

Let's talk compliance



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About

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 - Passionate about automation and standards
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 - Responsible for its adoption worldwide in global MSP
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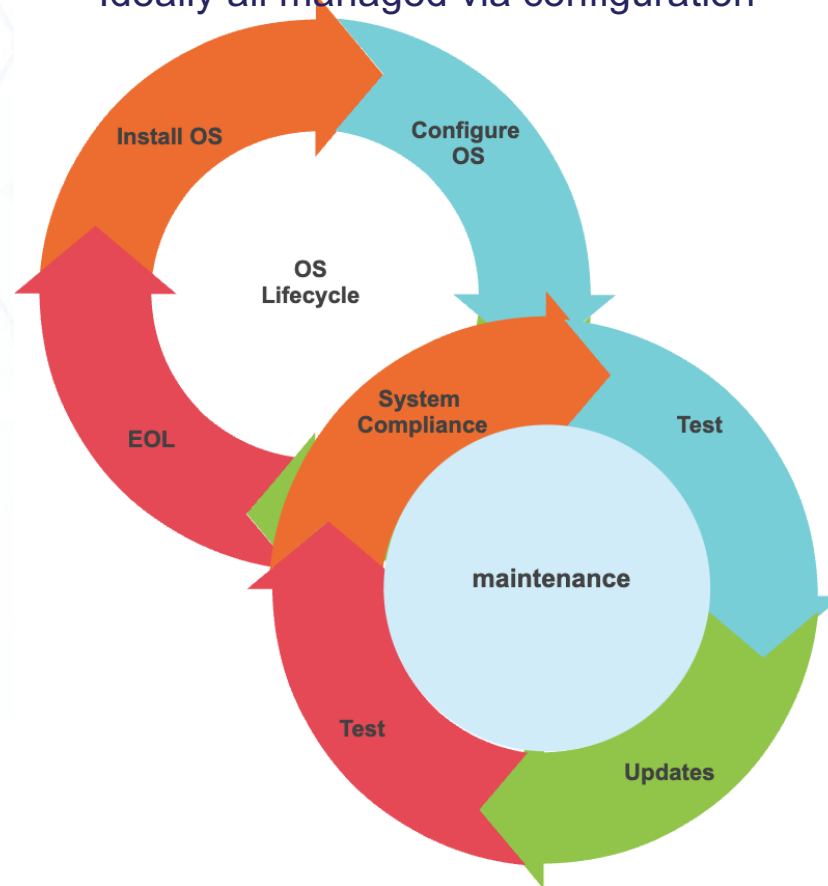


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OS Lifecycle example

Ideally all managed via configuration



What is Ansible-lockdown?

- Open-Source security and compliance automation
 - Written as ansible roles
 - assists with e.g. PCI-DSS, DORA, NIS2
 - Incorporates audit capability
- Best practice and industry recognized security baselines for



Linux

Redhat, Rocky, Alma, Oracle 7,8,9
Ubuntu18, 20, 22, 24,
Debian11,12

Windows

10,11,2012,2016,2022

Other

Cisco networking
Windows firewalls
Apache
Postgres



Overview

- Assertions are run
- Almost everything then is optional
- Audit the system
 - Options can set the system for you
 - Can copy/installed/download dependent on requirements
 - Runs controls based on settings as per ansible
- Remediate
 - Runs ansible steps to bring system into compliance
 - Each item is selectable
- Run a post audit after changes have occurred



Inventory

demo:

hosts:

rocky9_bios:

ansible_host: 192.168.1.208

skip_reboot: true

rhel9cis_allow_authselect_updates: true

rhel9cis_authselect_custom_profile_name: mpg-cis

alma9_efi:

ansible_host: 192.168.1.213

rhel9cis_allow_authselect_updates: true

rhel9cis_authselect_custom_profile_name: mpg-cis

rhel9_bios:

ansible_host: 192.168.1.214

rhel9cis_allow_authselect_updates: true

rhel9cis_authselect_custom_profile_name: mpg-cis

vars:

setup_audit: true

run_audit: true

audit_content: git

skip_reboot: false

sudoers_exclude_nopasswd_list:

- ec2-user

- rocky

- vagrant

rhel9cis_sudoers_exclude_nopasswd_list: "{{ sudoers_exclude_nopasswd_list }}"

rhel9cis_rule_5_2_4: false # skip user password

rhel9cis_rule_5_4_2_4: false # v2 skip root password

rhel9cis_bootloader_password_hash: grub.pbkdf2.sha512.....

allow_auditd_uid_user_exclusions: true

rhel9cis_auditd_uid_exclude:

- vagrant



Just get on with it!!

- [Demo time](#)

Why use another product to audit?

- Open-source single go binary – goss – www.goss.rocks
 - Go server-spec
- About 14MB in size
- Self contained binary
 - Doesn't require any further modules or dependencies
 - Great for air gapped environments
 - Runs on the host not across network(caution on shared infra)
- FAST!!!!!! 700 tests < 2mins (clean OS build)
- Driven by a Yaml based configuration file
- Using ansible settings with Jinja2 to drive configuration for goss checks



Links

- Products
 - <https://github.com/ansible-lockdown>
 - <https://goss.rocks/>
- Support
 - Community - Discord
 - <https://www.lockdownenterprise.com/discord> – invite link
 - <https://lockdownenterprise.com> – Ask me for more
- Videos
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sblfaNsoszM>
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