



# 10 REASONS

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## to **AUTOMATE** CIS Benchmark Implementation (with SteelCloud)

1. Accelerate Implementation Speed
2. Document Compliance Immediately and Accurately
3. Reduce Manual Effort
4. Optimize Productivity with an Easy-to-Use Interface
5. Create New Secure Baselines
6. Maintain Secure Baselines
7. Manage All Systems in One Place
8. Reduce Service Delivery Costs
9. Increase Agility
10. Enhance Quality and Consistency

Drive continuous CIS Benchmark monitoring and compliance initiatives with SteelCloud automation. SteelCloud's ConfigOS Command Center compliance automation and remediation software turns weeks of CIS Benchmark hardening work into a simple one-hour process that eliminates time-consuming manual tasks, reduces system downtime, and enhances overall security. Taking only 2 minutes to install, your team can be up and hardening after 2 hours of training without needing any specialized expertise.

With security mission-critical to your business, SteelCloud's automation benefits your organization for these reasons:

### 1. Accelerate Implementation Speed

Automated CIS compliance only takes an hour or less to achieve a secure baseline, versus manual processes that can take hours, days, or weeks to achieve the same goal. When your administrators need to manage 100 or more systems, automation saves them vast amounts of time. And, since time is money, automation saves your budget too.

### 2. Document Compliance Immediately and Accurately

No piles of papers and long remediation wait times. From the moment you first implement ConfigOS, you get fully hardened systems in under an hour. After every update, you can accomplish ongoing remediation in less than three minutes. At the end of every update, you get virtually immediate compliance documentation.

### 3. Reduce Manual Effort

Automation eliminates the manual processes that make compliance expensive and burdensome. An all-purpose tool scans, remediates, and reports in a single step with all waivers built in. You get the documentation you need, and your admin gets a well-deserved coffee break.

### 4. Optimize Productivity with an Easy-to-Use Interface

Usually, CIS Benchmark compliance work requires experienced mid- to senior-level administrators who do the deeply technical work of reviewing configuration changes, updating system configuration files, working with Active Directory, and developing custom scripts. With ConfigOS automation, junior-level administrators can take over the scanning, remediation, and compliance reporting process after a single, short training session.

### 5. Create New Secure Baselines

With automation, you can create standardized, secure baselines then clone them across multiple systems. Since the automation fixes conflicts and remediates drift, it handles any differences that exist across applications or systems.

## 6. Maintain Secure Baselines

Getting secure and compliant is hard, but staying that way is even harder. Patches, updates, administrative changes, and new software installation all create configuration drift and compliance issues. ConfigOS fixes these problems, applying CIS Benchmark updates in 15 minutes.

## 7. Manage All Systems in One Place

Automation gives you one interface where your administrator can scan and remediate all systems across the network. With everything in one place, you have a comprehensive view of your system security and a single source of compliance documentation that reduces the time spent preparing for audits.

## 8. Reduce Service Delivery Costs

By eliminating manual tasks, automation saves you money which ultimately increases your overall revenue margins.

From hiring experienced people, to the time spent on the tasks, to potential downtime arising from conflicts, manual processes are expensive!

## 9. Increase Agility

Agility means responding to changes, threats, or opportunities quickly. With automation, you can scan and remediate 3,000 to 5,000 systems per hour. Manually, applying CIS Benchmark updates would take 4 hours per system, meaning that 100 systems take 400 hours. Even if nothing goes wrong, that's a lot of hours and definitely not something that would be considered "agile." ConfigOS can get you fully scanned and remediated within minutes.

## 10. Enhance Quality and Consistency

Automation does what you tell it to do, applying controls the same way, every time, to each system. By automating your CIS Benchmark compliance, you can eliminate human error risk for continuous, drift-free, accurately documented compliance.

## See how ConfigOS compares to other tools on the market.

ConfigOS Command Center simplifies compliance by automating all the steps you need to take to establish—and maintain—a secure baseline according to CIS Benchmarks. Our software is updated with each CIS revision, enabling you to remain continuously compliant simply by overseeing a process that has been reduced to a nearly effortless task. Scanning tools may scan and scripting tools may remediate, but as the chart below shows, only ConfigOS scans, remediates, reports and gives a clear view of compliance efforts for administrators to review. Every function ConfigOS offers is a function you will wish you had if you choose another approach.

Function	ConfigOS	AD / GPO	Scanning Tools	Scripting Tools
CIS Scanning & Reporting	✓	✗	✓	✗
CIS Implementation & Remediation	✓	✓	✗	✓
Compliance Dashboarding	✓	✗	⊘	✗
Unified Scan / Remediation / Reporting Content	✓	✗	✗	✗
CIS Remediation Rollback	✓	✗	✗	✗
Policy Workbench	✓	⊘	✗	✗
GPO Defect Identification	✓	N/A	✗	✗
RMF Acceleration	✓	✗	⊘	⊘

## A proven solution to meet CIS Benchmarks.

By reducing 90% of the effort and 70% of the cost of manual implementation, we are saving administrators precious time to address backlogs and other initiatives they can never get around to because compliance takes up all the air in the room. ConfigOS keeps your people on mission and, most of all, makes it so compliance doesn't distract from your core business.



Learn more about ConfigOS automation for CIS Benchmarks at [www.steelcloud.com](http://www.steelcloud.com)