

# **NIST and DISA SCAP Adoption and Integration**

**NIST National Vulnerability Database  
DISA Vulnerability Management System**

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# Agenda

- Background
- What is the National Vulnerability Database (NVD)
- How is NVD adopting SCAP?
- What is the DISA Vulnerability Management System (VMS)
- How is VMS adopting SCAP?
- How will NVD and VMS integrate their SCAP capabilities?

# Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)

*Standardizing How We Communicate*

MITRE



**CVE**

Common  
Vulnerability  
Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary of security related software flaws

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**CCE**

Common  
Configuration  
Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary of software misconfigurations

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**CPE**

Common Platform  
Enumeration

Standard nomenclature and dictionary for product naming



**XCCDF**

eXtensible Checklist  
Configuration  
Description Format

Standard XML for specifying checklists and for reporting results of checklist evaluation

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**OVAL**

Open Vulnerability  
and Assessment  
Language

Standard XML for test procedures



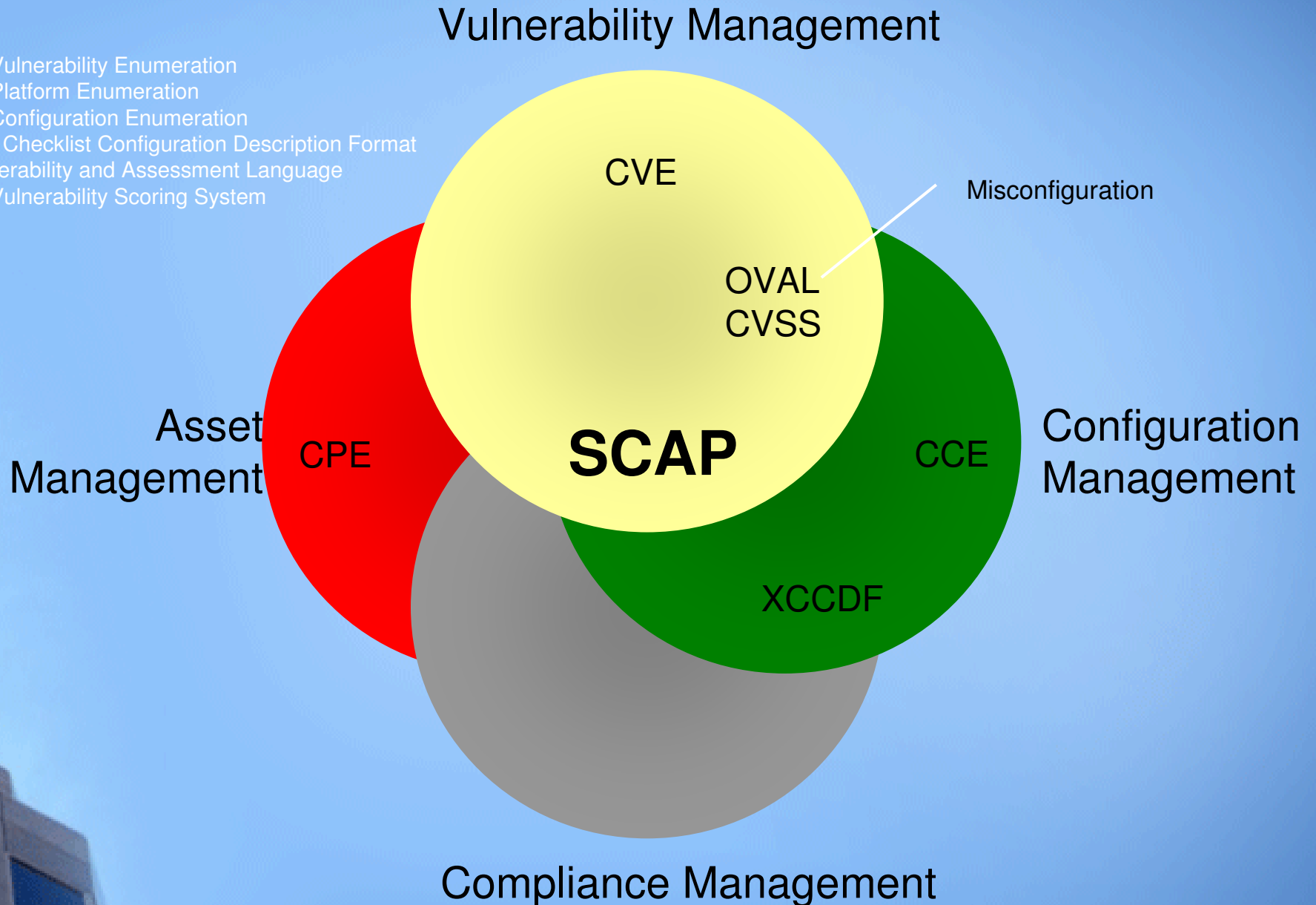
**CVSS**

Common  
Vulnerability Scoring  
System

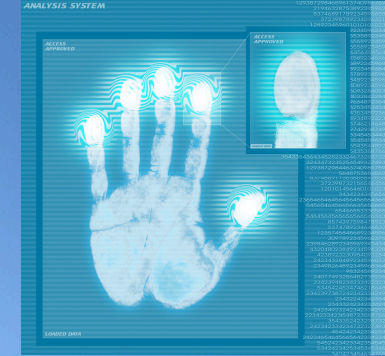
Standard for measuring the impact of vulnerabilities

# Integrating IT and IT Security Through SCAP

Common Vulnerability Enumeration  
Common Platform Enumeration  
Common Configuration Enumeration  
eXtensible Checklist Configuration Description Format  
Open Vulnerability and Assessment Language  
Common Vulnerability Scoring System



# Computer Network Defense



- Streamline and automate vulnerability and configuration management across the DoD
- Draft DOD CONOPS for SCAP
- SCAP enable the NIST National Vulnerability Database (NVD)
- SCAP enable the DISA Vulnerability Management System (VMS)
- Integrate NVD and VMS

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**NIST**  
National Institute of  
Standards and Technology

# National Vulnerability Database

a comprehensive cyber vulnerability resource

## National Vulnerability Database

- NVD is the U.S. government repository of public computer vulnerability information.
- It is designed to be based on and support vulnerability management standards (especially SCAP)
- It receives 69 million hits per year
- Used by Payment Card Industry, Federal Desktop Core Configuration, DHS, GSA Smartbuy, and security products



# NVD Program Areas



- Vulnerability Database
  - Security related software flaws
  - 33,000 vulnerabilities
- National Checklist Program
  - Repository of low level checklists for securing OSs and applications
  - 161 checklists
  - Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC) support
- Validation Program
  - Product conformance to the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP)
  - 17 validated products, 9 accredited testing laboratories

# NVD Current Adoption of SCAP



- Vulnerability Database
  - 32,000 CVEs scored with CVSS and mapped to CPE
  - 16,000 element CPE dictionary
  - 45,000+ product entries in CPE form to be submitted to CPE
  - CVEs are also mapped to the Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)
- National Checklist Program
  - Migrating checklist content to XCCDF, OVAL, CPE, CCE, and CVE
  - 5 SCAP checklists
  - 17 SCAP beta checklists
- SCAP Validation Program
  - Tests conformance of products against 7 SCAP capabilities
  - Test conformance of products against SCAP component standards individually
    - CVE, CCE, OVAL, and CVSS
  - XCCDF/OVAL Reference Implementation



# NVD Future Adoption of SCAP

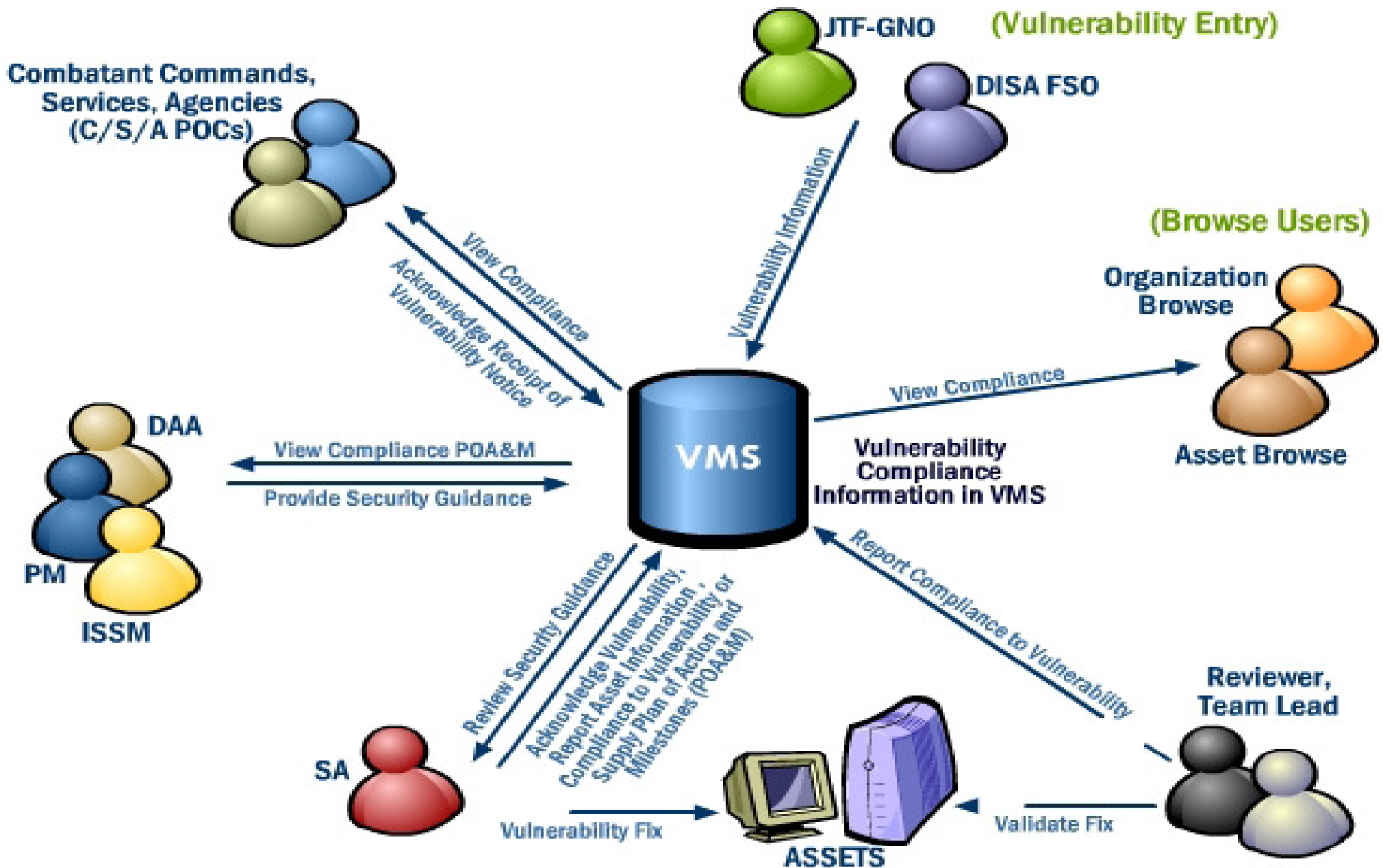
future?

- Analysis and CCSS scoring of CCE
- CPE dictionary maintenance functions
- National Checklist Program XCCDF/OVAL database
- Ability to output custom checklists (set of CPEs, CCEs, and profiles)
- SCAP web services
- SCAP programming API and NVD mirroring capabilities

# Vulnerability Management System

- VMS assists all DOD CC/S/As in the identification of security vulnerabilities and track the issues through the lifecycle of the vulnerabilities existence.
- Streamlines automation of vulnerability tracking through a relational database and online web views that provide a centralized repository for vulnerability status information and policy compliance information for both NIPRNet and SIPRNet clients.
- VMS information is used for many purposes from practical vulnerability remediation to approval to operate.

# VMS Operational View



# VMS Capability Areas



- Registration and management of assets (computing and Non-computing), programs, systems, and enclaves
- Vulnerability maintenance
- Vulnerability tracking and record of compliance (Plan of Action and Milestones)
- Audit and inspection results & training
- Notices (vulnerability alerts, tasking orders, warning orders, and other DoD mandated directives)
- And more ...

# VMS Current SCAP Integration Efforts



- Concept of Operations document collaborate effort with NIST, NSA, and DISA
- Integration Analysis of CPE, CVE, CCE, CCI/SRG, XCCDF, CRF/ARF, OVAL, and CVSS/CCSS
- CPE data mapping to VMS assets
- Defining requirements for future vulnerability maintenance
- Reviewing Asset Model Specification



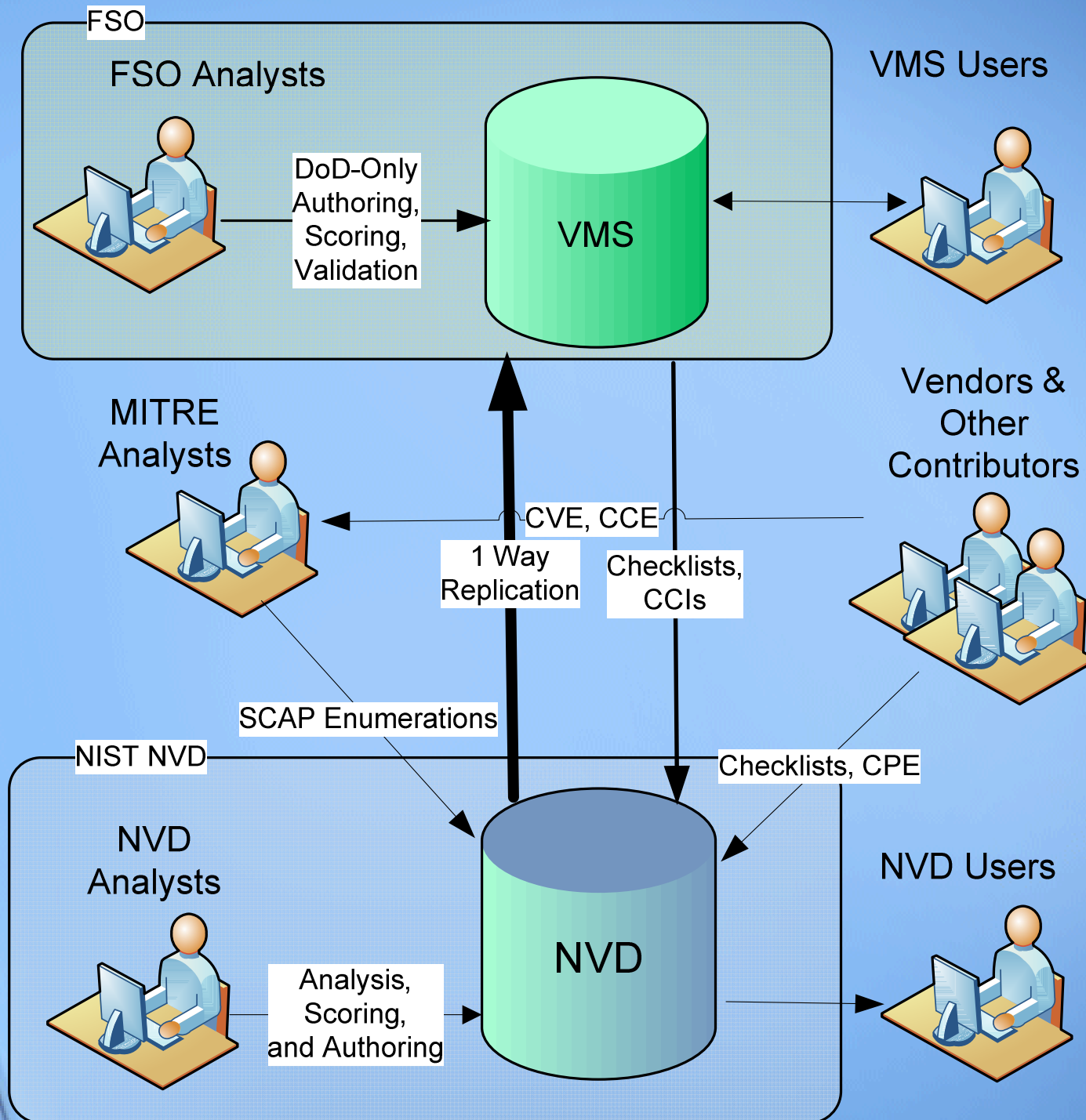
# VMS Future Integration into SCAP

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## *VMS Capabilities:*

- VMS will ingest/publish vulnerability data from/to NVD
- DISA Field Security Office users will be able to review and validate the content from NVD before being formally accepted into VMS.
- Customizable content
- Store, maintain, generate and update XCCDF and OVAL content.
- Allow the management of non-technical (e.g., policy, or physical security) vulnerability data.
- Interface with other Tier 2 and Tier 3 systems.
- Ingest compliance information from SCAP validated tools.

# NVD and VMS SCAP Integration



# NVD and VMS SCAP Integration Summary



- MITRE will maintain SCAP enumerations for CVE and CCE
- Public SCAP data will be housed in NVD
- NVD will replicate SCAP data to VMS
- VMS contains DOD-only SCAP data and DOD SCAP compliance data
- VMS will publish DOD SCAP back to NVD as appropriate

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