



# Security and Compliance for the Federal Government

*Assess, report, and enforce compliance with the United States Government Configuration Baseline*

## **BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

Federal organizations need solutions that enable them to rapidly achieve, document, and maintain USGCB compliance.

## **SOLUTION BENEFITS**

- Performs configuration assessment scans
- Simplifies and automates compliance with USGCB
- Standardizes, manages and enforces USGCB configuration across your organization

NetIQ provides the only comprehensive security and compliance management solution that allows you to assess, report and enforce compliance with the United States Government Configuration Baseline (USGCB), formerly known as the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) standard. By implementing our integrated solution, you can determine more easily which systems are in compliance with the USGCB standard, create reports more efficiently and ensure that your systems stay configured correctly.

NetIQ® Secure Configuration Manager™ provides assessment and reporting for the USGCB standard, and NetIQ® Group Policy Administrator™ enables you to plan, control and enforce the standard on every workstation in your network. Together, these tools give you the simplest, most scalable and most comprehensive solution available.

## ***USGCB Reporting Made Easier***

NetIQ Secure Configuration Manager is one of the only Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)-validated, enterprise-scalable solutions for USGCB assessment and reporting. A single console enables you to automate the assessment of your workstations and provide reports for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to ensure you remain compliant.

## **Solving the Problem**

We have integrated and automated our security and compliance solutions to enable the most complete assessment, reporting and enforcement with the lowest impact to your IT operations resources.

## ***Control Configuration and Reduce Workload***

NetIQ Group Policy Administrator enables consistent, simple, secure enforcement of desktop configuration standards through Microsoft Active Directory Group Policies—the most direct and reliable way to ensure your Microsoft Windows systems meet the USGCB standard. Relying on workstation-resident configuration tools can result in non-compliant systems as enterprise-wide Group Policies

can override your configuration standard. NetIQ Group Policy Administrator reduces the difficulty of managing Group Policy Objects even in the most complex environment, so that once your systems are USGCB compliant, they stay that way.

## **NetIQ's Approach**

Organizations deploy NetIQ solutions in some of the world's largest, most complex environments, including many within the United States federal sector. NetIQ Secure Configuration Manager is one of the only enterprise-scalable solutions that is SCAP validated and provides the full range of assessment and reporting capabilities for USGCB.

## ***Manage Configuration Baselines for USGCB Compliance within the Entire Organization***

NetIQ Secure Configuration Manager enables effective configuration management for systems connected to the network, from discovery to baseline establishment and management. It identifies and reports on systems that drift from their expected configurations.

## ***Manage USGCB Group Policy Objects***

NetIQ Group Policy Administrator enables effective planning, controlling, troubleshooting and reporting on USGCB Group Policy changes. It enables administrators to meet the challenges of USGCB Group Policy Objects by providing total offline Group Policy management, minimizing risk and preventing service interruptions.

## **Beyond USGCB**

Manage and measure risk at all levels of the organization. NetIQ Secure Configuration Manager measures the threats posed by vulnerabilities and compliance exceptions against the importance of managed assets, and provides powerful metrics to illustrate risk on a system-by-system, as well as a group-by-group basis. Assess against multiple regulatory standards, and control user access and privilege, through comprehensive entitlement reporting.

## Products

NetIQ's federal data protection solutions are part of an integrated security and compliance product family that helps you meet demands for exceptional customer data protection and regulatory compliance.

> **NetIQ Secure Configuration Manager** – enables assessment and reporting of system configuration changes and matches that configuration against compliance and best-practice policies. Alerts security teams to instances in which system configurations drift from policy and helps them to remediate misconfigurations before they result in security breaches or failed audits.

> **NetIQ Group Policy Administrator** – provides an offline environment to facilitate secure management of Group Policy Objects, enabling organizations to achieve, maintain and demonstrate regulatory compliance without impact to the performance and availability of the live Active Directory environment.

For more information on integrated security and compliance solutions for the federal government, visit [www.netiq.com/federal](http://www.netiq.com/federal) or call the NetIQ federal office.



*Ensuring data protection, while achieving compliance with such mandates as the USGCB, can seem overwhelming for large federal agencies... We alleviate this burden by helping our federal customers architect more scalable and mature security and compliance programs.*

### Eric Forseter

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Requirement	NetIQ Solution
Provides SCAP-validated tool for assessment	Yes
Reports on configuration deviations	Yes
Configurations meet the latest USGCB standard from NIST	Yes
Builds baseline configurations	Yes
Provides enterprise scalability	Yes
Automates assessment and report generation	Yes
Maintains correct configuration of Windows systems to meet USGCB compliance	Yes
Enables compliance with other standards such as NIST 800-53, FISMA, CIS and more	Yes

Key: NIST=National Institute of Standards and Technology, FISMA=Federal Information Security Management Act, CIS=Center for Internet Security

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