</code>

--ApplyTattoo

Description:	Sets the -ApplyTattoo parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.
Example:	<code>sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ApplyTattoo</code>

--SMCollection

Description: Sets the [-SMCollection](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires: [--Output STIGManager](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output STIGManager--SMCollection MyCollection
```

--SMPassphrase

Description: Sets the [-SMPassphrase](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires: [--Output STIGManager](#) and [--SMCollection](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output STIGManager--SMCollection MyCollection --SMPassphrase MyPassphrase
```

--SplunkHECName

Description: Sets the [-SplunkHECName](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires: [--Output Splunk](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Output Splunk --SplunkHECName MyHECName
```

--CiscoConfig

Description: Sets the [-CiscoConfig](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1. Use comma separation for multiple.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --CiscoConfig /opt>ShowTech.txt,/opt>ShowTechFolder/
```

--ThrottleLimit

Description: Sets the [-ThrottleLimit](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires: [--CiscoConfig](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --CiscoConfig /opt>ShowTech.txt,/opt>ShowTechFolder/ --ThrottleLimit 15
```

--ListSupportedProducts

Description: Sets the [-ListSupportedProducts](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ListSupportedProducts
```

--ListApplicableProducts

Description: Sets the [-ListApplicableProducts](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --ListApplicableProducts
```

--Version

Description: Sets the [-Version](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Version
```

--Update

Description: Sets the [-Update](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Update
```

--LocalSource

Description: Sets the [-LocalSource](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1.

Requires: [--Update](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Update --LocalSource //Server01/Evaluate-STIG
```

--Proxy

Description: Sets the [-Proxy](#) parameter for Evaluate-STIG.ps1 or [--DownloadPS](#) parameter.

Requires: [--Update](#) or [--DownloadPS](#)

Example:

```
sudo bash Evaluate-STIG_Bash.sh --Update --Proxy 192.168.2.1:8080
```

3.3 Answer Files

Answer files are user-defined XML files to further automate *Not Reviewed* checks that cannot be evaluated technically or may contain verbiage in the STIG's Check Text preventing Evaluate-STIG from reaching a definitive status. Answer Files are also useful for providing a justification or mitigation to known *Open* checks. Answer Files will place user-defined text into the Comments field of the checklist, can change the resultant Status of the check, and may include PowerShell code to add logic for ensuring certain criteria is met before the answer is applied. Answer files may be stored in the .\Evaluate-STIG\AnswerFiles folder or an alternate location when using the [-AFPath](#) option.

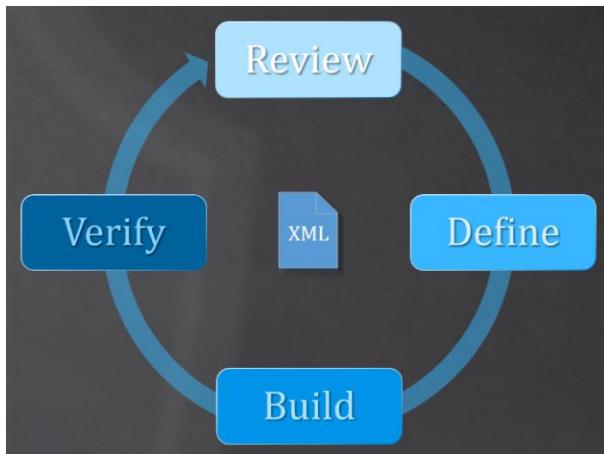
Answer files are per-STIG. Ideally, you will have a single answer file for each STIG that contains all of the checks you need answers for that STIG. An answer file may contain multiple vulnerability IDs and multiple answer keys per vulnerability ID.

Evaluate-STIG will automatically select the answer file to use from [AFPath] by matching the STIG Name/ShortName with the <STIGComments Name> element within the answer file. **In the event that multiple answer files for the STIG exist, Evaluate-STIG will utilize the most recently modified file.**

⇒ **Note:** Answer files are not intended to hide or explain away non-compliant checks that do not have an approved reason to be in a non-compliant state. Answer file development should start AFTER a good baseline of asset configuration has been established and an Evaluate-STIG scan of that configuration has been completed.

Development Cycle

Answer files are an advanced feature of Evaluate-STIG. They can be written from scratch using any text editor or use the [Manage-AnswerFile.ps1](#) included with Evaluate-STIG to draft answer files in a GUI interface. Collaboration between SMEs and cybersecurity authorities should be fostered to certify the quality and trust of the answers being provided. The following development cycle is recommended when developing answer file content:



1. Review: SME and cyber authority should review scan results for checks that could benefit from an answer file.

2. Define: SME and cyber authority collaborate on verbiage (Comment) and any criteria that may need developed (ValidationCode).

3. Build: SME writes / updates answer file based on defined requirements.

4. Verify: SME executes a rescan using the answer file to confirm expectation is met.

Structure

Answer files are XML documents and must follow proper structure. Evaluate-STIG will validate every answer file against a schema to ensure proper formatting. Any that fail validation will be recorded in the [Evaluate-STIG.log](#) and console. Below is the basic structure of an answer file:

```

<STIGComments Name="_replace_with_stig_shortname_">
  <Vuln ID="V-00000">
    <AnswerKey Name="_name_that_makes_sense_for_you_or_may_also_be_<hostname(s)>_or_'DEFAULT'">
      <ExpectedStatus>Not_Reviewed</ExpectedStatus>
      <ValidationCode></ValidationCode>
      <ValidTrueStatus></ValidTrueStatus>
      <ValidTrueComment></ValidTrueComment>
      <ValidFalseStatus></ValidFalseStatus>
      <ValidFalseComment></ValidFalseComment>
    </AnswerKey>
  </Vuln>
</STIGComments>
  
```

<STIGComments Name>

Description:	STIG the answer file targets. Evaluate-STIG automatically associates this answer file with the STIG identified here.
Parent Element:	None – top level
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within the answer file.
Expected Value:	Must be the STIG Name or ShortName as displayed in -ListSupportedProducts
Example:	<STIGComments Name="MSEdge">

<Vuln ID>

Description:	Vulnerability ID from the STIG. Must be in V-#### format.
Parent Element:	<u><STIGComments Name></u>
Occurrence:	This element may specified multiple within the <u><STIGComments Name></u> section but each occurrence must be unique.
Expected Value:	Vulnerability ID from STIG.
Example:	<Vuln ID="V-235753">

<AnswerKey Name>

Description:	Key name that is called with <u>-AnswerKey</u> parameter. Any value accepted. May be hostname(s), "DEFAULT" or any other text. If hostname(s), may specify multiple with comma or space separation.
Parent Element:	<u><Vuln ID></u>
Occurrence:	This element may specified multiple within each <u><Vuln ID></u> section but each occurrence must be unique for that vulnerability ID.
Expected Value:	Any value is acceptable. See <u>AnswerKey Order of Operations</u> for how Evaluate-STIG selects the key when multiple are configured for a vulnerability ID.

Example:

```
<AnswerKey Name="MyNetwork"> or <AnswerKey Name="MyPC1,MyPC2">
```

<ExpectedStatus>

Description:	Status that Evaluate-STIG determined the check to be without modification. If this does not match the Status that Evaluate-STIG determined, the answer is ignored.
Parent Element:	<u><AnswerKey Name></u>
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each <u><AnswerKey Name></u> section.
Expected Value:	Must be "Not_Reviewed", "Open", "NotAFinding", or "Not_Applicable".
Example:	<ExpectedStatus>Open</ExpectedStatus>

<ValidationCode>

Description:	Optional PowerShell code to be executed before applying answer. This is for providing logic to checks that must meet additional criteria. Status and Comment determined by the value the code returns. Returned value may be \$true/\$false or a PSCustomObject. If this element is left empty, then \$true is assumed. If object, the object MUST contain both Results and Valid keys. Both Results and the answer file comment will be written to the Comments field of the STIG check.
Parent Element:	<u><AnswerKey Name></u>
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each <u><AnswerKey Name></u> section.
Expected Value:	PowerShell that returns \$true / \$false / PSCustomObject, or left empty.
Example:	<ValidationCode>Test-Path \$env:windir</ValidationCode>

<ValidTrueStatus>

Description:	Status of check if ValidationCode code is empty, returns \$true, or Valid in object is \$true. If empty or the same as ExpectedStatus , scanned Status will remain.
Parent Element:	AnswerKey Name
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each AnswerKey Name section.
Expected Value:	May be left empty or "Not_Reviewed", "Open", "NotAFinding", or "Not_Applicable".
Example:	<ValidTrueStatus>NotAFinding</ValidTrueStatus>

<ValidTrueComment>

Description:	Text to be put into Comments if ValidationCode is empty or returns \$true, or Valid in PSObject is \$true.
Parent Element:	AnswerKey Name
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each AnswerKey Name section.
Expected Value:	Any text is acceptable.
Example:	<ValidTrueComment>My comment for when ValidationCode is empty or returns \$true.</ValidTrueComment>

<ValidFalseStatus>

Description:	Status of check if ValidationCode is not \$true, or Valid in PSObject is not \$true. If empty or the same as ExpectedStatus , scanned Status will remain.
Parent Element:	AnswerKey Name
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each AnswerKey Name section.
Expected Value:	May be left empty or "Not_Reviewed", "Open", "NotAFinding", or "Not_Applicable".
Example:	<ValidFalseStatus>Open</ValidFalseStatus>

<ValidFalseComment>

Description:	Text to be put into Comments if ValidationCode is not \$true, or Valid in PSObject is not \$true.
Parent Element:	AnswerKey Name
Occurrence:	This element may only be specified once within each AnswerKey Name section.
Expected Value:	Any text is acceptable.
Example:	<ValidFalseComment>My comment for when ValidationCode returns a value not \$true.</ValidFalseComment>

Sample Answer File

Below is an example answer file for Microsoft Edge STIG. It will address up to two vulnerability IDs (V-235751 and V-235753). If **-AnswerKey RDTE** called, only **<AnswerKey Name="RDTE">** sections will be processed. If the hostname of the machine being scanned is "MyPC1" or "MyPC2", then regardless of what **-AnswerKey** is called, V-235753 will be processed (see [AnswerKey Order of Operations](#)):

```

<STIGComments Name="MSEdge">
  <Vuln ID="V-235751">
    <!--Edge development tools must be disabled.-->
    <AnswerKey Name="RDTE">
      <ExpectedStatus>Open</ExpectedStatus>
      <ValidationCode></ValidationCode>
      <ValidTrueStatus>Open</ValidTrueStatus>
      <ValidTrueComment>RDTE is a development environment so developer tools are required.</ValidTrueComment>
      <ValidFalseStatus></ValidFalseStatus>
      <ValidFalseComment></ValidFalseComment>
    </AnswerKey>
  </Vuln>
  <Vuln ID="V-235753">
    <!--URLs must be whitelisted for plugin use if used.-->
    <AnswerKey Name="MyPC1,MyPC2">
      <ExpectedStatus>Not_Reviewed</ExpectedStatus>
      <ValidationCode>
        $ValidationResults = [PSCustomObject]@{
          Results = ""
          Valid = $True
        }
        $Key = Get-Item -Path "HKLM:\SOFTWARE\ Policies\Microsoft\Edge\PopupsAllowedForUrls"
        $Key.GetValueNames() | ForEach-Object {$($Key.GetValue($_))} | ForEach-Object {
          If ($_. -notin @('*.navy.mil','*.apps.mil')) {
            $ValidationResults.Results += "Unapproved URL: $_`n"
            $ValidationResults.Valid = $false
          }
        }
        If ($ValidationResults.Valid -eq $true) {
          $ValidationResults.Results = "Identified URLs are approved."
        }
        Return $ValidationResults
      </ValidationCode>
      <ValidTrueStatus>NotAFinding</ValidTrueStatus>
      <ValidTrueComment>Identified URLs are approved for whitelisting.</ValidTrueComment>
      <ValidFalseStatus>Open</ValidFalseStatus>
      <ValidFalseComment>An identified URL is not approved for whitelisting.</ValidFalseComment>
    </AnswerKey>
  </Vuln>
</STIGComments>

```

AnswerKey Order of Operations

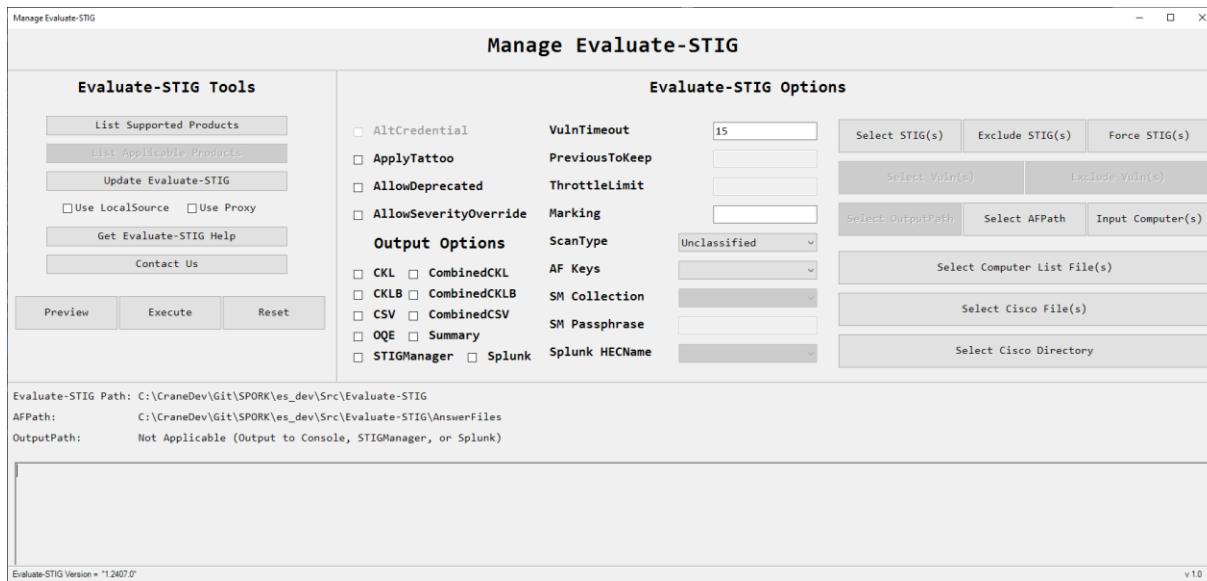
Evaluate-STIG uses the following order for handing answer key conflicts within an answer file. First satisfied will be applied and further processing stopped:

1. Answer Key containing a match on the hostname (regardless of [-AnswerKey](#) parameter on command line.)
2. Answer Key that equals value of [-AnswerKey](#) parameter on command line.
3. Answer Key with name of DEFAULT.

3.4 Manage-Evaluate-STIG [GUI]

Manage-Evaluate-STIG.ps1 included with Evaluate-STIG is a GUI to build and run scans. Run it from a PowerShell prompt:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> .\Manage-Evaluate-STIG.ps1
```



⇒ **Note:** If the local system is to be part of the scan, must be ran from an elevated PowerShell prompt on Windows.

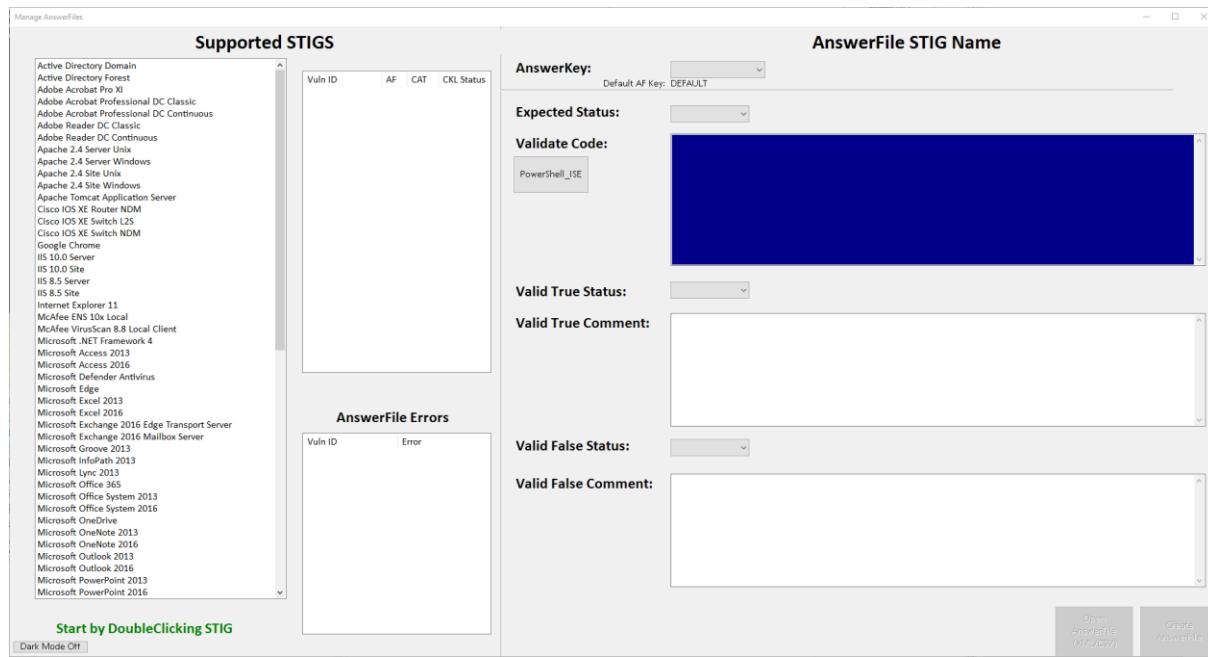
Prerequisites

- Windows operating system
- 1920 x 1080 screen resolution
- PowerShell 5.1 or greater

3.5 Manage-AnswerFile [GUI]

Manage-AnswerFile.ps1 included with Evaluate-STIG is a GUI to assist in creating answer files. Run it from a PowerShell prompt:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> .\Manage-AnswerFile.ps1
```



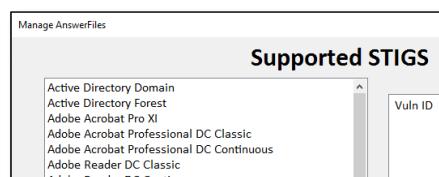
⇒ Note: Some settings for `Manage-AnswerFile.ps1` are configurable in [Preferences.xml](#)

Prerequisites

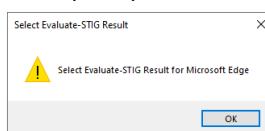
- Windows operating system
- 1920 x 1080 screen resolution
- PowerShell 5.1 or greater

Usage

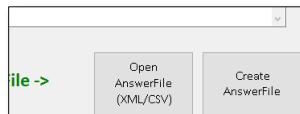
1. Start by double clicking STIG from list.



2. At the prompt, select an existing Evaluate-STIG produced .CKL file.



3. Click one of these buttons:

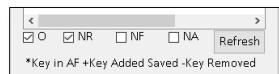


- Open AnswerFile (XML/CSV): Open an existing file:
 - XML** – an existing XML Answer File
 - CSV** – an existing CSV AnswerFile (CSV must have been generated previously by Manage-AnswerFile.ps1)
- Create AnswerFile: Select the path to create a new XML AnswerFile. Filename will be <STIGName>_AnswerFile.xml

4. Select Vulnerability ID from list:

Select Vuln ID from CLKL			
Vuln ID	AF	CAT	CKL Status
V-235753	III	Not_Review	
V-235755	III	Not_Review	
V-235758	I	Not_Review	

- List can be sorted and filtered:

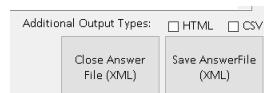


5. Create/Update AnswerKey:

(Any changes here must be saved or discarded)

- AnswerKey:** Select an existing answer key from dropdown or create, delete, or rename a key.
- Expected Status:** Must match Evaluate-STIG's status.
- Validate Code:** Optional PowerShell code to run before applying answer. Must return either \$true or something other than \$true. If empty, \$true is the assumed result.
- ValidTrueStatus:** Status to set check if Validate Code result is \$true.
- ValidTrueComment:** Text to be added to checklist Comments field if Validate Code result is \$true.
- ValidFalseStatus:** Status to set check if Validate Code result is NOT \$true.
- ValidFalseComment:** Text to be added to checklist Comments field if Validate Code result is NOT \$true.

6. Close or Save Answer File (can additionally save a HTML and/or CSV version of the file):



3.6 Preferences.xml

The Preferences.xml file may be used to preset some Evaluate-STIG, STIG Manager, and Manage-AnswerFile settings.

Any text editor may be used to edit the file. Refer to the inline comments for more information.

In the event that a parameter is both configured in Preferences.xml and on the command line, the command line parameter will be used.

⇒ **Note:** A backup of the default preferences file is located under ".\Evaluate-STIG\xml\Preferences.default.xml"

EvaluateSTIG Section

The following [scan settings](#) may be configured:

- [<ScanType>](#)
- [<Marking>](#)
- [<VulnTimeout>](#)
- [<AnswerKey>](#)
- [<AFPath>](#)
- [<Output>](#)
- [<JSON>](#)
- [<OutputPath>](#)
- [<PreviousToKeep>](#)
- [<AllowDeprecated>](#)
- [<AllowSeverityOverride>](#)
- [<ExcludeSTIG>](#)
- [<ExcludeVuln>](#)
- [<ApplyTattoo>](#)
- [<SMCollection>](#)
- [<SplunkHECName>](#)

```

<EvaluateSTIG>
  <ScanType>Unclassified</ScanType>
  <Marking></Marking>
  <VulnTimeout>15</VulnTimeout>
  <AnswerKey>DEFAULT</AnswerKey>
  <AFPath></AFPath>
  <Output>Console</Output>
  <JSON>false</JSON>
  <OutputPath></OutputPath>
  <PreviousToKeep>1</PreviousToKeep>
  <AllowDeprecated>false</AllowDeprecated>
  <AllowSeverityOverride>false</AllowSeverityOverride>
  <ExcludeSTIG></ExcludeSTIG>
  <ExcludeVuln></ExcludeVuln>
  <ApplyTattoo>false</ApplyTattoo>
  <SMCollection></SMCollection>
  <SplunkHECName></SplunkHECName>
</EvaluateSTIG>

```

OutputPayload Section

The <OutputPayload> section configures the default fields to be outputted when using [-Output CSV|CombinedCSV|Splunk](#) or [-JSON](#) parameters.

All are boolean and must be lowercase “true” or “false”. If [-OutputPayload](#) is used, the settings here are ignored in favor of the fields specified on the command line.

```

<OutputPayload>
  <Title>true</Title>
  <Version>true</Version>
  <ReleaseDate>true</ReleaseDate>
  <Classification>true</Classification>
  <HostName>true</HostName>
  <Site>true</Site>
  <Instance>true</Instance>
  <IP>true</IP>
  <MAC>true</MAC>
  <FQDN>true</FQDN>
  <Role>true</Role>
  <GroupID>true</GroupID>
  <GroupTitle>true</GroupTitle>
  <RuleID>true</RuleID>
  <STIGID>true</STIGID>
  <Severity>true</Severity>
  <SeverityOverride>true</SeverityOverride>
  <Justification>true</Justification>

```

* Image truncated for display purposes *

STIGManager Section

The <STIGManager> section within **Preferences.xml** must be configured to your environment in order for Evaluate-STIG to send scan results to a STIG Manager instance:

- <SMImport_API_BASE>
Required. Base URL of the STIG Manager API service. The default value is your STIGManager instances' FQDN with "/api" appended. This is defined within your STIG Manager's settings via "STIGMAN_CLIENT_API_BASE"
- ```
<STIGManager>
 <SMImport_API_BASE></SMImport_API_BASE>
 <SMImport_AUTHORITY></SMImport_AUTHORITY>
 <SMImport_COLLECTION Name="">
 <SMImport_CLIENT_ID></SMImport_CLIENT_ID>
 <SMImport_CLIENT_CERT></SMImport_CLIENT_CERT>
 <SMImport_CLIENT_CERT_KEY></SMImport_CLIENT_CERT_KEY>
 <SMImport_COLLECTION_ID></SMImport_COLLECTION_ID>
 </SMImport_COLLECTION>
</STIGManager>
```
- <SMImport\_AUTHORITY>  
**Required.** Base URL of the OIDC authentication service that issues OAuth2 tokens for the API. This should match the value set for "STIGMAN\_CLIENT\_OIDC\_PROVIDER" within STIG Manager's configuration.
  - <SMImport\_COLLECTION Name>  
**Required.** Name for the SMImport collection settings section that is called from "-SMCollection". Recommend this match your collection name within STIG Manager. Multiple SMImport\_COLLECTION sections may be configured.
  - <SMImport\_CLIENT\_ID>  
**Required.** OIDC client ID to authenticate. This should be created within your STIG Manager's backend OIDC Provider. The default provider used by STIG Manager is Keycloak, though your configuration may vary.
  - <SMImport\_CLIENT\_CERT>  
**Required.** Filename of PEM encoded client certificate. An unencrypted private key may be included within this file so that you do not have to pass "-SMPassphrase", though this configuration is not recommended. File must exist in Certificates directory.
  - <SMImport\_CLIENT\_CERT\_KEY>  
Filename of PEM encoded encrypted private key. Required if SM\_IMPORT\_CLIENT\_CERT does not contain a plaintext private key. File must exist in Certificates directory.
  - <SMImport\_COLLECTION\_ID>  
**Required.** The collection ID of your desired collection. A user with Manage permissions on the collection can find this. After selecting to manage the collection, reference the "ID" value in the Collection Properties window.

⇒ **Note:** Defining SMImport\_CLIENT\_CERT\_KEY will require the use of the "-SMPassphrase" parameter to decrypt the private key.

## Splunk Section

The <Splunk> section within **Preferences.xml** must be configured to your environment in order for Evaluate-STIG to send scan results to a Splunk instance:

- <Splunk\_URI>  
**Required.** Base URL of the Splunk instance. The default value is your Splunk instances' FQDN, port 8088, with "/services/collector/event" appended.
- <Splunk\_HECName Name>  
**Required.** Name for the HTTP Event Collector token. Multiple Splunk\_HECName sections may be configured.
- <Splunk\_token>  
**Required.** HEC Token value. This should be created within your Splunk instance.
- <Splunk\_index>  
**Optional.** The name of the index by which the event data is to be indexed. The index you specify here must be within the list of allowed indexes if the token has the indexes parameter set.
- <Splunk\_source>  
**Optional.** The source value to assign to the event data.
- <Splunk\_sourcetype>  
**Optional.** The sourcetype value to assign to the event data.

```
<Splunk>
 <Splunk_URI></Splunk_URI>
 <Splunk_HECName Name="">
 <Splunk_token></Splunk_token>
 <Splunk_index></Splunk_index>
 <Splunk_source></Splunk_source>
 <Splunk_sourcetype></Splunk_sourcetype>
 </Splunk_HECName>
</Splunk>
```

## ManageAnswerFiles Section

Paths that [Manage-AnswerFile.ps1](#) uses and a default Answer File Key name may be preset:

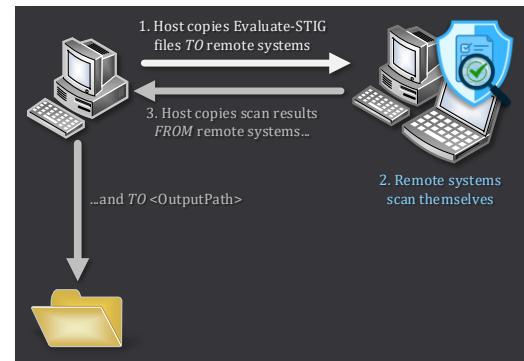
```
<ManageAnswerFiles>
 <EvaluateSTIG_Results></EvaluateSTIG_Results>
 <AnswerFileDirectory></AnswerFileDirectory>
 <DefaultAFKey>DEFAULT</DefaultAFKey>
 <PowerShell_IDE>C:\Windows\system32\WindowsPowerShell\v1.0\PowerShell_ISE.exe</PowerShell_IDE>
</ManageAnswerFiles>
```

- <EvaluateSTIG\_Results>
  - Path to checklist files
- <AnswerFileDirectory>
  - Path to answer files
- <DefaultAFKey>
  - Answer file key name to use when adding vulnerability ID to answer file.
- <PowerShell\_IDE>
  - Path to preferred PowerShell editor

## 3.7 Remote Scanning

Evaluate-STIG can scan remote systems provided specific requirements are met. For managed environments, remote scanning is not a replacement for, nor recommended over pushing Evaluate-STIG configuration management tools as those are better suited for deploying to entire networks of computers.

Use the `-ComputerName` parameter to initiate a remote scan. Evaluate-STIG content and answer files are compressed on the Host machine, copied to the Remote(s), and extracted to a temporary folder. Then, the remote machine scans itself and the results are returned to the Host machine as either a PowerShell object or the output file type(s) if `-Output` is used. The Host is responsible for sending the results to the `[OutputPath]`.



⇒ **Note:** `-OutputPath` is from the Host's perspective. If not specified, `[OutputPath]` will be on the Host – not the remote:

- Windows: "C:\Users\Public\Documents\STIG\_Compliance"
- Linux: "/opt/STIG\_Compliance"

The following table outlines supported remote scan scenarios:

Host Operating System	Remote Operating System	Remote Scan Supported
Windows	Windows	✓
Windows	Linux	✓*
Linux	Linux	✓+
Linux	Windows	✗

\* Windows to Linux supported when PowerShell 7.3.x or greater is installed on both the host and remote.

+ Linux to Linux supported using optional Ansible script, which is available in our Auxiliary Files at the download locations.

### Requirements

All remote scans are performed within an established [PowerShell session](#) between the host and remote. Therefore, requirements for allowing PowerShell session connections must be met before Evaluate-STIG can execute a remote scan. These requirements are out-of-scope for this guide but below are official Microsoft articles for ensuring that sessions can be created:

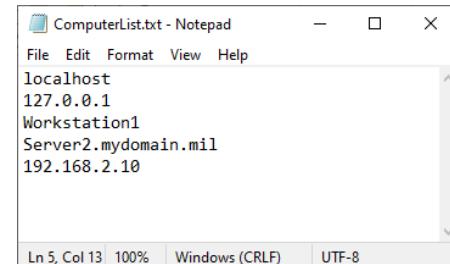
- Windows:
  - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/learn/remoting/wsman-remoting-in-powershell>
  - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/learn/remoting/winrmsecurity>
- Linux:
  - <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/scripting/learn/remoting/ssh-remoting-in-powershell>

For Windows to Windows scans, the Evaluate-STIG [prerequisites](#) apply to both the host and the remote. For Windows to Linux, PowerShell 7.3.x or greater must be installed on both the host and remote. Additionally, Linux [prerequisites](#) must be in place on the Linux remotes.

⇒ **Note:** Remote systems must be resolvable in DNS or the hosts file.

## Parameter Notes

- [-ComputerName](#) accepts names, IP addresses, text files, PowerShell array objects or any combination. Multiple may be specified using comma separation. May also use "localhost" to include the host machine as part of the scan. If a text file, the content must contain one computer per line.
- [-AltCredential](#) will prompt for an alternate credential to use when establishing connection to remote Windows systems. Evaluate-STIG will first attempt to connect using the alternate credential. If it fails, connection will be attempted using the credential that launched PowerShell on the host computer before giving up.
- [-ThrottleLimit](#) will set the maximum number of concurrent connections allowed. Default is 10. If requested scan contains more computers than [ThrottleLimit], Evaluate-STIG will start the maximum scans, wait for one to finish, then start the next until all are completed.



## 3.8 Cisco Scanning

Evaluate-STIG supports [Cisco STIGs](#) by parsing captured "show tech-support" output saved to a file. It does not make any connection to devices. To initiate a Cisco scan, use the [-CiscoConfig](#) parameter.

## Parameter Notes

- [-CiscoConfig](#) must be the path to a file or a folder. If a folder, Evaluate-STIG will recursively search the folder for valid configuration files and add to scan. Multiple may be specified using comma separation. **Important:** Only files that contain the full "show tech-support" output from a supported device will be accepted by Evaluate-STIG. Using output from "show running-config" will not suffice.
- [-ThrottleLimit](#) will set the maximum number of concurrent files to parse. Default is 10. If requested scan contains more files than [ThrottleLimit], Evaluate-STIG will start the maximum scans, wait for one to finish, then start the next until all are completed.

⇒ **Note:** Refer to [Appendix D](#) for a list of Cisco STIGs that Evaluate-STIG supports.

## 3.9 STIG Manager

Evaluate-STIG provides the ability to send scan results directly to a functioning [STIG Manager](#) instance. "STIG Manager is an Open Source API and Web client for managing the assessment of Information Systems for compliance with security checklists published by the United States (U.S.) Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). STIG Manager supports DISA checklists distributed as either a Security Technical Implementation Guide (STIG) or a Security Requirements Guide (SRG) in the XCCDF format."

When Evaluate-STIG is ran with [-Output STIGManager](#), the local machine will send the scan results to a STIG Manager instance and collection defined in [Preferences.xml](#) via STIG Manager's API. For remote scans, the remote scan results will be transferred back to the host machine and the host will send to STIG Manager.



## Prerequisites

- A functioning STIG Manager instance and service account for connecting to STIG Manager. Refer to STIG Manager's [documentation](#).
- Configured [SMImport API BASE](#) and [SMImport AUTHORITY](#) within [Preferences.xml](#).
- At least one configured [SMImport COLLECTION](#) section.

## Parameter Notes

- [-Output STIGManager](#) instructs Evaluate-STIG to send results to a STIG Manager instance.
- [-SMCollection](#) is required to direct Evaluate-STIG which [<SMImport COLLECTION>](#) section to use within [Preferences.xml](#).
- [-SMPassphrase](#) is required if [<SMImport CLIENT CERT KEY>](#) is configured to point to an encrypted key file within [Preferences.xml](#).

## Usage

Consider the following example STIG Manager configuration in [Preferences.xml](#):

```
<STIGManager>
 <SMImport_API_BASE>https://my.stig.manager.mil/api/</SMImport_API_BASE>
 <SMImport_AUTHORITY>https://my.stig.manager.mil/kc/realms/stigman/</SMImport_AUTHORITY>
 <SMImport_COLLECTION Name="MyCollection">
 <SMImport_CLIENT_ID>evaluate-stig</SMImport_CLIENT_ID>
 <SMImport_CLIENT_CERT>evaluate-stig-crt.pem</SMImport_CLIENT_CERT>
 <SMImport_CLIENT_CERT_KEY>evaluate-stig-key.pem</SMImport_CLIENT_CERT_KEY>
 <SMImport_COLLECTION_ID>1</SMImport_COLLECTION>
 </SMImport_COLLECTION>
</STIGManager>
```

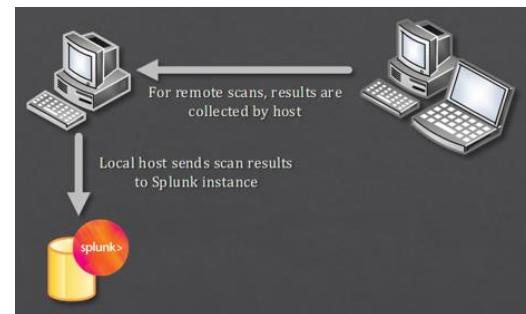
The below command line will send the results to collection ID '1' within the STIG Manager instance. Since an encrypted key is configured in [<SMImport CLIENT CERT KEY>](#), the [-SMPassphrase](#) will be converted to a SecureString and used to decrypt the 'evaluate-stig-key.pem' file required to authenticate to the STIG Manager instance.

```
.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output STIGManager -SMCollection MyCollection -SMPassphrase <.pem passphrase>
```

## 3.10 Splunk

Evaluate-STIG provides the ability to send scan results directly to a functioning [Splunk](#) instance. “Splunk Enterprise is a software product that enables you to search, analyze, and visualize the data gathered from the components of your IT infrastructure or business. Splunk Enterprise takes in data from websites, applications, sensors, devices, and so on. After you define the data source, Splunk Enterprise indexes the data stream and parses it into a series of individual events that you can view and search.”

When Evaluate-STIG is ran with [-Output Splunk](#), the local machine will send the scan results to a Splunk HTTP Event Collector (HEC) defined in [Preferences.xml](#). For remote scans, the remote scan results will be transferred back to the host machine and the host will send to Splunk.



### Prerequisites

- A functioning Splunk HTTP Event Collector and token for authenticating to your Splunk instance. Refer to Splunk’s documentation.
- Configured [Splunk URI](#) within [Preferences.xml](#).
- At least one configured [Splunk HECName](#) section.

### Parameter Notes

- [-Output Splunk](#) instructs Evaluate-STIG to send results to a Splunk HTTP Event Collector.
- [-SplunkHECName](#) is required to direct Evaluate-STIG which [<Splunk HECName>](#) section to use within [Preferences.xml](#).

### Usage

Consider the following example Splunk configuration in [Preferences.xml](#):

```
<Splunk>
 <Splunk_URI>https://my.splunk.mil:8088/services/collector/event</Splunk_URI>
 <Splunk_HECName Name="MyHECName">
 <Splunk_token>1cea9f66-a7c9-4fcf-a20f-0b2c17d5d426</Splunk_token>
 <Splunk_index>es_events</Splunk_index>
 <Splunk_source>evaluate-stig</Splunk_source>
 <Splunk_sourcetype>weekly_scan</Splunk_sourcetype>
 </Splunk_HECName>
</Splunk>
```

This HTTP Event Collector (HEC) name would be used when running:

```
.\Evaluate-STIG.ps1 -Output Splunk -SplunkHECName MyHECName
```

## 3.11 Updating Evaluate-STIG

Evaluate-STIG is updated at least quarterly in line with the posted DoD Cyber Exchange quarterly STIG release schedule at <https://cyber.mil/stigs/release-schedule/>. An updated version of Evaluate-STIG is typically released within 2 weeks after the STIG compilation for the quarter is posted to <https://cyber.mil/stigs/compilations/>. It is not uncommon for additional Evaluate-STIG releases during the quarter to address bug fixes, out-of-band STIG releases, or new features.

There are two options for updating Evaluate-STIG:

1. If connected to the DODIN, use the [\\_Update](#) feature. This will pull down the current Evaluate-STIG content while preserving your Preferences.xml settings and any answer files located in the .\Evaluate-STIG\AnswerFiles path.
2. Download the latest version from IntelShare:
  - **NIPR:** <https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/NAVSEA-RMF>
  - **SIPR:** <https://intelshare.intelink.sgov.gov/sites/NAVSEA-RMF>

⇒ **Note:** The above are the only supported mechanisms for updating Evaluate-STIG. Adding a newer STIG's .xccdf content to Evaluate-STIG is not supported as the code has not been updated for any changes to that STIG and could affect accuracy of the results. STIG content that fails an internal hash check will result in an error and that STIG ignored.

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## 4 Scan Processes

At the beginning, Evaluate-STIG will build a list of STIGs to scan by checking the applicability of each against the computer's configuration. Using [\\_SelectSTIG](#) does not guarantee applicability and Evaluate-STIG will still only scan for selected STIGs if they are required for the computer. The exception is [\\_ForceSTIG](#) in which Evaluate-STIG will attempt to scan the STIG regardless. Failed and/or inaccurate scans are possible when forcing STIGs so these results are not guaranteed and the user accepts the risk.

Evaluate-STIG utilizes a temporary folder to store data required for the scan. After scan completion, these files will be removed leaving just the Evaluate-STIG.log for reference or troubleshooting purposes. Location of the temporary folder:

- **Windows:** \$env:windir\Temp\Evaluate-STIG
- **Linux:** /tmp/Evaluate-STIG

Additionally, if a STIG requires the scan of Windows user settings, the [preferred](#) user's registry hive will be temporarily imported into the registry as a key under HKEY\_USERS\Evaluate-STIG\_UserHive. After scan completion, the key will be removed.

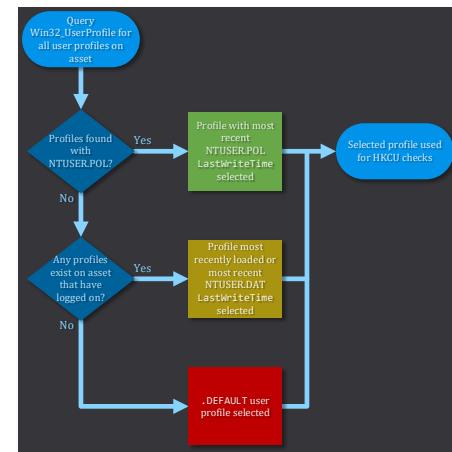
When the [\\_Output](#) parameter contains CKL, CKLB, CombinedCKL, CombinedCKLB, Summary, and/or OQE, the [\\_PreviousToKeep](#) parameter will dictate how many previous scan outputs to retain. Default is "1" (**retain one set of previous scan results**). Retained scan results will be moved into [OutputPath]\Previous\[Results Date-Time] folder.

## 4.1 Preferred User Selection Process

Nearly all user-based STIG settings instruct the reviewer to check the HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER (HKCU) registry hive on Windows systems. The STIG's Fix Text for user-based settings normally are group policy (GPO) configurations. Scanning all user profiles on a system can lead to mass false positives due to how Windows applies user policy settings. **It is highly recommended not to include Evaluate-STIG as part of your imaging process or run it on systems where no users have logged on.**

To stay true to the STIG and simulate an administrator / auditor in-person session, Evaluate-STIG will logically select a “preferred user profile” for scanning user-based checks in the following order:

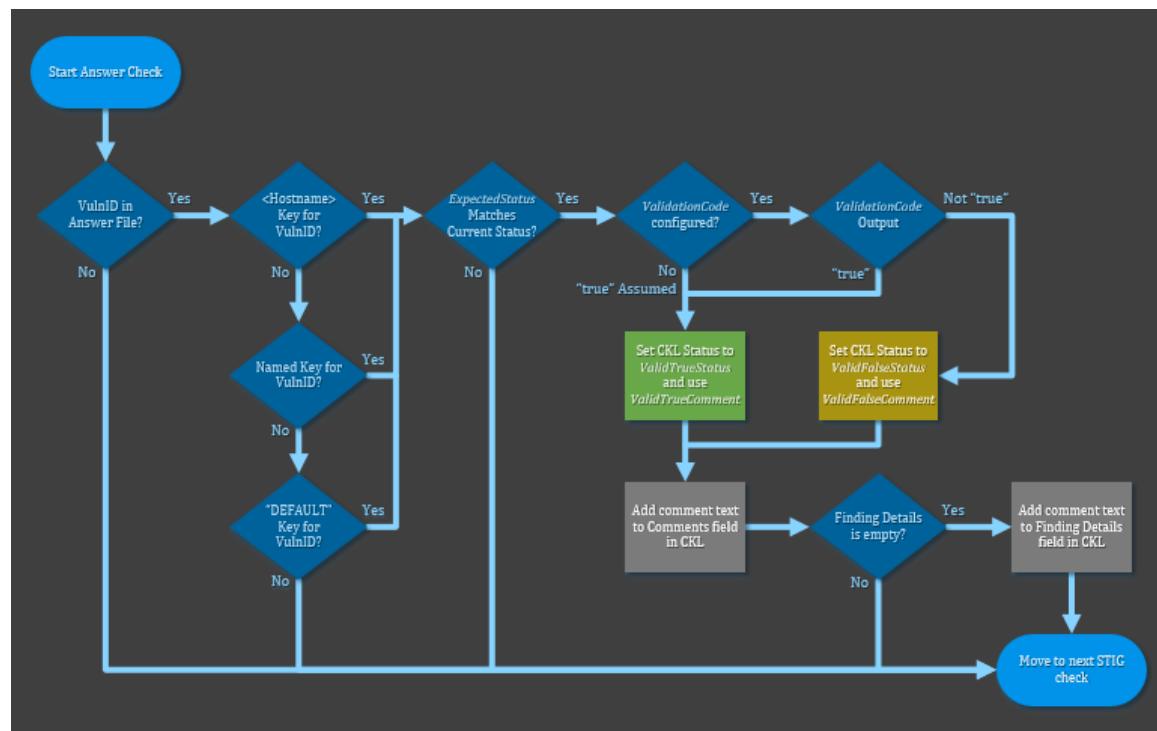
1. Profile that most recently applied GPO. This is the ideal scenario.
2. If no profiles have processed GPO, then the user that most recently logged on. Risk of mass false positives exists.
3. If no user has ever logged on, then the ".DEFAULT" user profile is used. This will most likely result in mass false positives.



⇒ **Note:** For checks where the STIG states that each user on the system must be examined, Evaluate-STIG will examine every profile in these rare instances.

## 4.2 Answer File Processing

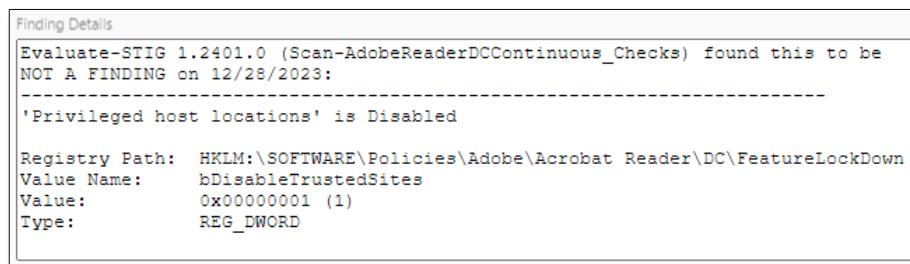
Below is a diagram of how Evaluate-STIG processes an answer file and whether or not the answer, if configured, should be applied. This happens for every vulnerability ID:



## 4.3 CKL | CKLB Documentation

Evaluate-STIG has built-in support for formatting scan results into STIG Viewer 2.17 (.CKL) and STIG Viewer 3.x (.CKLB) checklist files. Use the [-Output](#) parameter to specify which output(s) to send the results to.

Evaluate-STIG will set the **Status** and document the computer's configuration for the check into **Finding Details**. If an answer file is used and applied, the text from the answer file will be placed into the **Comments** field of the checklist.



```

Finding Details
Evaluate-STIG 1.2401.0 (Scan-AdobeReaderDCContinuous_Checks) found this to be
NOT A FINDING on 12/28/2023:

'Privileged host locations' is Disabled

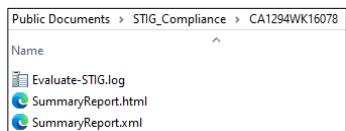
Registry Path: HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Policies\Adobe\Acrobat Reader\DC\FeatureLockDown
Value Name: bDisableTrustedSites
Value: 0x00000001 (1)
Type: REG_DWORD

```

⇒ **Note:** Evaluate-STIG reserves the *Finding Details* field for documenting the actual configuration as found. It is not possible for an answer file to update the *Finding Details* field. The only exception to this is for checks that Evaluate-STIG provided no data to *Finding Details*, at which point, the answer file Comment text will be duplicated to *Finding Details*. See [Answer File Processing](#) for more.

## 4.4 Summary Reports

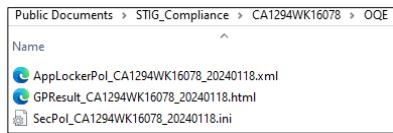
When specifying **Summary** in [-Output](#), Evaluate-STIG will produce a summary of the scan in both .XML and .HTML formats.



- **SummaryReport.xml** – Useful for feeding scan summary data to external tools (e.g. SPLUNK)
- **SummaryReport.html** – Human readable report

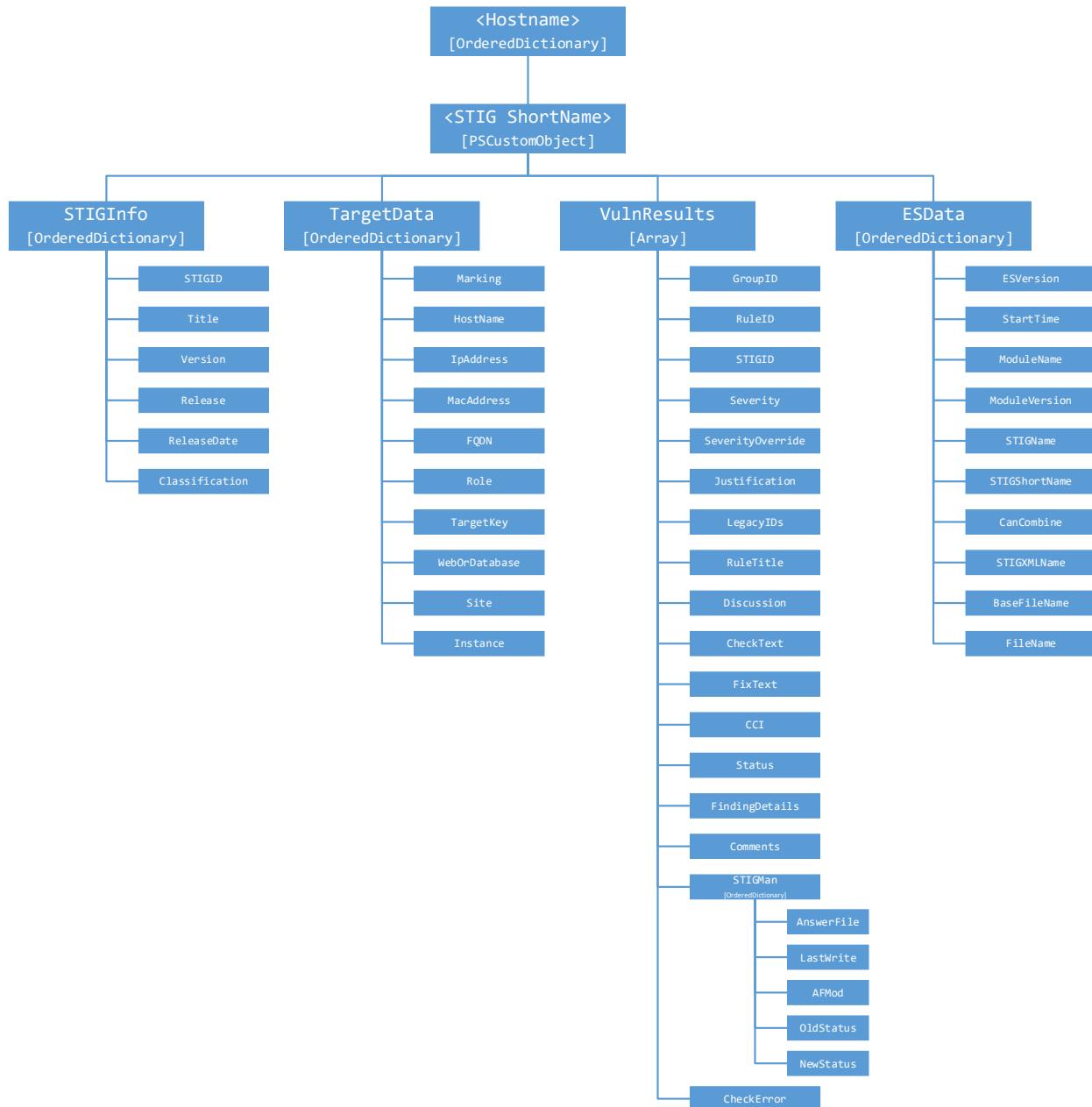
## 4.5 Objective Quality Evidence (OQE)

Scanning Windows systems and specifying **OQE** in [-Output](#), Evaluate-STIG will generate additional artifacts as part of the scan and place these into **[OutputPath]\OQE**. These will include **AppLocker**, **Group Policy**, and **Local Security Policy** outputs.



## 5 Scan Results

Evaluate-STIG stores the scan result as a PowerShell object and will return this object to the console by default. Directing the console output to a variable (e.g. `$Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1`) allows for flexibility in filtering, sorting, and formatting the output to meet the user's need. **When using -Output, the results will only be sent to the console if "Console" is specified in the parameter.** Below is the structure of the PowerShell object:

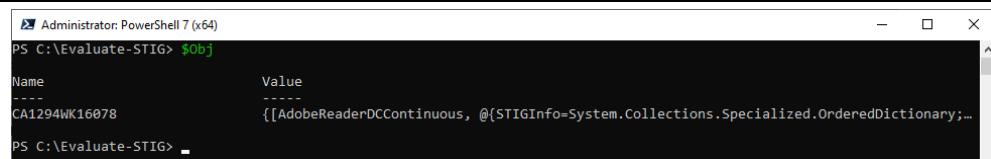


## 5.1 Walking the Object

The following are examples of walking the object within the console:

Parsing the top level (if remote or Cisco scan with multiple devices, there will be multiple entries here – one for each host):

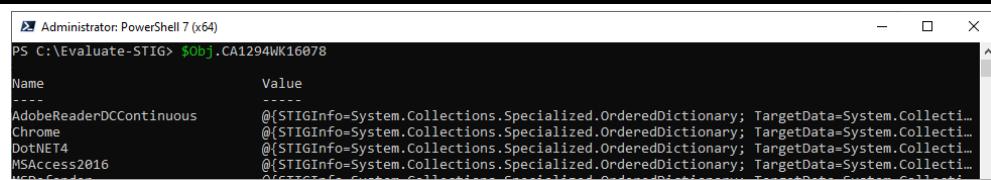
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj = .\Evaluate-STIG.ps1
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj
Name Value
---- -----
CA1294WK16078 {[AdobeReaderDCContinuous, @{$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary;...}
```

Examining the <Hostname> object (all STIGs scanned for the host will be present):

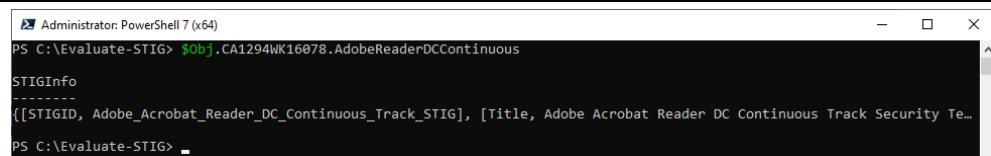
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078
Name Value
---- -----
AdobeReaderDCContinuous {@$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; TargetData=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; ...}
Chrome {@$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; TargetData=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; ...}
DotNET4 {@$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; TargetData=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; ...}
MSAccess2016 {@$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; TargetData=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; ...}
MSEdge {@$STIGInfo=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; TargetData=System.Collections.Specialized.OrderedDictionary; ...}
```

Examining the <STIG ShortName> object:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>.<STIGShortName>
```

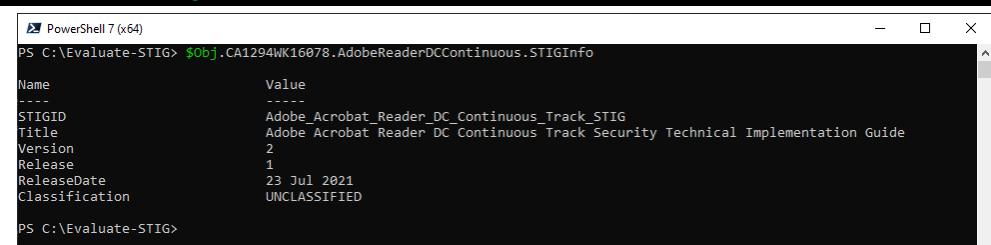


```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078.AdobeReaderDCContinuous
STIGInfo

{[STIGID, Adobe_Acrobat_Reader_DC_Continuous_Track_STIG], [Title, Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Continuous Track Security Technical Implementation Guide]}
```

Examining the <STIGInfo> object (data from the STIG's .xccdf):

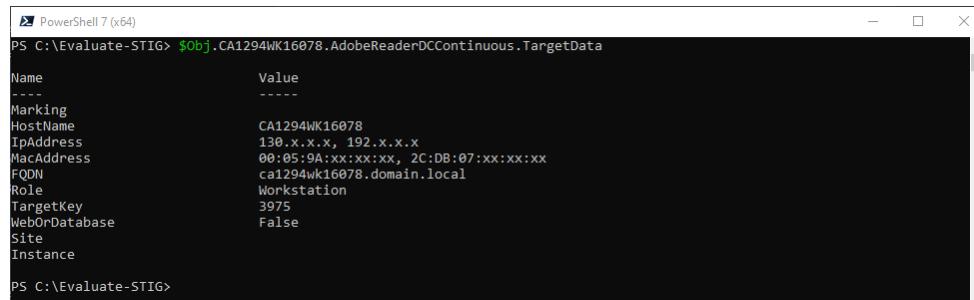
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>.<STIGShortName>.STIGInfo
```



```
Administrator: PowerShell 7 (x64)
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078.AdobeReaderDCContinuous.STIGInfo
Name Value
---- -----
STIGID Adobe_Acrobat_Reader_DC_Continuous_Track_STIG
Title Adobe Acrobat Reader DC Continuous Track Security Technical Implementation Guide
Version 2
Release 1
ReleaseDate 23 Jul 2021
Classification UNCLASSIFIED
```

### Examining the <TargetData> object:

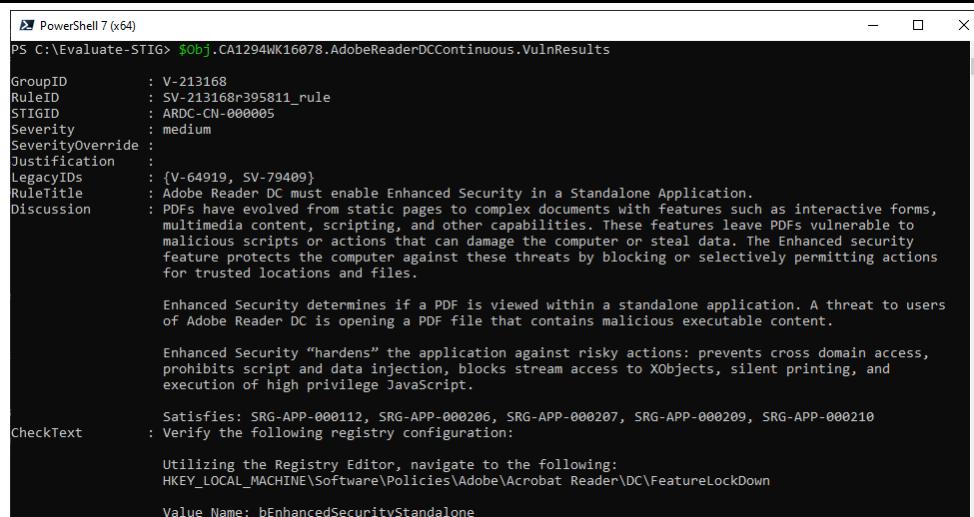
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>.<STIGShortName>.TargetData
```



```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078.AdobeReaderDCContinuous.TargetData
Name Value
---- -----
Marking
HostName CA1294WK16078
IpAddress 130.x.x.x, 192.x.x.x
MacAddress 00:05:9A:xx:xx:xx, 2C:DB:07:xx:xx:xx
FQDN ca1294wk16078.domain.local
Role Workstation
TargetKey 3975
WebOrDatabase False
Site
Instance
```

### Examining the <VulnResults> object:

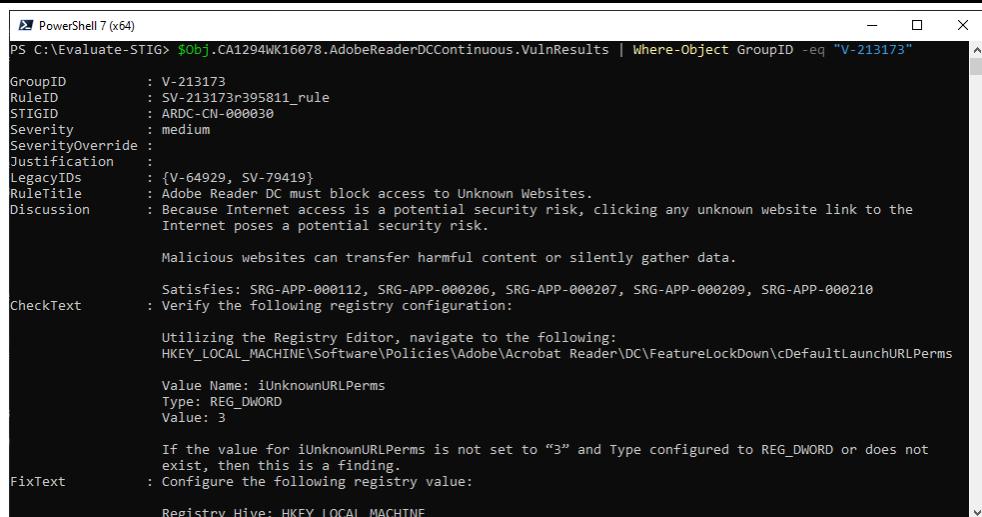
```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>.<STIGShortName>.VulnResults
```



```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078.AdobeReaderDCContinuous.VulnResults
GroupID : V-213168
RuleID : SV-213168r395811_rule
STIGID : ARDC-CN-000005
Severity : medium
SeverityOverride :
Justification :
LegacyIDs : {V-64919, SV-79409}
RuleTitle : Adobe Reader DC must enable Enhanced Security in a Standalone Application.
Discussion : PDFs have evolved from static pages to complex documents with features such as interactive forms, multimedia content, scripting, and other capabilities. These features leave PDFs vulnerable to malicious scripts or actions that can damage the computer or steal data. The Enhanced security feature protects the computer against these threats by blocking or selectively permitting actions for trusted locations and files.
Enhanced Security determines if a PDF is viewed within a standalone application. A threat to users of Adobe Reader DC is opening a PDF file that contains malicious executable content.
Enhanced Security "hardens" the application against risky actions: prevents cross domain access, prohibits script and data injection, blocks stream access to XObjects, silent printing, and execution of high privilege JavaScript.
Satisfies: SRG-APP-000112, SRG-APP-000206, SRG-APP-000207, SRG-APP-000209, SRG-APP-000210
CheckText : Verify the following registry configuration:
Utilizing the Registry Editor, navigate to the following:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Adobe\Acrobat Reader\DC\FeatureLockDown
Value Name: bEnhancedSecurityStandalone
```

### Examining a specific check in the <VulnResults> object:

```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.<Hostname>.<STIGShortName>.VulnResults | Where-Object GroupID -eq "<VulnID>"
```



```
PS C:\Evaluate-STIG> $Obj.CA1294WK16078.AdobeReaderDCContinuous.VulnResults | Where-Object GroupID -eq "V-213173"
GroupID : V-213173
RuleID : SV-213173r395811_rule
STIGID : ARDC-CN-000030
Severity : medium
SeverityOverride :
Justification :
LegacyIDs : {V-64929, SV-79419}
RuleTitle : Adobe Reader DC must block access to Unknown Websites.
Discussion : Because Internet access is a potential security risk, clicking any unknown website link to the Internet poses a potential security risk.
 Malicious websites can transfer harmful content or silently gather data.
Satisfies: SRG-APP-000112, SRG-APP-000206, SRG-APP-000207, SRG-APP-000209, SRG-APP-000210
CheckText : Verify the following registry configuration:
Utilizing the Registry Editor, navigate to the following:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Adobe\Acrobat Reader\DC\FeatureLockDown\cDefaultLaunchURLPerms
Value Name: iUnknownURLPerms
Type: REG_DWORD
Value: 3
FixText : If the value for iUnknownURLPerms is not set to "3" and Type configured to REG_DWORD or does not exist, then this is a finding.
 Configure the following registry value:
Registry Hive: HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE
```

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## Appendix A: Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Can Evaluate-STIG configure an asset to be compliant with the STIG?

**A:** No. Evaluate-STIG only documents the compliance state of an asset. It is not a tool to make your machine compliant.

**Q:** Why are the Active Directory Domain and Forest STIGs not scanned on a backup domain controller?

**A:** Much of our STIG applicability check is determined by special criteria outlined in the STIG's Overview.pdf. For Active Directory STIGs, the Overview.pdf has this note – “The requirements at the Active Directory Domain level are generally settings configured on a specific domain controller or replicated across domain controllers after configuration. They can typically be reviewed once per domain”. With Evaluate-STIG, we will produce the AD STIGs on the domain controller holding the PDC Emulator role.

**Q:** Can Evaluate-STIG remotely scan non-domain (workgroup) Windows computers?

**A:** Yes, provided additional configurations are in place that allow WinRM connectivity between the hosts. These configurations are out-of-scope for this guide but this article should help - <https://woshub.com/using-psremoting-winrm-non-domain-workgroup/>. Once you can connect to workgroup computers with **Enter-PSSession**, you should then be able to scan with Evaluate-STIG using **-ComputerName** and **-AltCredential** as normal.

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## Appendix B: Troubleshooting

### B-1 Logging

Evaluate-STIG uses several logs to assist in troubleshooting. All logs are designed to be viewed with [CMTrace](#), a log-viewing tool that comes with Microsoft Configuration Manager (ConfigMgr). If you do not have ConfigMgr, a stand-alone download of CMTrace.exe can be found at <https://www.sccm.ie/kit/cmtrace.zip>.

#### *Local Scan*

All local scan logging is recorded in the Evaluate-STIG.log under the following paths:

- **Windows:** %WINDIR%\Windows\Temp\Evaluate-STIG\Evaluate-STIG.log
- **Linux:** /tmp/Evaluate-STIG/Evaluate-STIG.log

After scan completion, the Evaluate-STIG.log will also be copied to [OutputPath].

## Remote Scan

Remote scan logging consists of the Evaluate-STIG\_Remote.log on the host and the [local log](#) on the remotes. The Evaluate-STIG\_Remote.log contains session information for each remote and is located:

- **Windows:** %TEMP%\Evaluate-STIG\Evaluate-STIG\_Remote.log (*this launching user's temp*)

After scan completion, the Evaluate-STIG.log for each remote will also be copied to its folder in [OutputPath].

## Cisco Scan

Cisco scan logging consists of the Evaluate-STIG\_Cisco.log and an Evaluate-STIG.log for each Cisco hostname all on the host machine:

- **Windows:**
  - %TEMP%\Evaluate-STIG\Evaluate-STIG\_Cisco.log (*this launching user's temp*)
  - %TEMP%\Evaluate-STIG\CiscoScanTemp\<Hostname>\Evaluate-STIG.log
- **Linux:**
  - /tmp/Evaluate-STIG/Evaluate-STIG\_Cisco.log
  - /tmp/Evaluate-STIG/CiscoScanTemp/<Hostname>/Evaluate-STIG.log

After scan completion, the Evaluate-STIG.log for each Cisco host will also be copied to its folder in [OutputPath].

## B-2 Common Problems

### Issue:

When trying to run Evaluate STIG, it will immediately fail and give ***Cannot index into a null array***

### Resolution:

Could be that one or more files have the blocked attribute set. Run [Test-Prerequisites.bat](#) to check if any files are blocked.

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### Issue:

When trying to a remote scan using [-ComputerName](#), file compression fails with ***Exception calling ".ctor" with "1" argument(s): "Stream was not readable."***

### Resolution:

This is typically antivirus interfering with the compression process.

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**Issue:**

No CKL files are produced.

**Resolution:**

Ensure you are specifying what output you want Evaluate-STIG to produce with the [-Output](#) parameter.

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**Issue:**

Remote scan fails to connect or does not return results

**Resolution:**

Ensure WinRM is enabled that connections are not being blocked by a firewall. Test connectivity with the Enter-PSSession command. If connection with Enter-PSSession fails, this must be resolved before Evaluate-STIG can perform a remote scan.

**Resolution:**

Execution policy and/or code signing certificate issues on remote host. Verify prerequisites are met on remotes.

**Resolution:**

Check [remote logs](#) for clues.

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**Issue:**

PostgreSQL scan fails with *Local trust authentication method must be set in <path>\pg\_hba.conf*

**Resolution:**

A "host" or "local" configuration line must exist in pg\_hba.conf and be set to "trust" authentication. This configuration allows Evaluate-STIG to connect to the database without password prompting. After scanning the configuration line can be disabled (#) or removed.

#An example of local scanning:

```
local all all trust
host all all 127.0.0.1/32 trust
```

#To allow remote scanning:

```
host all all [ip-of-evaluate-stig-system] trust
host all all 192.168.0.123/32 trust
```

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**Issue:**

Remote scan fails with ***The WinRM client sent a request to the remote WS-Management service and was notified that the request size exceeded the configured MaxEnvelopeSize quota.***

**Resolution:**

Configure the source and remote machines to the same WSMAN MaxEnvelope size (default is 500):

```
PS C:\> Set-Item WSMAN:\localhost\MaxEnvelopeSizekb -Value 500
```

[https://learn.microsoft.com/en-usopenspecs/windows\\_protocols/ms-wsman/8a6b1967-ff8e-4756-9a3b-890b4b439847](https://learn.microsoft.com/en-usopenspecs/windows_protocols/ms-wsman/8a6b1967-ff8e-4756-9a3b-890b4b439847)

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## Appendix C: Technical Support

- **SPORK Ticket** (best way to raise an issue, report a bug):  
<https://spork.navsea.navy.mil/nswc-crane-division/evaluate-stig/-/issues>  
(You can register for a SPORK account at <https://reg.fusion.navy.mil>)
- **Microsoft Teams** (Navy Flank Speed):  
<https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/l/channel/19%3adod%3a5d219fc1ee444d86a4db8f325ba51ceb%40thread.skype/Evaluate%2520STIG?groupId=f8d63861-f4a7-4af4-bb9a-35433e24f6f1&tenantId=e3333e00-c877-4b87-b6ad-45e942de1750>
- **Fusion Chat**:  
<https://chat.navsea.navy.mil/channel/evaluate-stig>  
(You can register for a SPORK account at <https://reg.fusion.navy.mil>)
- **Email**:  
[eval-stig\\_spt@us.navy.mil](mailto:eval-stig_spt@us.navy.mil)

## Appendix D: Supported STIGs

<b>STIG</b>	<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>DisaStatus *</b>
Active Directory Domain	V3R5	13-Sep-24	Active
Active Directory Forest	V3R1	13-Sep-24	Active
Adobe Acrobat Pro XI	V1R2	26-Jan-18	Deprecated
Adobe Acrobat Professional DC Classic	V2R1	23-Oct-20	Sunset
Adobe Acrobat Professional DC Continuous	V2R1	23-Jul-21	Active
Adobe Reader DC Classic	V2R1	23-Oct-20	Deprecated
Adobe Reader DC Continuous	V2R1	23-Jul-21	Active
Apache 2.4 Server Unix	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Apache 2.4 Server Windows	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Apache 2.4 Site Unix	V2R4	26-Jul-23	Active
Apache 2.4 Site Windows	V2R1	27-Oct-21	Active
Apache Tomcat Application Server	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
ArcGIS Server 10.3	V2R1	26-Jul-23	Sunset
Cisco IOS XE Router NDM	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Cisco IOS XE Switch L2S	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Cisco IOS XE Switch NDM	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Google Chrome	V2R9	24-Jan-24	Active
IIS 10.0 Server	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
IIS 10.0 Site	V2R9	25-Oct-23	Active
IIS 8.5 Server	V2R7	25-Oct-23	Sunset
IIS 8.5 Site	V2R9	25-Oct-23	Sunset
Internet Explorer 11	V2R5	24-Jan-24	Active
JBoss EAP 6.3	V2R4	24-Apr-24	Active
McAfee VirusScan 8.8 Local Client	V6R1	27-Jan-22	Deprecated
Microsoft .NET Framework 4	V2R4	24-Apr-24	Active
Microsoft Access 2013	V1R7	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Access 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
Microsoft Defender Antivirus	V2R4	31-May-22	Active
Microsoft Edge	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft Excel 2013	V1R8	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Excel 2016	V2R1	24-Apr-24	Active
Microsoft Exchange 2016 Edge Transport Server	V2R5	24-Jan-24	Active
Microsoft Exchange 2016 Mailbox Server	V2R6	24-Jan-24	Active
Microsoft Exchange 2019 Edge Server	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft Exchange 2019 Mailbox Server	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft Groove 2013	V1R3	27-Apr-18	Active
Microsoft InfoPath 2013	V1R6	24-Jul-24	Sunset

Microsoft Lync 2013	V1R5	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Office 365	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft Office System 2013	V2R2	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Office System 2016	V2R3	24-Apr-24	Active
Microsoft OneDrive	V2R3	26-Jul-23	Active
Microsoft OneNote 2013	V1R3	27-Apr-18	Active
Microsoft OneNote 2016	V1R2	19-Jan-17	Active
Microsoft Outlook 2013	V1R13	26-Oct-18	Active
Microsoft Outlook 2016	V2R3	27-Apr-22	Active
Microsoft PowerPoint 2013	V1R7	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft PowerPoint 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
Microsoft Project 2013	V1R5	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Project 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
Microsoft Publisher 2013	V1R6	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Publisher 2016	V1R3	27-Apr-18	Active
Microsoft SharePoint Designer 2013	V1R3	27-Apr-18	Active
Microsoft Skype for Business 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Database	V1R7	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft SQL Server 2014 Instance	V2R4	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Database	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft SQL Server 2016 Instance	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Microsoft Visio 2013	V1R5	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Visio 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
Microsoft Word 2013	V1R7	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Microsoft Word 2016	V1R1	14-Nov-16	Active
MongoDB 3.x	V2R3	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Mozilla Firefox	V6R5	26-Jul-23	Active
Oracle Java JRE 8 for Unix	V1R3	27-Oct-17	Deprecated
Oracle Java JRE 8 for Windows	V2R1	22-Jan-21	Deprecated
Oracle Linux 7	V2R14	24-Jan-24	Active
Oracle Linux 8	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
PostgreSQL 9.x	V2R5	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Rancher Government Solutions RKE2	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7	V3R15	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8	V1R14	24-Apr-24	Active
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Trellix ENS 10x Local	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Ubuntu 16.04	V2R3	23-Apr-21	Sunset
Ubuntu 18.04	V2R15	24-Jul-24	Sunset
Ubuntu 20.04	V1R12	24-Apr-24	Active
Ubuntu 22.04	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active

VMware Horizon 7.13 Agent	V1R1	13-Jul-21	Sunset
VMware Horizon 7.13 Client	V1R1	13-Jul-21	Sunset
VMware Horizon 7.13 Connection Server	V1R2	24-Apr-24	Sunset
Windows 10	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Windows 11	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Windows Firewall	V2R2	9-Nov-23	Active
Windows Server 2008 R2 MS	V1R33	17-Jun-20	Deprecated
Windows Server 2012 DC	V3R7	9-Nov-23	Sunset
Windows Server 2012 MS	V3R7	9-Nov-23	Sunset
Windows Server 2016	V2R8	15-May-24	Active
Windows Server 2019	V3R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Windows Server 2022	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active
Windows Server DNS	V2R1	24-Jul-24	Active

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