**Note: [update highlighted sections for your Sponsor, then remove unneeded directions]**

**Request for Continuous Open Source Collaboration Worksheet**

**Introduction**

In accordance with MITRE’s [public release policy](http://info.mitre.org/p_and_p/info_management/information_sharing/external/public_release/4_1_2_1.shtml), all information (textual, visual, or oral) prepared for distribution in the public arena must be cleared in advance for release. Open source software development, standards definitions, and other external collaborations present unique challenges for obtaining public release approval because the information being disclosed is developed in the open environment and often on a continual basis.

**You should apply for continuous, open source collaboration approval when you need to:**

* Release code into open source, generally on a continuing basis.
* Form an ongoing relationship with an open source community.
* Found a new open source community or join an existing one.
* Facilitate ongoing external collaboration in a public forum.

**Steps to obtain MITRE approval**

1. Complete this worksheet.
2. Talk with your [Center Chief Engineer](http://communityshare.mitre.org/sites/mip/pages/whatwedo/leadership.aspx) before submitting a request for public release.
3. Fill out and submit and [Intellectual Property Disclosure Form](http://communityshare.mitre.org/sites/techtransfer/default.aspx) (IPDF) to the Technology Transfer Office.
4. Contact MITRE’s Corporate [Legal Office](http://communityshare.mitre.org/sites/legal_office/default.aspx) and/or [Contracts Office](http://communityshare.mitre.org/sites/Contracts/default.aspx) to determine the applicability of contribution agreements.
5. Create a public release request within [PRS](http://prs.mitre.org/).
   1. When creating a PRS request, select *Public Collaboration/Benchmarking/Standards Body* as the reason for release.
   2. Use this worksheet to help create the PRS request.

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| **Type of Work** (Check all that apply)  Open source software development  Standards definition  Other (please describe): |
| **Project Scope and Description**  **Project team:**  MITRE Security Automation Framework Team   * Aaron Lippold * Eugene Aronne * Brett Kreider – Chief Engineer   MITRE Sponsor Team   * [YOU]   **Project number(s):**   * 37181002-AA * 43206019-2A   **Project name:**  MITRE Security Automation Framework  **Brief description:**  This project develops tooling, solutions, and exemplars - including InSpec profiles and resources - to support the automated assessment of endpoints against publicly-available compliance benchmarks (DISA STIGs, CIS Benchmarks, etc.). The capabilities also assist in the reporting and visualization of assessment results to support ongoing assessment and authorization processes.  **Project objective:**  Investigate tooling and solutions - such as InSpec - that provide an open-source, platform-agnostic, compliance testing framework that leverages a human-readable language for specifying compliance, security, and other policy requirements. The language can then be used to support the automated assessment of compliance benchmarks.  **Contribution objective:**  MITRE will create, develop, and contribute capabilities that assist in the reporting and visualization of assessment results to support decision making and ongoing assessment and authorization processes.  MITRE will create, modify, and contribute InSpec resources and other tools and artifacts to the InSpec project that support the development of InSpec profiles. The contributions will enable the automated creation and assessment of compliance benchmarks that are of interest to the sponsor.  MITRE will submit InSpec profiles, tools, and other artifacts that automate the creation and assessment of compliance benchmarks to existing projects including, but, not limited to the NSA SIMP project, DevSec Hardening Framework project, and USGS-CIDA project as directed by the sponsor.  MITRE may establish centralized repositories of InSpec profiles, tools, and exemplar orchestration and tool-chains that automate the creation and assessment of compliance benchmarks for public use, discussion, and feedback at the discretion of the sponsor.  **Period of performance:**  FY18 and beyond.  **Funding source:**   * Active: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) * Active: Federal Aviation Administration * Active: National Security Agency ( NSA ) * Active: Office of the Secretary of Defense DT&E * Defense Information Systems Agency * In progress: Defense Health Agency * In progress: Veterans Affairs * In progress: IC Partners   [ Add your Sponsor agency here ] - IF NEEDED  **Community Partners:**   * SIMP Project ( NSA Project ) * VMWare, Inc. ( Security Services ) * Chef, Inc. * Tenable, Inc. * Crunchy Data, Inc. * Elastic, Inc. * Cerner, Inc. * [add your Sponsor SETA partner, IF NEEDED]     **Resources Needed:**  MITRE currently has a significant number of InSpec resources, profiles, and other tools that could be released to existing projects or establish its own repository.  **Current state and maturity level of the project:**  This project has been in existence and supporting the development of InSpec resources and profiles as well as other tools for approximately five years. The MITRE team has some documentation and tests, but, is working to improve them.  **Review Parameters:**  All contributions will be reviewed by at least one member of the MITRE team. Due to the nature of open-source projects, contributions will also likely be reviewed by the maintainers of the respective project that is being contributed to.  **Security review:**  All contributions will be reviewed for security by at least one member of the MITRE team. Due to the nature of open-source projects, contributions will also likely be reviewed by the maintainers of the respective project that is being contributed to.  **Code quality review:**  Utilizing the established contribution model of the open-source projects, contributions will always be reviewed by the maintainers of the respective project that is being contributed to. Second, all contributions will be reviewed for quality by at least one member of the MITRE team in conjunction with the project maintainers.  **Export compliance review:**  The MITRE team will ensure that only cryptographic libraries, approved for export, are utilized.  **Sponsor Requirements:**  The sponsor has provided the following requirements with respect to the MITRE team engaging in a continuous collaboration agreement.  [Please ask your Sponsor for an short email acknowledgment – such as the one below – so we can document concurrence with the CCA.] - REMOVE THIS SENTENCE IN FINAL  *This is approved with the understanding:*   1. *Overall, security best practices for this process will be documented and be used for all development and any exchanges:*    1. *No Sponsor specific content (overlay settings, id/passwords, vulnerabilities, etc.) will be published outside of our approved location.*    2. *A review process and a development location will be used for imported profiles*    3. *Imported profiles will undergo a review process prior to use*   The MITRE team will adhere to these additional requirements along with the review parameters and security, code quality, and export compliance reviews outlined above.  *(It is the responsibility of the requestor of this release to ensure this review takes place.)*  REMOVE HIGHLIGHT IN FINAL - Please send the email to [saf@groups.mitre.org](mailto:saf@groups.mitre.org) and [techtransfer@mitre.org](mailto:techtransfer@mitre.org), along with a copy of this agreement with your MITRE Project and Sponsor information. |
| **Existing MITRE Work**  List previous public release case numbers: 18-3678  IPDF reference: N/A  This request includes release of existing MITRE source code.  **Location of the existing code repository:**  <https://github.com/mitre>  The existing source code was reviewed for security, code quality and export compliance by the MITRE team. See Project Location for more information.  The MITRE team is currently performing this review and will complete the review prior to the release of the source code. |
| **Community Structure**  Describe the nature of the community, project, working group, standards body, organization, consortium, etc., under which this work will proceed:  Founding a new community [Choose this option when creating a new standalone project or library and MITRE is going to be leading and driving the community around this work. When unsure, choose this option.]  Joining an existing community [Choose this option when contributing to an existing community or project, such as adding a module to a framework or joining a foundation that will own, manage, and curate the contribution.]   * Contributing to the InSpec project represents joining an existing community. * Contributing to the SIMP project represents joining an existing community. * Contributing to the DevSec project represents joining an existing community. * Contributing to the USGS-CIDA project represents joining an existing community. * Establishing repositories of InSpec profiles and various tools, on the MITRE GitHub page, represents the founding of a new community. * Contributing to the community partners projects represents joining an existing community.   **Audience:**   * Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) * National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) * National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) * National Security Agency (NSA) * United States Geological Survey (USGS) * Center for Internet Security (CIS) * [add your Sponsor here if they would like] - IF NEEDED   **Governance:**   * Contributions and membership will be managed by the respective projects. * Contributions and membership for MITRE repositories will be determined prior to creation.   **Exit Strategy:**   * Contributions to existing projects will be maintained by the respective projects. * For MITRE repositories, the exit strategy would be to transition them to another organization at some point in the future. |
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| **Community Agreements**  If you are joining an existing community that requires a Corporate and/or Individual Contributor License Agreement, please provide the location of the applicable form below.  *Locations of the unsigned agreement forms:*  Corporate Contributor License Agreement (CCLA): N/A  Individual Contributor License Agreement (ICLA): N/A   * If the contribution is direct funded, please contact the [appropriate MITRE Contracts representative](http://info.mitre.org/legal/contracts/contracts_center_reps.html) to obtain signatures.  If the contribution is funded by the MITRE Innovation Program or other indirect MITRE funds, please contact the [Corporate Legal Office](http://info.mitre.org/legal/directory.html) to obtain signatures. |
| **Project Location**  Where will this project initially reside after release? Be as specific as possible.  **Project homepage:**   * [**https://saf.mitre.org**](https://saf.mitre.org)   **Repositories:**   * [**https://github.com/mitre**](https://github.com/mitre)   **Other project resources (mailing list, forums, issue tracker):**  See above repositories for more information about the respective projects. |
| **Additional Comments**  N/A |