



STIGreviewer

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1. About STIGreviewer

STIGreviewer is a desktop application for reviewing, editing, and managing DISA STIG checklists. It is built as a modern replacement for the free DISA STIG Viewer and is designed to make working with large numbers of checklist files faster and easier.

What it does

With STIGreviewer you can:

- Open and edit STIG Checklist files in both supported formats — CKL (XML) and CKLB (JSON).
- Load hundreds of checklists at once from individual files, folders, or ZIP archives.
- Create new, blank checklists from DISA STIG XML or from SCAP scan results.
- Update checklists when a new version of a STIG is released.
- Combine, split, copy, and move groups of checklists in bulk.
- Cross-reference your checklists against your eMASS POA&M to see which findings already have a POA&M entry.
- See, at a glance, which checklists have data quality issues such as missing host information or outdated STIG versions.
- Export checklists to PDF, Word, Excel, or CSV for reporting.

Who this guide is for

This guide is written for the people who use STIGreviewer day-to-day to do STIG reviews. You do not need to be a developer or a deep technical expert. If you are familiar with the idea of a STIG checklist and what a finding is, you have enough background to follow along.

A few terms used in this guide

- **Checklist** — a CKL or CKLB file that contains the answers (findings) for a single STIG applied to a single host.
- **STIG** — Security Technical Implementation Guide. The set of secure configuration requirements published by DISA.
- **CKL** — the older XML checklist format.
- **CKLB** — the newer JSON checklist format. STIGreviewer can convert CKL to CKLB.
- **POA&M** — Plan of Action and Milestones. A tracking record (kept in eMASS) for findings that are not yet remediated.
- **Vulnerability or Vuln ID** — the unique identifier (V-numbers) for a single requirement inside a STIG.

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS UPDATE

This revision of the User Guide covers the following changes to STIGreviewer.

Answer Files (new): you can now open, create, and edit Evaluate-STIG answer files alongside a checklist. See the new chapter 11.

Redesigned grid toolbars: every grid now shares the same toolbar, with a new View menu (Auto-fit row height, Open details on row click) and Manage Layouts available everywhere. The old Drawer toggle buttons were replaced by the View menu. See chapter 5.

Better copying from grids: Shift-click to select a block of cells, and copy with Ctrl+C, Ctrl+Shift+C, or the right-click menu (now on Mac as well as Windows). See chapter 5.

Color-banded columns and hover tooltips: related columns share a background tint, and truncated cells show their full text on hover.

Show only the sections you need: a new : button in the Checklist view chooses which detail sections appear (Notes, Answer File, Discussion, Check, Fix, References). See chapter 7.

Copyable command chips: commands found in the Check and Fix text appear as chips you can click to copy.

Smaller changes: the Bulk fill concurrency control on the AI Settings page is now a + / – spinner rather than a slider, and four dark theme swatches (Lichen, Horizon, Halo, Umbra) were retired.

Before you print or share this guide: right-click the Table of Contents and choose Update Field. Chapter numbers shifted when Answer Files was added as chapter 11, and the contents list will not show that until it is refreshed.

Previous release highlights (still current, kept here for reference):

Notes: a per-check notes feature is now available across the Checklist view, Grid view, and Tree view, plus a new “Copy Notes” tab in the Bulk Update popup.

New Tree view: the checklist can now be viewed as a Tree in addition to Checklist and Grid view.

Themes overhauled: the theme picker has a new set of swatches, plus new Mid-Contrast and High Contrast groups. See chapter 16.

Details drawer: the Checklists inventory can now show host, STIG, and file details in a side drawer or as an expandable row-details card.

Import popup expanded: Import Status column now filters which finding statuses come in, and the Finding Details / Comments panels have Replace / Prepend / Append for all import types.

Default CCI moved: this setting has moved from the Checklists page to the Business Rules page (Checklist section).

Quick Filter moved: the Quick Filter bar is now a persistent bar at the top of the Checklist view, next to a 2-Column / 3-Column / Tree segmented control.

Grid drawer redesigned: the Grid view drawer now has four tabs (Finding Details, Comments, Details, Notes), a dock button (right or bottom), and an ID picker.

AI Assistance (new): STIGreviewer can now connect to an AI provider (OpenAI, Azure OpenAI, Ollama, or Claude) to draft Finding Details, Comments, and per-check Notes. There is a new AI Settings page in the flyout, per-field AI Fill buttons in every editor, a new Fill with AI tab in the Bulk Update popup, and optional auto-fill on status change. See chapter 16 for details.

2. Getting Started

System requirements

STIGreviewer is a desktop application. The primary supported platforms are Windows and macOS.

NOTE

Some features that arrange items side-by-side, such as the resizable panels in the Edit Checklist view, are designed for a desktop-sized window. STIGreviewer can run on iOS and Android tablets, but the desktop experience is the primary target.

First launch

The splash screen

When you start STIGreviewer for the first time, a splash window appears with the STIGreviewer logo and a spinning loading indicator. While you wait, the application loads your saved STIG Library, your saved STIG Revisions file, and the built-in lookup tables it uses to identify controls and assessment procedures.

The status text underneath the logo tells you what is happening, for example “Loading STIG library...” or “Initializing...”

Accepting the End User License Agreement

The first time you open the application (and any time the license agreement is updated) you will see the End User License Agreement page. Read the agreement in the scrollable box, then choose one of:

- **I Accept** — saves your acceptance and continues into the application.
- **Decline** — closes STIGreviewer. You cannot use the application without accepting the agreement.

A tour of the main window

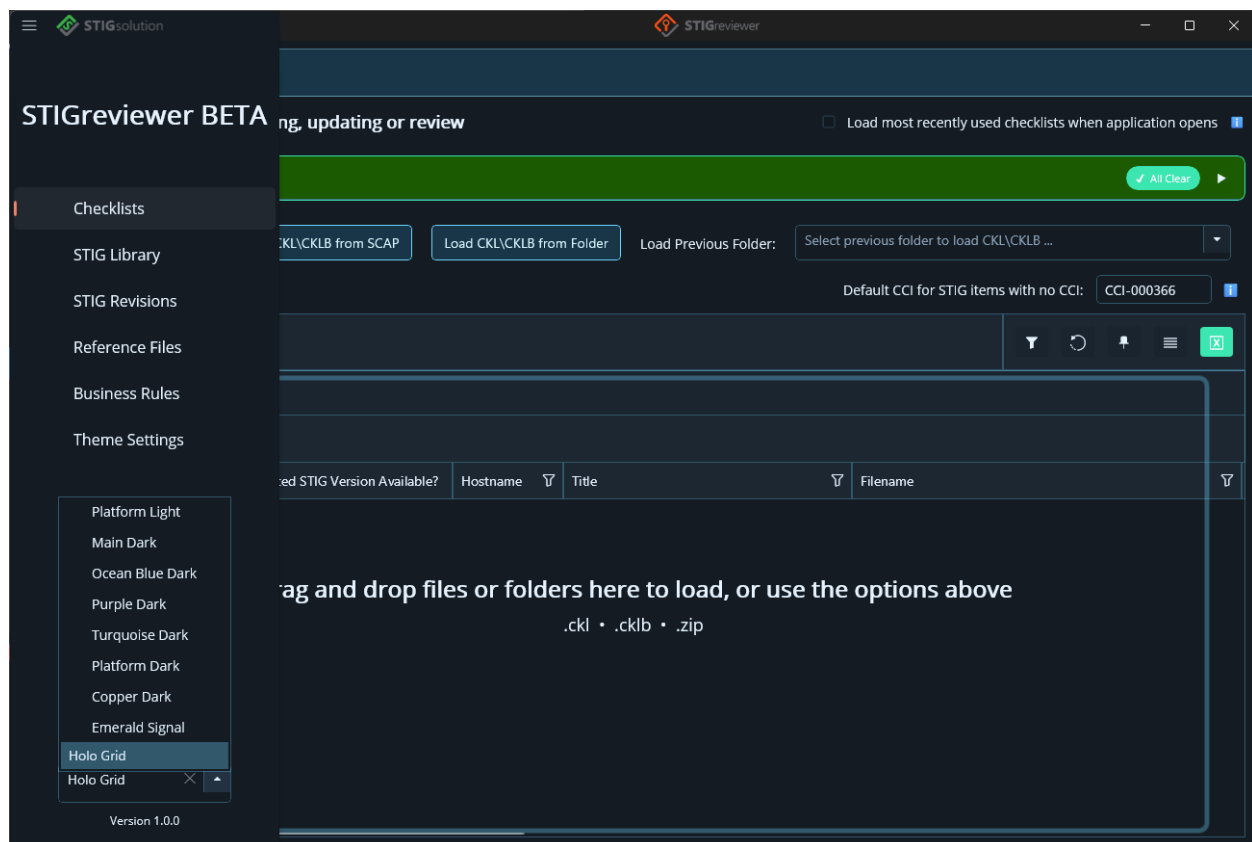
Once the splash screen finishes and you accept the license agreement, the main window opens with the Checklists page active. All of the application’s top-level pages are reached through the flyout menu on the left.

The flyout menu

Click the hamburger icon (three horizontal lines) in the top-left corner to open the flyout menu. The menu shows the application name (STIGreviewer BETA) at the top and the following pages:

- **Checklists** — the inventory of all the CKL/CKLB files you have loaded, and the workspace where you open individual checklists for editing.
- **STIG Library** — the local library of DISA STIG XML files you have downloaded. Used to create new checklists and to detect outdated checklists.
- **STIG Revisions** — loads a STIG Revisions JSON file so the application can flag checks that have been revised.
- **Reference Files** — loads an eMASS POA&M Excel file so checklists can show which findings have a matching POA&M entry.
- **Business Rules** — the validation rules and shared settings that drive things like host information warnings and severity override checks.
- **AI Settings** — connect STIGreviewer to an AI provider and manage the prompts that drive the AI Fill buttons across the app. See chapter 16.
- **Theme Settings** — choose between the available light and dark themes and pick a swatch.

At the bottom of the flyout there is a Theme drop-down for quickly switching themes from anywhere in the application, and a small label showing the application version.



Choosing a theme

STIGreviewer ships with several light and dark themes designed for long viewing sessions. You can switch themes in two ways:

- **Quick switch** — open the flyout and pick a theme from the Theme drop-down at the bottom. The active theme is marked with a star.
- **Theme Settings page** — open the flyout and pick Theme Settings to choose between Light Theme and Dark Theme and then select a specific swatch for that mode.

On first launch, STIGreviewer follows your operating system's light/dark setting: the default light theme is Harbor and the default dark theme is Pulsar. Once you choose a theme manually, that choice is remembered.

3. Setting Up Your Workspace

Before you start reviewing checklists, it is worth spending a few minutes setting up the supporting data that STIGreviewer uses. These are one-time setup steps: once you have done them, the application remembers your choices.

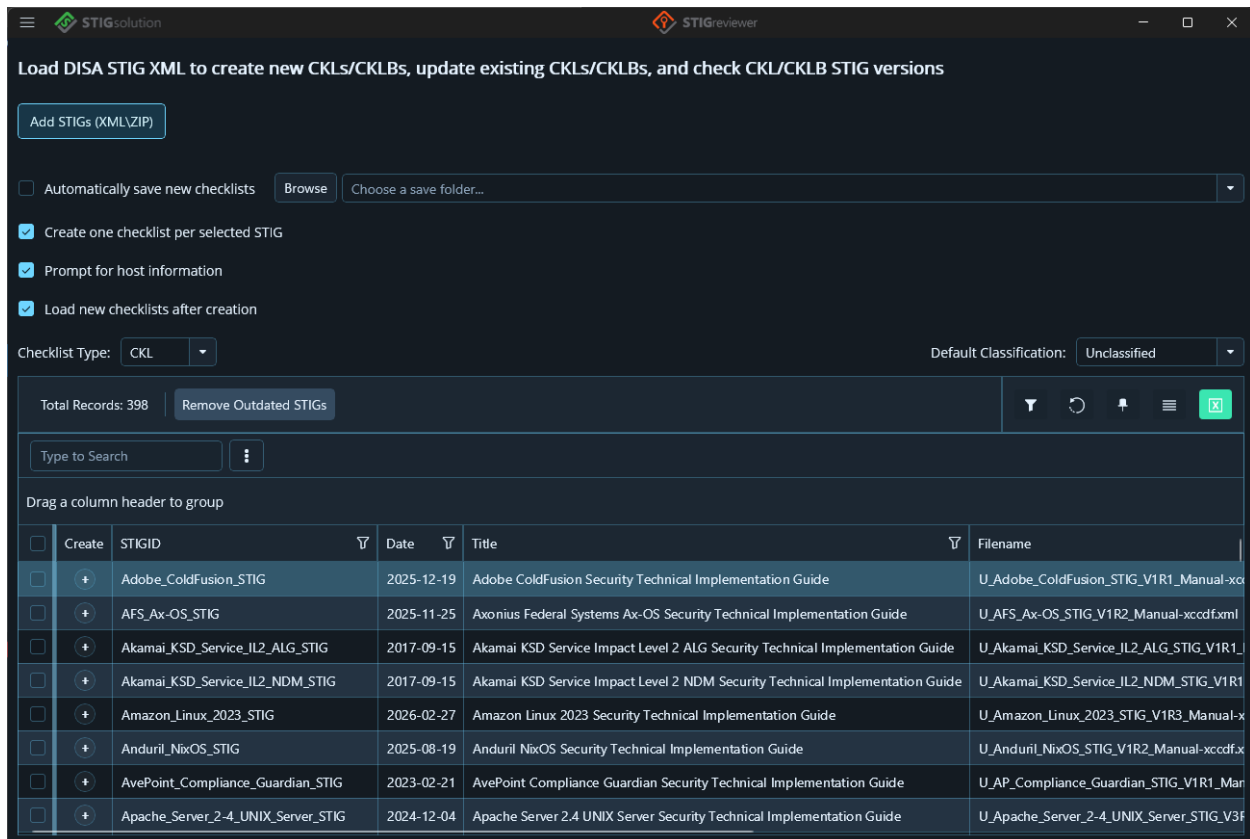
Step 1 — Build your STIG Library

The STIG Library is your local collection of DISA STIG XML files. STIGreviewer uses it to create new checklists, to update existing checklists when a STIG is revised, and to detect when one of your loaded checklists is built on an outdated version of a STIG.

- Open the **STIG Library** page from the flyout.
- Click **Add STIGs (XML\ZIP)** and select one or more DISA STIG XML files or ZIP archives containing them. You can also drag and drop them onto the page.
- Each STIG you load appears in the grid with its STIG ID, title, version, release, and release date.

TIP

Loading STIGs using the DISA Compilation zip file is the fastest way to get a complete library set up. STIGreviewer will read every STIG inside the ZIP.



Step 2 — Load a STIG Revisions file (optional)

A STIG Revisions JSON file lists the specific checks that have been revised in a given STIG release. When this file is loaded, the application can show a Revised? column on your checklists and tell you when a finding may need a fresh look because the underlying check has changed.

- Open the **STIG Revisions** page from the flyout.
- Click **Browse** and pick your STIG Revisions JSON file (or pick a recent one from the drop-down).

The Quarter and Year of the loaded revisions file are displayed above the grid. If the application detects there may be a newer revisions file available, an amber notice appears with a link to stigsolution.com. Revisions files are updated as DISA posts STIG updates, and the updated revisions are posted in the Free Resources page at stigsolution.com and in updated downloads of all applications.

Load a STIG Revisions .json file to see information about revised STIG checks

Browse C:\AppsForSignature\Q2_2026_revisions.json

Quarter: Q2 Year: 2026

Total Records: 9179

Type to Search

Drag a column header to group

STIG Name	STIG Name ID	Quarter	Year	Version	Release	STIGID	Revision
A10 Networks ADC ALG STIG	A10_Networks_ADC_ALG_STIG	3	2024	2	2	AADC-AG-000160	Added ne
A10 Networks ADC NDM STIG	A10_Networks_ADC_NDM_STIG	3	2024	1	2	AADC-NM-000160	Added ne
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Services	1	2025	2	2	SRG-APP-000109-AAA-000300	Removed
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Services	1	2025	2	2	SRG-APP-000109-AAA-000310	Removed
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000164-AAA-000450	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000165-AAA-000550	Changed ne
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000166-AAA-000460	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000167-AAA-000470	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000168-AAA-000480	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000169-AAA-000490	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000170-AAA-000500	Updated
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000171-AAA-000510	Updated

Step 3 — Load your eMASS POA&M (optional)

If you load an eMASS POA&M export, STIGreviewer will look up each finding in your checklists and tell you whether it has a matching POA&M entry. This is shown in two places: a colored Updated STIG Version Available? / POA&M column on the inventory grid, and an In eMASS POA&M? column inside each checklist.

- Open the **Reference Files** page from the flyout.
- Click **Browse** (or pick a recent file from the drop-down) and choose your POA&M Excel file (.xls, .xlsx, or .xlsm). You can also drag and drop the file onto the page.

Loading a large POA&M can take a moment — the status text shows the percentage as it analyzes the records. When it finishes, a confirmation dialog tells you how many POA&M records were loaded.

NOTE

At this time the Reference Files page supports the eMASS POA&M only. Other reference data (such as TR Export) may be added in the future.

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Load reference files (Only eMASS POA&M supported at this time)

Browse Choose from recent files...

Total Records: 1

Type to Search

Drag a column header to group

☐	File Name	Type	Status	Records	Loaded Date	File Path
☐	POAM_Export_FAKE.xlsm	eMASS POA&M	Loaded	56	05/28/2025 09:23	C:\STIGrevolutionDemo\Demo\POAM_Export_FAKE.xlsm

Step 4 — Review the Business Rules

The Business Rules page controls how strict STIGreviewer is when checking your data, and a few other shared settings. Open it from the flyout and review each card. All changes are saved automatically. Each rule is described in detail in chapter 15.



Manage the business rules used throughout the application

Completion Calculation

☐ **Require Finding Details for % Completion**
When enabled, an item is counted as complete only if Finding Details are filled in

Host Information Validation

☒ **Require Hostname**
Require each checklist have the hostname field filled out

☐ **Require IP address**
Validates that IP address is present in host information

☐ **Require MAC address**
Validates that MAC address is present in host information

☐ **Require FQDN**
Validates that Fully Qualified Domain Name is present in host information

Checklist

☐ **Enable Severity Override**
Allow Severity Override when editing checklists

☒ **Allow Severity Override in checklists**
If disabled, any use of Severity Override will be reported as an issue

☒ **Show Result Classification**
Show Classification fields for Finding Details and Comments

eMASS

eMASS entry URL for opening POA&M items

Classification Values

Manage the classification values available throughout the application.

CUI

FOUO

Unclassified

4. Loading Checklists

The Checklists page is where you spend most of your time. The first tab, labeled Checklists, is the inventory of every CKL and CKLB file you have loaded. There are several ways to add checklists to the inventory.

Loading individual files

- Click **Load CKL\CKLB\ZIP Files** in the action button row.
- In the file dialog, select one or more files. You can pick CKL (XML), CKLB (JSON), or ZIP files.
- The selected files load into the inventory grid. If you selected a ZIP, STIGreviewer reads it and loads every CKL and CKLB inside, including any nested ZIPs.

The screenshot shows the STIGreviewer application window with the 'Checklists' tab selected. The interface includes a header bar with the application name and a search bar. Below the header, there are buttons for 'Load CKL\CKLB\ZIP Files', 'Create CKL\CKLB from SCAP', and 'Load CKL\CKLB from Folder'. A dropdown menu for 'Load Previous Folder:' is also present. A red banner indicates '1 outdated STIG(s)'. The main area displays a table of loaded checklists with columns for 'Edit', '% Complete', 'Updated STIG Version Available?', 'Hostname', 'Title', and 'Filename'. The table contains 10 records, each with a progress bar indicating the completion status.

Edit	% Complete	Updated STIG Version Available?	Hostname	Title	Filename
☐	100%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Defender Antivirus	Workstation01_MS_Defender_Antivirus_V2R8.cklb
☐	0%	No	Server01	Microsoft Windows Server 2022	Server01_MS_Windows_Server_2022_STIGV2R8.cklb
☐	96%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Windows 11	Workstation01_Microsoft_Windows_11_STIGV2R7.cklb
☐	1%	Yes	Server02	Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Security Tech	Server02_Windows_Server_2019_STIG_V3R7.cklb
☐	0%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Edge Security Technical Implement	Workstation01_MS_Edge_STIGV2R5.ckl
☐	0%	No	RHEL_100	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 Security Technical	RHEL_100_RHEL_9_STIGV2R8.ckl
☐	100%	No	RHEL01	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9	RHEL01_RHEL_9_STIGV2R8 (1).cklb
☐	0%	No	Server01	Adobe ColdFusion Security Technical Implem	Server01_Adobe_ColdFusion_STIG_V1R1.ckl
☐	96%	No	Workstation01	Google Chrome Current Windows	Workstation01_Google_Chrome_Current_WindowsV2R11.cklb

Loading every checklist in a folder

- Click **Load CKL\CKLB from Folder**.

- Choose a folder. STIGreviewer scans the folder and all its subfolders for CKL and CKLB files and loads everything it finds.

The folder you chose is remembered. The next time you want to reload it, open the Load Previous Folder drop-down and pick it from the list — STIGreviewer will reload it immediately.

Drag and drop

You can also drag any combination of CKL, CKLB, and ZIP files (or whole folders) from your file browser and drop them onto the Checklists page. The page shows a drop overlay that says “Drag and drop files or folders here to load, or use the options above” when no files are loaded yet.

Creating a new checklist from a SCAP scan

If you have a SCAP XCCDF result file from a scanner, you can turn the results directly into a new checklist:

- Click **Create CKL\CKLB from SCAP**.
- Pick the SCAP XCCDF XML file.

STIGreviewer generates a new checklist using the appropriate STIG (from your STIG Library) and pre-populates the results from the scan.

TIP

You can also generate new checklists directly from the STIG Library page if you want to start with an empty checklist for a specific STIG. See chapter 12.

Automatically reloading your last session

In the top right of the inventory tab there is a checkbox labeled Load most recently used checklists when application opens. Turn this on if you want STIGreviewer to reload the same set of checklists every time you start the application.

5. Working with the Checklist Inventory

The inventory grid on the Checklists page is much more than a list of files. It tells you the status of every loaded checklist and gives you a place to take action on many checklists at once.

The Issue Summary banner

Just below the page header sits the Issue Summary banner. The banner has a colored border that tells you, at a glance, the health of your loaded checklists:

- **Green** — All Clear. No issues detected.
- **Amber** — warnings (for example, missing host information or severity overrides).
- **Red** — errors (for example, outdated STIG versions or STIGs that are not in your STIG Library).

Click the expand button to open the details panel. You will see one or more cards, only those that are relevant:

- **STIG Version Issues** — one or more loaded checklists are built on an outdated STIG. Click View Details to see which ones.
- **Host Information Issues** — one or more checklists are missing required host fields. Click Review to see exactly which fields are missing on which hosts.
- **Severity Override Issues** — one or more checklists have a Severity Override set, but your Business Rules don't allow them. Click View Details to see which items.
- **STIG Library Issues** — one or more checklists use a STIG that is not loaded into your STIG Library. Click View Details to see which ones.

At the bottom of the panel you can see three counters: Total Files, Resolved, and Pending.

Checklists

Load CKL or CKLB files for editing, updating or review ☐ Load most recently used checklists when application opens

Issue Summary 1 outdated STIG(s)

STIG Version Issues
1 file(s) have newer STIG versions available [View Details](#)

10 Total Files 1 Resolved 1 Pending

Load CKL\CKLB\ZIP Files Create CKL\CKLB from SCAP Load CKL\CKLB from Folder Load Previous Folder: Select previous folder to load CKL\CKLB ...

Default CCI for STIG items with no CCI: CCI-000366

Total Records: 10

Type to Search

Drag a column header to group

☐	Edit	% Complete	Updated STIG Version Available?	Hostname	Title	Filename
☐		100%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Defender Antivirus	Workstation01_MS_Defender_Antivirus_V2R8.cklb
☐		0%	No	Server01	Microsoft Windows Server 2022	Server01_MS_Windows_Server_2022_STIGV2R8.cklb
☐		96%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Windows 11	Workstation01_Microsoft_Windows_11_STIGV2R7.cklb
☐		1%	Yes	Server02	Microsoft Windows Server 2019 Security Tech	Server02_Windows_Server_2019_STIG_V3R7.cklb
☐		0%	No	Workstation01	Microsoft Edge Security Technical Implement	Workstation01_MS_Edge_STIGV2R5.ckl
☐		0%	No	RHEL_100	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 9 Security Technical	RHEL_100_RHEL_9_STIGV2R8.ckl

Reading the inventory grid

Each row in the inventory grid represents a single loaded checklist. The default columns are:

- Checkbox — select the row for bulk actions.
- Edit — the pencil button. Click it to open the checklist in its own tab.
- % Complete — a colored progress bar showing how much of the checklist is filled in.
- Updated STIG Version Available? — yes/no flag for outdated checklists.
- Hostname, Host IP, Host MAC, Host FQDN — the host this checklist applies to.
- Web Site or DB Instance, Target Comment.
- Asset Type, Title.
- Version, Release, STIG Release Date, STIG ID, STIG Filename.
- Filename, Filename/Path.
- Classification, File Modified Date.

Sorting, filtering, and grouping

The inventory grid supports all the standard grid operations:

- **Sort** — click a column header to sort by that column. Click again to reverse the sort.
- **Filter** — click the funnel icon in any column header to open the filter for that column. The active filter is shown above the grid.
- **Group** — drag a column header into the grouping area (or right-click and choose Group By) to group rows by that column. Group headers show “Total Records: N”.
- **Search** — type into the search box at the top of the grid to filter rows as you type.

Grid toolbar buttons

Above the grid are two toolbars.

Left toolbar — bulk actions

This toolbar only appears once you have selected one or more rows with the checkboxes. The available actions are:

- **Unload** — remove the selected checklists from the inventory. (The files on disk are not deleted.)
- **Copy** — copy the selected files to another folder.
- **Move** — move the selected files to another folder.
- **Add STIG** — open the Add STIG to Checklist dialog so you can add one or more STIGs from your library into the selected checklists. See chapter 12.
- **Combine** — combine the selected checklists into a single file. Only available if every selected checklist has the same hostname.
- **Split** — split each selected multi-STIG checklist into separate files, one per STIG.

Additional buttons appear when relevant:

- **Unload Duplicates** — appears if duplicate checklists are detected. Removes the duplicates from the inventory after you confirm. The newest STIG based on file date will be the checklist that remains loaded.
- **Unload Older STIG Versions** — appears if more than one version of the same STIG is loaded for the same host. Removes the older versions after you confirm.

NOTE

After a Combine or Split, STIGreviewer asks whether you want to unload the original files from the application and whether you want to delete them from disk. The choices you make are remembered as defaults for next time.

Right toolbar — grid controls

These five icon buttons are always available:

- **Clear Filters** — remove all column filters and the search text.
- **Reset Grid** — restore the grid to its default columns, widths, order, sorts, and groups.
- **Freeze Columns** — choose which columns stay pinned to the left when you scroll horizontally.
- **Column Chooser** — show or hide individual columns.
- **Manage Layouts** — save the current arrangement of the grid under a name so you can switch back to it later. This is described in detail in chapter 8, and it is now available on every grid in the application.
- **View** — a drop-down of display options for this grid. See “The View menu” below.
- **Export to Excel** — save the current view of the grid (visible columns, filters, groups) to an Excel file. This button appears on the Checklists, STIG Library, STIG Revisions, and Reference Files grids. It is not shown on the two grids inside an open checklist — use the Export drop-down in the checklist editor instead (chapter 10).

The View menu

Click View in the right toolbar to open a small panel of display options for that grid:

- **Auto-fit row height** — when on, rows grow taller so wrapped text is fully visible. When off, every row stays the same compact height and long text is clipped. Available on every grid.
- **Open details on row click** — when on, clicking a row opens the details drawer for that row. Turn it off if you would rather click rows without the drawer appearing. This option is on the Checklists inventory grid and on the Grid view inside an open checklist. On the Checklists page it is hidden while the Details toggle is on, because the details are already shown as cards.

Color-banded columns and hover tooltips

Related columns are grouped together with a light background tint that covers both the header and the cells beneath it. On the Checklists inventory, for example, the host columns share one tint, the STIG columns another, and the file columns a third. The tints adjust automatically when you change themes.

On Windows and Mac, hovering over a cell whose text is too long to fit shows the full contents in a tooltip. This is enabled on the columns most likely to be truncated — Title, Target Comments, FQDN, STIG Filename, and File Path on the Checklists page, and on every column of the STIG Revisions grid.

Copying data out of a grid

Right-click anywhere in a grid (Windows and Mac) for a copy menu:

- **Copy** — copies the highlighted cell, or the highlighted range if you have one. Keyboard shortcut: Ctrl+C (Cmd+C on Mac).
- **Copy Range** — copies the highlighted block of cells. Keyboard shortcut: Ctrl+Shift+C.
- **Copy Row** — copies every visible column of the current row.
- **Copy All** — copies every visible row and column.

To select a block of cells, click one cell and then hold Shift and click another. Everything between the two is highlighted, across both rows and columns, and pastes into Excel as a block. A normal click clears the highlight. Shift-clicking does not change which row is selected and does not open the details drawer.

TIP

STIGreviewer remembers your grid customizations (column widths, order, sorts, filters, groups, frozen columns) between sessions. There is a separate saved layout for the inventory grid, each of the per-checklist grids, the STIG Library, STIG Revisions, and Reference Files.

Aggregating multi-STIG files

Some CKLB files contain more than one STIG. By default, these appear in the inventory as one row per STIG. If you would prefer to see one row per file, turn on the checkbox labeled “Show checklists containing multiple STIGS on one line.” (The checkbox only appears if at least one multi-STIG file is loaded.). Checklists with multiple STIGs, when listed on multiple rows, will all be highlighted the same color.

Setting a default CCI (moved)

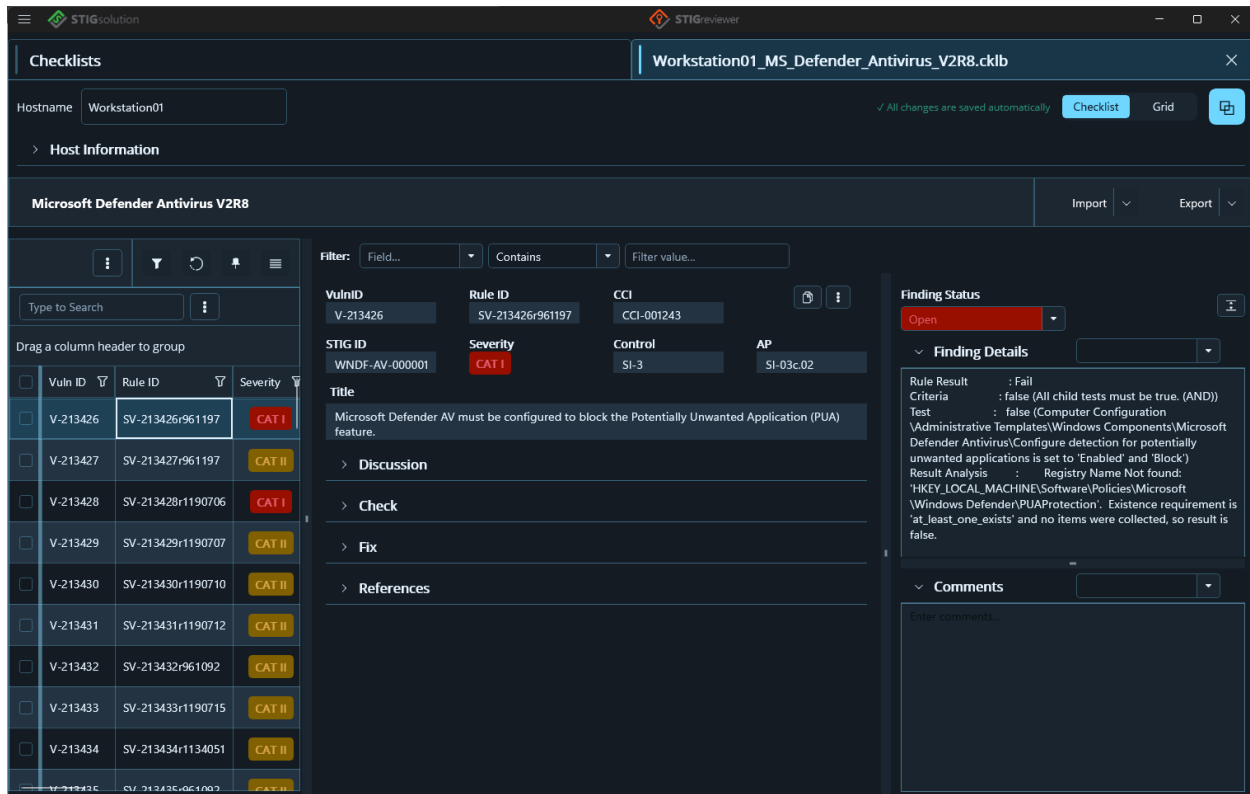
Some STIG items do not have a CCI defined. If you want STIGreviewer to substitute a default CCI for those items, set it on the Business Rules page — the “Default CCI for STIG items with no CCI” box lives in the Checklist section there (see chapter 15). In earlier versions this control was on the Checklists page itself.

6. Editing a Checklist

Opening a checklist

Click the pencil (Edit) button on any row in the inventory grid. A new tab is added to the Checklists page using the filename as the tab title, and the checklist opens for editing.

Each checklist tab has an ✕ button on its header so you can close it. The first tab (the inventory) cannot be closed.



The save indicator

STIGreviewer autosaves all of your changes — there is no Save button. Look for the status text on the right side of the editor header:

- **Saving...** — a change is currently being written.
- **✓ All changes are saved automatically** — the latest change has been written successfully.
- **⚠ Save failed** — STIGreviewer could not write the change. Check the file is not read-only or open in another application.

Popping a checklist out into its own window

On Windows and macOS, click the Pop Out icon button (link-external glyph, top-right of the editor header) to open the current checklist in its own desktop window. This is useful when you want to view two checklists side-by-side on different monitors.

Switching between Checklist view and Grid view

Use the Checklist / Grid segmented control next to the Pop Out button to switch how the checklist is displayed:

- **Checklist** — the default. A list of items on the left and a detail pane on the right showing the full requirement text and the editable fields. Best for reviewing one finding at a time.
- **Grid** — a single wide grid where you can edit Status, Finding Details, and Comments inline. Best when you have many findings to update quickly.

Both views always show the same data — switching back and forth does not affect your changes.

The Classification Banner

Across the top of every open checklist sits a colored classification banner. The banner's color and label come from the checklist's Classification field (see Host Information below) and are intended to give you a clear visual reminder of how the contents of the open checklist may be handled.

If a checklist has no meaningful classification set, the banner is hidden. To change a checklist's classification, open the Host Information expander and pick a value from the Classification dropdown. The set of available values is configured on the Business Rules page (see chapter 15).

Host Information

Below the editor header you will see the Host Information expander. Click the header bar to expand or collapse it. The Finding Status and Open By Severity donut charts also live inside this expander (on the right), so they are only visible when the expander is open. The fields available are (note that the order has changed — Asset Type is now further down the list, after Target Comments):

- Classification (dropdown) — the classification that applies to the checklist. The choice you make here is mirrored by the Classification Banner at the top of the page (see “The Classification Banner” above). The list of values is managed on the Business Rules page.
- IP Address.
- MAC Address.
- FQDN (fully qualified domain name).

- Target Comments.
- Asset Type (dropdown).
- Role (dropdown).
- Technology Area (dropdown).
- Web or Database STIG checkbox, plus Web/Database Site and Web/Database Instance fields.

On the right side of the Host Information panel are two donut charts:

- **Finding Status** — the breakdown of items by Not a Finding, Not Reviewed, Open, and Not Applicable.
- **Open By Severity** — the breakdown of items by CAT I, CAT II, and CAT III. The chart focuses on items whose status is Open, so you can see at a glance where your remaining findings are concentrated.

The screenshot displays the STIGreviewer application interface. The top bar shows the application name and the current checklist: 'Workstation01_MS_Defender_Antivirus_V2R8.cklb'. Below this, the 'Host Information' panel contains fields for Hostname, IP Address, MAC Address, FQDN, and checkboxes for Web or Database STIG. To the right of these fields are two donut charts: 'Finding Status' and 'Open By Severity'. The 'Finding Status' chart shows a breakdown of findings by status (Not a Finding, Not Reviewed, Open, Not Applicable). The 'Open By Severity' chart shows a breakdown of open findings by severity (CAT I, CAT II, CAT III). Below the charts is a table of findings with columns for VulnID, Rule ID, CCI, STIG ID, Severity, Control, and AP. The table shows several findings, with the first one being a CAT I finding related to Microsoft Defender AV configuration. To the right of the table is a 'Finding Details' panel showing the rule result, criteria, test, and comments for the selected finding.

Update Checklist and Convert to CKLB

Two action buttons appear in the toolbar when they are relevant:

- **Update Checklist** — appears when your STIG Library contains a newer version of the STIG this checklist uses. Click it to update the checklist to the latest version while preserving your answers where the rules are unchanged.

- **Convert to CKLB** — appears on CKL files. Converts the file to the newer CKLB (JSON) format.

7. The Checklist View (Form Mode)

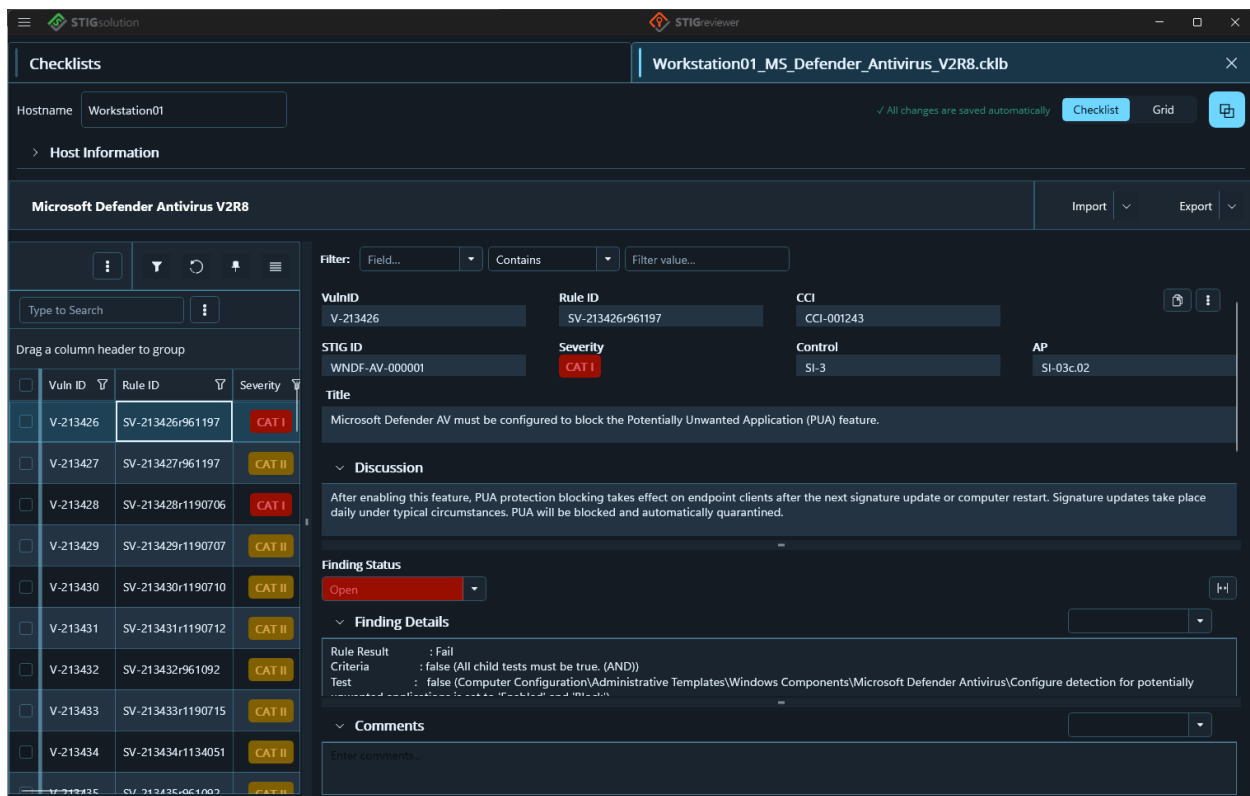
Form mode is the default view when you open a checklist. It is divided into resizable panes by drag bars (grid splitters). By default you see two panes: the items grid on the left and a stacked detail panel on the right. At the top of the page there is a persistent bar with three controls: the Quick Filter bar (described below), a 2-Column / 3-Column / Tree segmented control that switches between three overall layouts — a 2-column form layout, a 3-column form layout for wider screens, and the Tree view that groups items hierarchically (see “Tree view” below) — and a  button that chooses which detail sections are shown.

Choosing which sections are shown

The detail pane can show a lot of information, and not everyone needs all of it. Click the  button at the right end of the top bar (tooltip “Choose which detail sections are shown”) to open a “Show sections” panel with a checkbox for each optional section:

Notes, Answer File, Discussion, Check, Fix, References

All six are turned on by default, and your choice is remembered. Finding Status, Finding Details, and Comments are always shown — those are the fields you edit, so they cannot be hidden. This setting applies to both the 2-Column and 3-Column layouts. The Tree view has its own equivalent on each row's  menu.



The screenshot displays the STIGreviewer application in Form Mode. The top bar shows the checklist name 'Workstation01_MS_Defender_Antivirus_V2R8.clib'. Below the top bar, there's a 'Host Information' section. The main area is divided into two panes. The left pane shows a list of findings with columns for Vulnerability ID, Rule ID, and Severity. The right pane shows the details for a specific finding (V-213426), including its title, discussion, finding status (Open), finding details (Rule Result: Fail), and a comments section.

Vuln ID	Rule ID	Severity
V-213426	SV-213426r961197	CAT I
V-213427	SV-213427r961197	CAT II
V-213428	SV-213428r1190706	CAT I
V-213429	SV-213429r1190707	CAT II
V-213430	SV-213430r1190710	CAT II
V-213431	SV-213431r1190712	CAT II
V-213432	SV-213432r961092	CAT II
V-213433	SV-213433r1190715	CAT II
V-213434	SV-213434r1134051	CAT II

Findings Details:

- VulnID:** V-213426
- Rule ID:** SV-213426r961197
- CCI:** CCI-001243
- STIG ID:** WNDP-AV-000001
- Severity:** CAT I
- Control:** SI-3
- AP:** SI-03c.02
- Title:** Microsoft Defender AV must be configured to block the Potentially Unwanted Application (PUA) feature.
- Discussion:** After enabling this feature, PUA protection blocking takes effect on endpoint clients after the next signature update or computer restart. Signature updates take place daily under typical circumstances. PUA will be blocked and automatically quarantined.
- Finding Status:** Open
- Finding Details:** Rule Result : Fail; Criteria : false (All child tests must be true. (AND)); Test : false (Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Microsoft Defender Antivirus\Configure detection for potentially unwanted applications to protect your system)
- Comments:** Enter comments...

The items grid

The grid on the left lists every requirement in the checklist. The default columns are:

- **Checkbox** — select items for bulk update.
- **STIG** — only shown when the checklist contains more than one STIG.
- **Vuln ID**.
- **Severity** — a colored pill (CAT I, II, or III).
- **Rule ID**.
- **STIG ID**.
- **Title**.
- **Status** — a colored pill: Not Reviewed, Open, Not Applicable, or Not A Finding.
- **CCI**.
- **Control Family, Control, AP, rev4AP**.
- **Revised** — yes/no, from the loaded STIG Revisions file.
- **In eMASS POA&M?** — yes/no, from the loaded POA&M file.

The same toolbar conventions as the inventory grid apply: select rows for bulk update, use Clear Filters / Reset Grid / Freeze Columns / Column Chooser on the right.

The Quick Filter bar

Across the top of the Checklist view is a persistent Quick Filter bar. It applies whether you are in 2-Column, 3-Column, or Tree mode. The bar lets you narrow the items list using a single, focused rule. It is in addition to the per-column filters in the grid — use whichever is easier for the question you are trying to answer.

The bar has four parts:

- **Field** — pick the field you want to search in. The list includes All Fields and individual fields like Vuln ID, Severity, Status, Finding Details, Comments, Hostname, and Host IP.
- **Condition** — pick how the field should be matched (for example, contains, equals).
- **Value** — type what you are looking for. The grid filters as you type.
- **✕ Clear filter** — appears only when a filter is active. Click it to clear the filter and show all items again.

The detail pane

Select an item in the grid and its full information appears in the detail pane on the right.

Read-only fields

At the top of the detail pane you can see the Vuln ID, Rule ID, CCI, STIG ID, Severity, Severity Override (and Override Reason if set), Control, and AP — all populated from the STIG. Below that, the Title is shown as a read-only label, and the long-form text from the STIG is grouped into expanders: Discussion, Check, Fix, Revision (when present), and References.

When the Check or Fix text contains commands you would run on the target system, STIGreviewer pulls them out and shows them as clickable chips at the top of that expander. Click a chip to copy that command to the clipboard so you can paste it straight into a terminal or remote session — no need to select the text by hand out of a wall of instructions.

Editable fields

At the bottom of the detail pane are the three fields you can edit on each item:

- **Finding Status** — pick from Not Reviewed, Open, Not Applicable, or Not A Finding. Each option is color-coded.
- **Finding Details** — a rich-text area for your finding write-up.
- **Comments** — a rich-text area for additional notes.

Every change autosaves to the source CKL or CKLB file.

NOTE

If the Show Result Classification Business Rule is turned on, a small classification picker appears above each editable text field so you can mark its classification. This option can be turned off in Business Rules.

Severity Override

Severity Override lets you raise or lower the severity assigned to a finding. This is a sensitive setting:

- If Enable Severity Override is on in Business Rules, you can change the Severity Override dropdown and enter an Override Reason.
- If Allow Severity Override in checklists is off in Business Rules, every item that uses Severity Override will show up as a Severity Override Issue in the Issue Summary, and a warning banner appears at the top of the editor.

Notes on this item

The detail pane includes a Notes expander that lets you keep working notes attached to the currently selected check. The expander header shows the word Notes and a small badge with the current note count.

Notes are stored in an external file so they can be shared or reused across checklists. Inside the Notes panel you will find:

- **Open** and **New** buttons for the target notes file.
- A target-file drop-down showing the notes file currently being used.
- A list of notes for this item, and a rich-text editor for adding or editing a note.

Notes travel with the item: the same Notes panel is available in the Grid view (in the drawer's Notes tab) and in the Tree view.

When you have configured an AI provider (see chapter 16), a small AI button appears next to the Add and Cancel buttons in the note-draft area. Clicking it opens a small “Generate note with AI” pop-up with two ways to build the request:

- **Saved prompt** — pick one of the prompts from your AI Prompt library.
- **One-off prompt** — type a prompt inline for a single use. Tokens such as {VulnID}, {Title}, and {CheckText} are supported here as well. If both fields are set, the one-off prompt wins.

Click Generate and STIGreviewer will drop the AI response into the note-draft editor. Review it, edit if you like, and press Add to save the note. Nothing is written to the notes file until you click Add.

Tree view

Tree view is a third layout you can pick from the 2-Column / 3-Column / Tree segmented control at the top of the Checklist view. Instead of a flat list, items are grouped hierarchically and displayed as expandable rows.

Each row shows a chevron, a colored severity pill, an identifier (choose Vuln ID, Rule ID, or STIG ID with the Show ID picker in the toolbar), a title, and a kebab (:) menu for row actions.

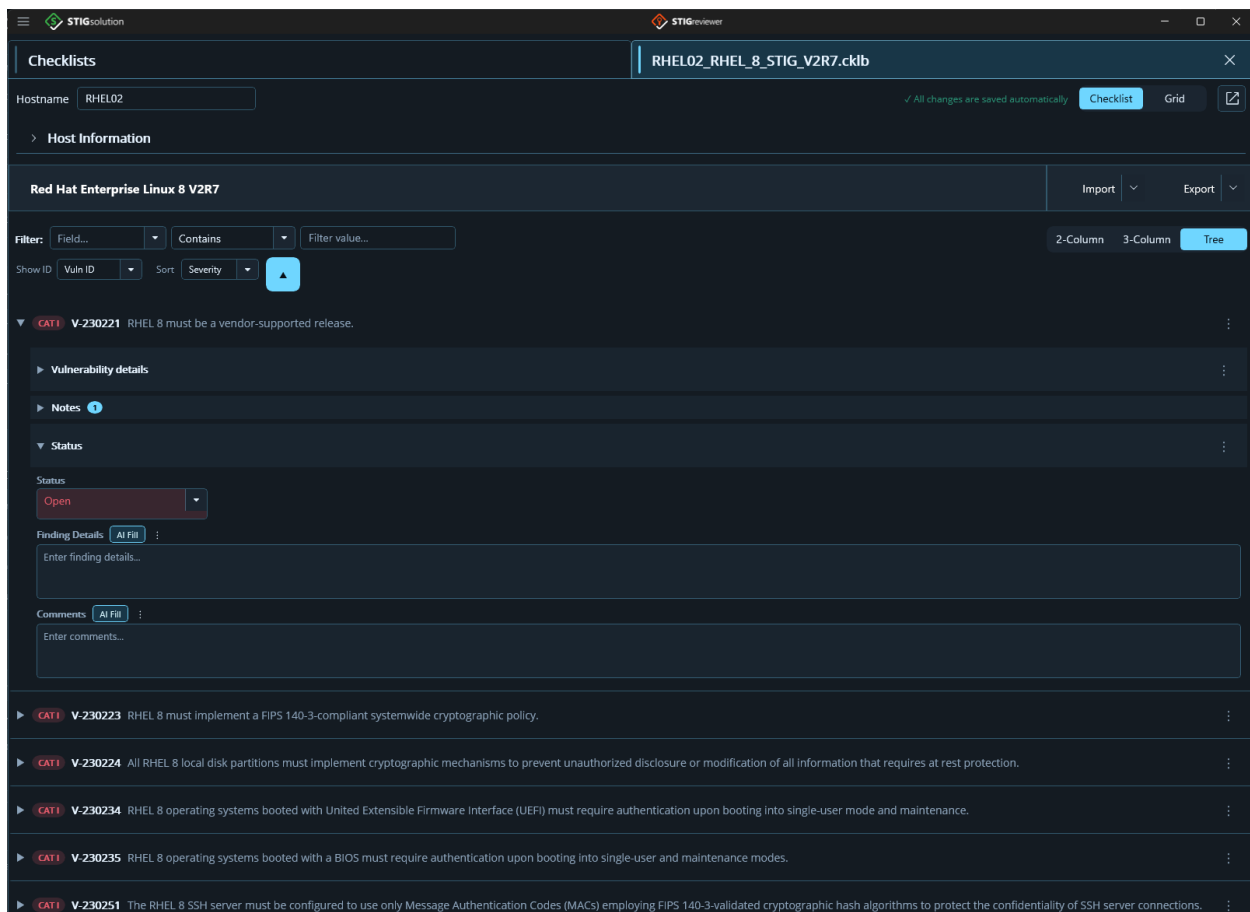
Above the tree, the toolbar has:

- **Show ID** — pick which identifier appears on each row.
- **Sort** — pick a field to sort by, plus a toggle for ascending / descending.

Expand a row and you get these sections inside it:

- **Vulnerability details** — the same read-only fields as the Checklist view: Vuln ID, Rule ID, STIG ID, Control, AP, CCI, Discussion, Check, Fix, and Revision.
- **Notes** — the same notes panel as in the Checklist view.
- **Status** — edit the finding's Status, Finding Details, and Comments in-line.
- **Answer File** — the Evaluate-STIG answer file panel for this check, with a badge showing how many answers exist. Collapsed, it summarizes as “N answer(s) in the open answer files.” See chapter 11.

Each row also has a  menu that controls which of these sections appear on that row — Vulnerability details, Notes, Answer File, and Status can each be turned on or off, and your choice is remembered.

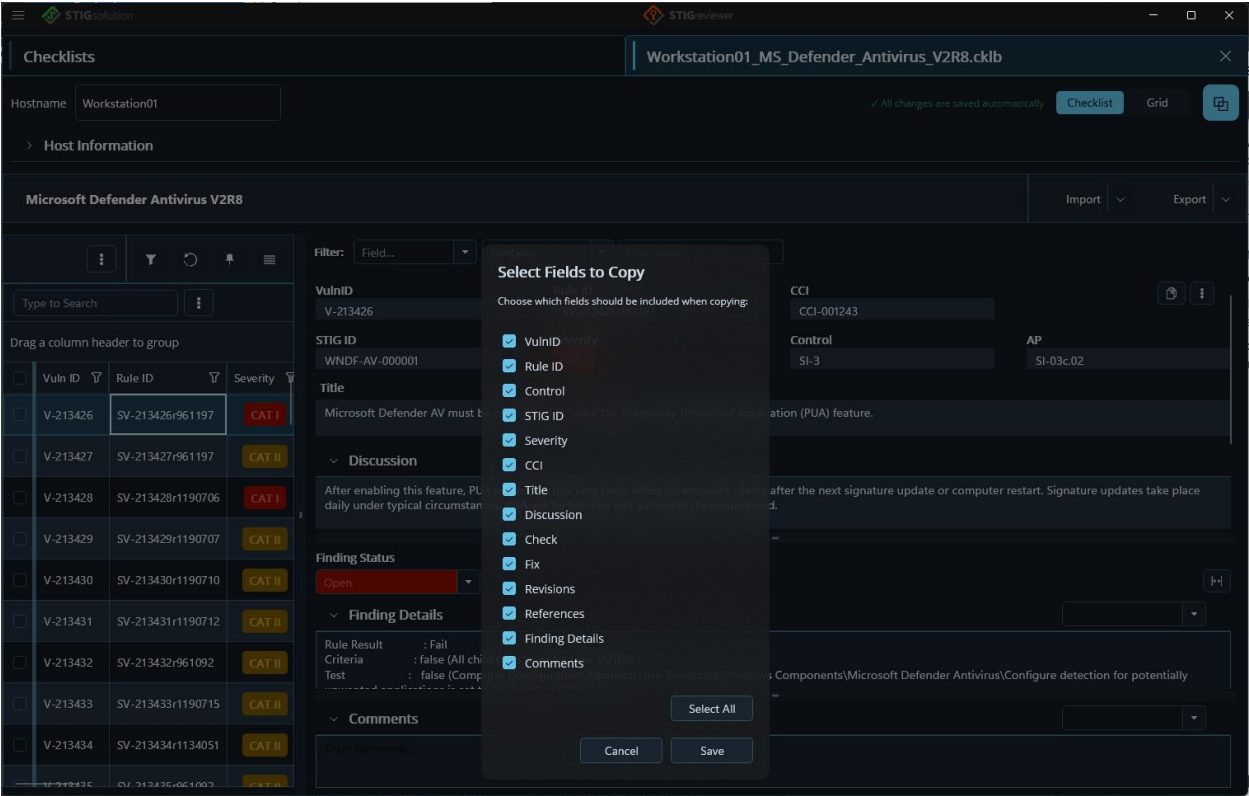


Copying vulnerability information

Two small icon buttons sit next to the read-only fields in the detail pane:

-  **Copy Vulnerability Information to Clipboard** — copies the selected fields for the current item so you can paste them into another tool.
-  **Copy Settings** — opens the Select Fields to Copy popup. Tick the fields you want included in the copy and click Save. STIGreviewer remembers your selection.

When clicked, vulnerability information for the selected item will be copied to the clipboard. From there, it can be copied anywhere else to share that findings information.



8. The Grid View

The Grid view shows your checklist as a single wide table where every field is visible at once. It is especially useful when you have a lot of small status changes to make.

The screenshot shows the STIGreviewer application in Grid View. The top bar indicates the checklist is 'Workstation01_MS_Defender_Antivirus_V2R8.cklb'. Below the header, there's a 'Host Information' section. The main grid displays 67 records. The columns are: Check, Fix, Status, Finding Details, and Comments. The Status column shows various statuses like 'Open' (red pill) and 'Not A Finding' (green pill). A drawer on the right is open, showing the 'Finding Details' for a specific finding. The drawer header is 'Editing: V-213426'. The body of the drawer contains a rich-text editor with the following content:

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Rule Result : Fail
Criteria : false (All child tests must be true. (AND))
Test : false (Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Microsoft Defender Antivirus\Configure detection for potentially unwanted applications is set to 'Enabled' and 'Block')
Result Analysis : Registry Name Not found: 'HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender\PUAProtection'. Existence requirement is 'at_least_one_exists' and no items were collected, so result is false.
Test ID : oval:mil.disa.stig.defenderantivirustst:1000 (registry_test)
Result : false
Test Title : Computer Configuration\Administrative Templates\Windows Components\Microsoft Defender Antivirus\Configure detection for potentially unwanted applications is set to 'Enabled' and 'Block'
Check Existence : One or more collected items must exist.
Check : All collected items must match the given state(s).
  
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At the bottom of the drawer is a 'Done' button.

Editing in the grid

The columns you can edit inline are:

- **Status** — click the colored pill in the Status column and pick a new value.

Finding Details and Comments are shown in the grid for reference, but you usually want more space to edit them. When you click on the Finding Details or Comments cell for a row, a drawer panel slides in from the right side of the grid:

- The drawer header shows “Editing: <Vuln ID>” followed by the item title.
- The body is a full rich-text editor with auto-resize.
- Click Done or the X button to close the drawer.
- Drag the gray handle to make the drawer wider or narrower.

TIP

Use the column chooser to hide the any columns if you find them too wide while you are doing bulk editing. Your layout choices are remembered.

Saving and reusing grid layouts

The Grid view has a Manage Layouts icon button at the end of the right-hand toolbar (after the Column Chooser). Use it when you regularly switch between different ways of looking at a checklist — for example, one layout that focuses on Open findings and another that focuses on Comments review.

Click the button to open the Layout Manager. From here you can:

- **Save the current layout** — type a name into the Layout name box at the top and click Save. The layout captures your column widths, order, visibility, sort, filter, and grouping.
- **Load a saved layout** — click Load next to any layout in the Saved Layouts list to apply it.
- **Delete a saved layout** — click the × button next to any saved layout to remove it.

If you have not yet saved any layouts, the Saved Layouts area shows “No saved layouts yet.” This is separate from STIGreviewer’s normal grid memory: the application always remembers your most recent column widths, order, and sorts between sessions, but saved layouts let you keep several configurations on hand and switch between them by name.

The redesigned drawer

Clicking a row opens the details drawer. If you would rather click rows without the drawer appearing, open the View menu in the right-hand toolbar and turn off “Open details on row click.” A docking button at the top of the drawer lets you dock it to the right (default) or to the bottom of the grid, whichever fits your monitor better.

Inside the drawer, a segmented control gives you five tabs:

- **Finding Details** — the same rich-text editor you had before. Autosaves.
- **Comments** — the same rich-text editor you had before. Autosaves.
- **Details** — new tab that shows Control, AP, and CCI along with the read-only Discussion, Check, Fix, and Revision text from the STIG, all in one panel.
- **Notes** — the same Notes panel described in chapter 7 (Open / New buttons, target-file drop-down, editable notes list).
- **Answers** — the Evaluate-STIG answer file panel for this check. See chapter 11.

At the top of the drawer there is also a Show ID picker that lets you decide which identifier (Vuln ID, Rule ID, or STIG ID) appears in the drawer header for the current item.

New grid columns

The Grid view now has several additional columns you can turn on with the Column Chooser:

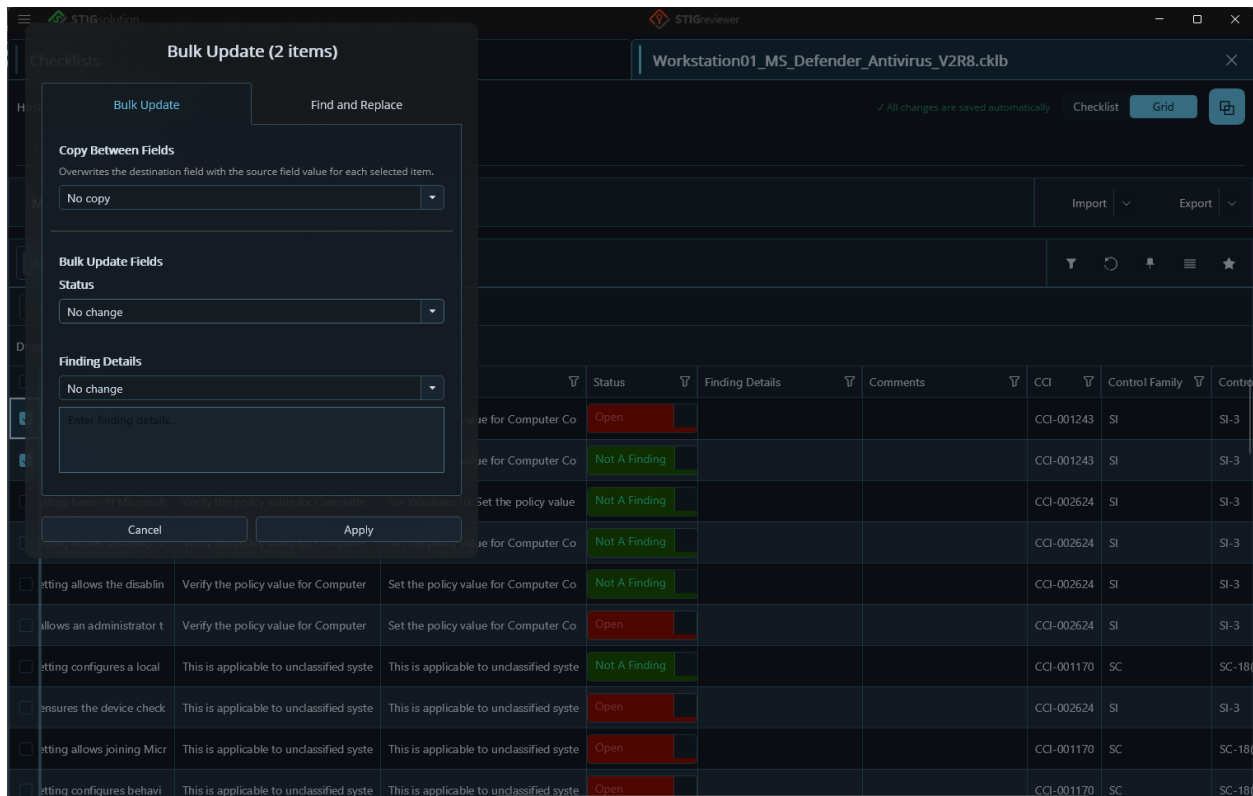
- **Hostname, Host IP, Asset Type** — useful when you have multi-STIG or aggregated checklists open.
- **Discussion, Check, Fix** — the long-form STIG text next to each item.
- **Notes** — a summary of the notes for each row (up to two lines). Tapping the cell opens the drawer's Notes tab.

The screenshot displays the STIGreviewer application interface. At the top, the 'Checklists' tab is active, showing 'RHEL02_RHEL_8_STIG_V2R7.klb'. Below this, the 'Host Information' section shows 'Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8 V2R7'. The main area is a grid of findings. The table has columns: Hostname, Host IP, Asset Type, Vuln ID, Severity, Rule ID, STIG ID, and Title. The findings are listed with their respective IDs and severities (CAT I or CAT II). A right-hand drawer is open, showing details for finding V-230224, which is categorized as 'Not A Finding'. The drawer includes tabs for 'Finding Details', 'Comments', 'Details', and 'Notes'.

Hostname	Host IP	Asset Type	Vuln ID	Severity	Rule ID	STIG ID	Title
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230221	CAT I	SV-230221r1017040	RHEL-08-010000	RHEL 8 must be a vendor-supported
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230222	CAT II	SV-230222r1184233	RHEL-08-010010	RHEL 8 vendor packaged system se
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230223	CAT I	SV-230223r1155356	RHEL-08-010020	RHEL 8 must implement a FIPS 140
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230224	CAT I	SV-230224r1044787	RHEL-08-010030	All RHEL 8 local disk partitions mus
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230225	CAT II	SV-230225r1184236	RHEL-08-010040	RHEL 8 must display the Standard I
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230226	CAT II	SV-230226r1069298	RHEL-08-010050	RHEL 8 must display the Standard I
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230227	CAT II	SV-230227r1017046	RHEL-08-010060	RHEL 8 must display the Standard I
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230228	CAT II	SV-230228r1069299	RHEL-08-010070	All RHEL 8 remote access methods
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230229	CAT II	SV-230229r1017048	RHEL-08-010090	RHEL 8, for PKI-based authenticat
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230230	CAT II	SV-230230r1069287	RHEL-08-010100	RHEL 8, for certificate-based auth
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230231	CAT II	SV-230231r1017050	RHEL-08-010110	RHEL 8 must encrypt all stored pas
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230232	CAT II	SV-230232r1017051	RHEL-08-010120	RHEL 8 must employ FIPS 140-2 ap
RHEL02	10.4.32.88	Computing	V-230233	CAT II	SV-230233r1044790	RHEL-08-010130	The RHEL 8 shadow password suite

9. Bulk Updating Items

When you need to apply the same change to many items inside a single checklist, use the Update button in the items toolbar. Update is only enabled when at least one row is selected with the checkboxes. Clicking Update opens the Bulk Update popup, which has three tabs by default and a fourth “Fill with AI” tab that appears when AI is configured (see chapter 16).



Bulk Update tab

This tab applies a uniform change across all the selected items:

- **Copy Between Fields** — pick a copy direction (for example, copy Finding Details into Comments). For each selected item, the source field’s value overwrites the destination field. Leave the picker on its placeholder “Select copy direction...” if you don’t want this part to run.
- **Status** — pick a new status to apply, or leave it alone.
- **Finding Details** — pick an action (Replace, Prepend, Append, or Leave Alone) and type the text. The action controls whether your text overwrites existing content, is added to the top, or is added to the end.
- **Comments** — same options as Finding Details.

Click the action button at the bottom to apply the changes. STIGreviewer autosaves each item as it goes.

Find and Replace tab

This tab does a search-and-replace across the selected items:

- **Field to Search** — choose which field to search in.
- **Find Text** — the text you want to find.
- **Replace With** — the text you want to put in its place.
- **Case Sensitive** — turn on if uppercase and lowercase should be treated as different.

Click Preview Matches to see what would change before you commit. When you are happy, click the apply button to make the changes.

Copy Notes tab

The third tab, Copy Notes, copies notes from the shared notes file into a checklist field for each of the selected items. Use it when you want your notes to end up inside the checklist itself (for example, in Finding Details or Comments) as part of a delivery.

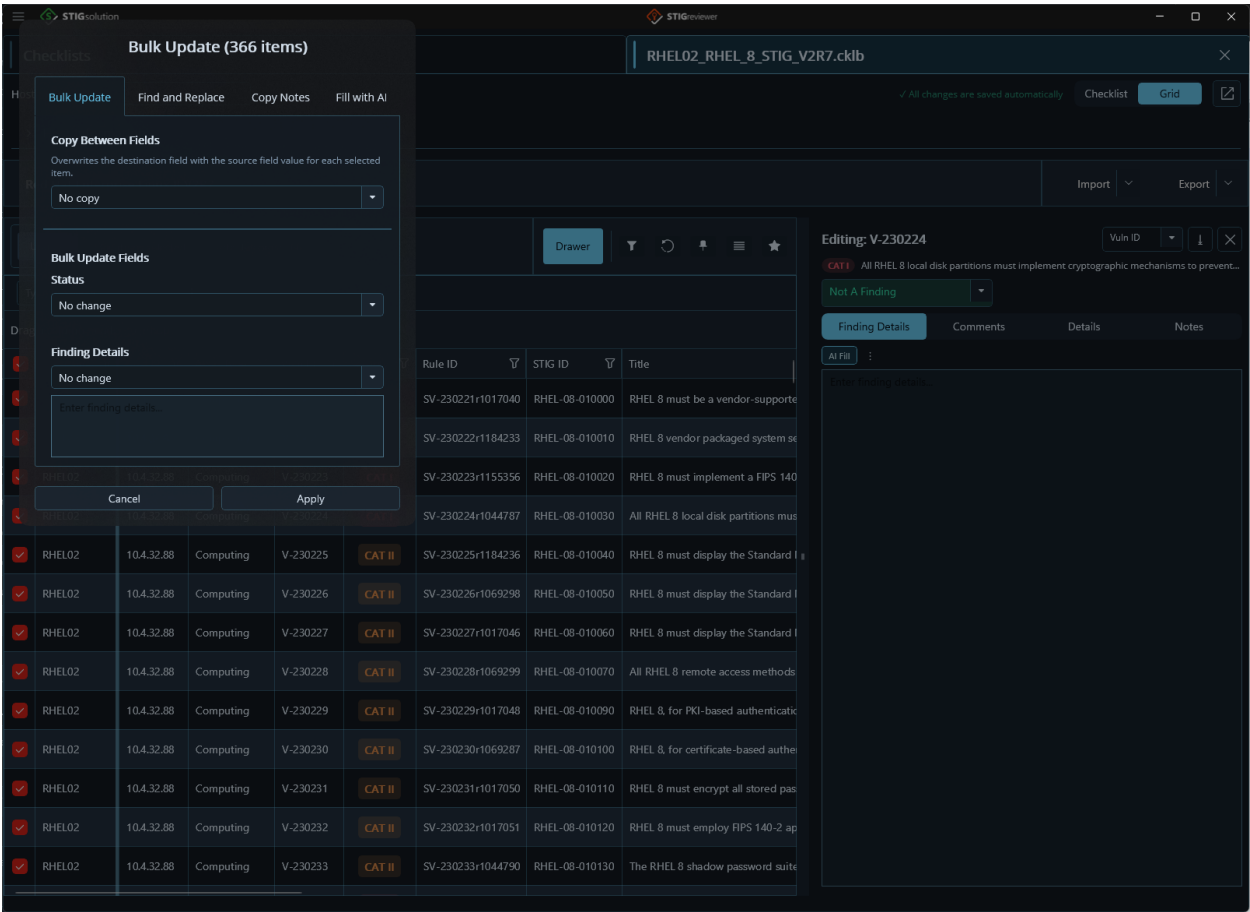
- **Target field** — pick which checklist field the notes should be copied into.
- **How to combine** — when there are multiple notes for one item, choose how they should be combined into the target field (e.g., joined or listed).
- **Which notes** — limit which notes are pulled in (all, most recent, etc.).

Fill with AI tab (when configured)

Once you have connected an AI provider on the AI Settings page (see chapter 16), the Bulk Update popup shows a fourth tab: Fill with AI. Use it to run a prompt against every selected item and drop the response into Finding Details or Comments.

- **Field to fill** — pick whether the AI response goes into Finding Details or Comments.
- **Prompt** — choose the prompt to run from your library. You edit and add prompts on the AI Settings page.
- **Fields to send with the prompt** — tick the fields (Vuln ID, Title, Check Text, etc.) that should ride along with the prompt as a labeled context block.

Click the apply button to run. STIGreviewer generates each response in parallel — the number of requests that run at once is controlled by the Bulk fill concurrency setting on the AI Settings page. A busy overlay shows “Generating X of N...” and a Cancel button while the batch runs.



10. Importing and Exporting

Each open checklist has an Import and an Export dropdown in the editor toolbar. These let you pull data into the open checklist or push the open checklist out in a different format.

Importing into the open checklist

The Import dropdown offers three options:

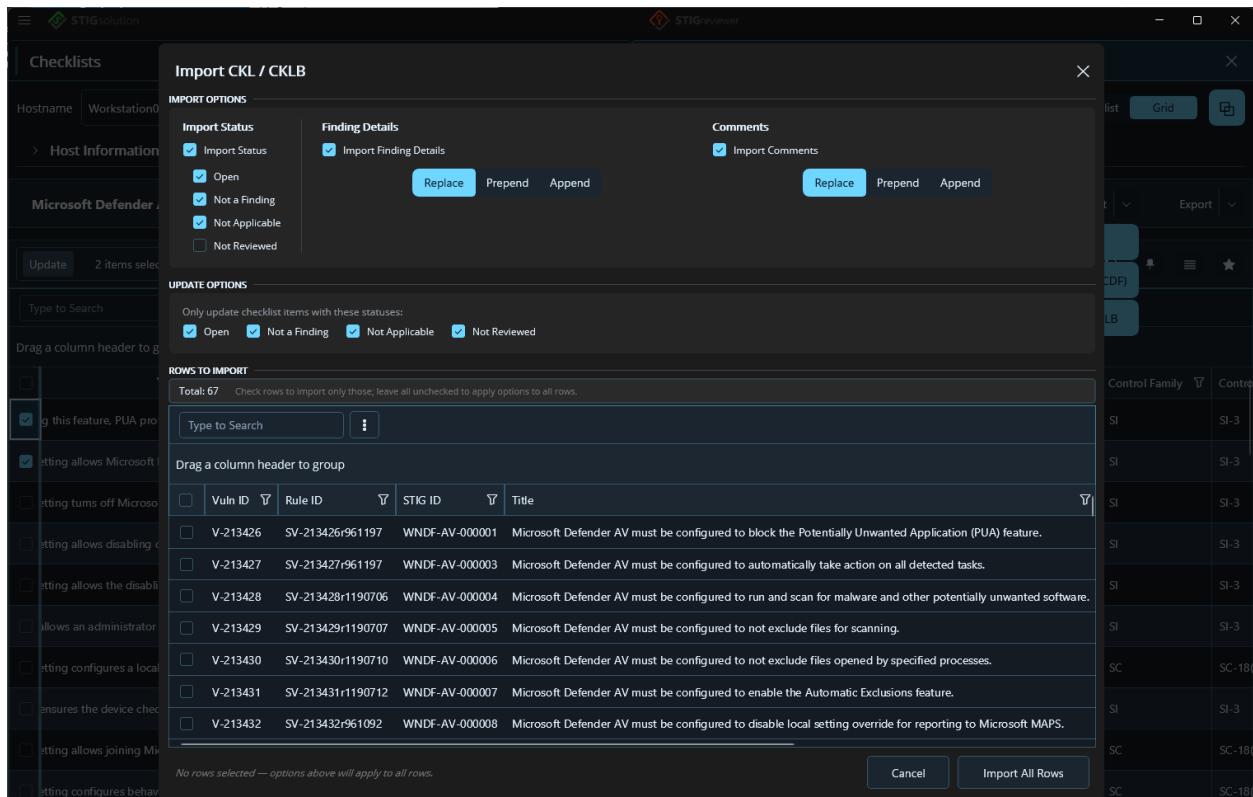
- **Excel** — import answers from an Excel spreadsheet. This option will ask for header row and mappings for applicable fields for the import. Spreadsheets do not require a specific format to be imported.
- **SCAP(XCCDF)** — import results from a SCAP XCCDF scanner output. STIGreviewer will match the scanner results against the items in the open checklist and update their statuses.
- **CKL\CKLB** — import from another checklist. This opens a larger popup with more options (see below).

Importing from another CKL or CKLB

The CKL\CKLB import popup is divided into three sections. The Finding Details and Comments panels now have their own Replace / Prepend / Append segmented control (previously this option was only available for SCAP imports), so you can decide for each side how the incoming text merges with what's already in the checklist.

- **Import Options** — the new Import Status column at the top left has a master checkbox with four sub-checkboxes: Open, Not a Finding, Not Applicable, and Not Reviewed. Uncheck any status you do not want to bring in. For Finding Details and Comments, use the Replace / Prepend / Append segmented control on each panel to decide how the incoming text merges with what's already there. There is also a match warning banner at the top of the popup that appears when the source and target don't align.
- **Update Options** — restrict which items in the target checklist will be updated, by their current status.
- **Rows to Import** — a grid with one row per item from the source file. Check the rows you want to import. If the source and target don't match on every item, a warning banner explains the discrepancy.

Click Import All Rows (or Import Selected Rows) at the bottom to finish.



Importing from a SCAP scan

When you choose SCAP(XCCDF) from the Import dropdown, the same import popup opens, but two of its panels change to fit the kind of data a SCAP scanner produces. Instead of generic Finding Details and Comments panels you will see:

- **Test Result (message)** — the descriptive message the scanner produced for each check. Turn on the “Import Test Result” checkbox, then pick the Destination (Finding Details or Comments) and a Merge Mode (Replace, Prepend, or Append) for the imported text. By default this lands in Finding Details.
- **Tool Result (tool / time / result)** — metadata about the scanner run itself: which tool, when it ran, and what it produced. Turn on the “Import Tool Result” checkbox, pick the Destination, and pick a Merge Mode. By default this lands in Comments.

The Import Options for status (Open, Not a Finding, Not Applicable, Not Reviewed), the Update Options panel, and the Rows to Import grid work the same as the CKL\CKLB import. An italic label in the footer reminds you which import mode is currently active.

Exporting the open checklist

The Export dropdown lets you save the open checklist in a different format:

- PDF — a printable report.
- Word — a fully editable document.
- Excel — one row per item, useful for further analysis.
- CSV — same as Excel but in plain CSV.

NOTE

Exporting is separate from saving. The CKL or CKLB file on disk is always kept up-to-date by autosave. Use Export when you want a copy in a different format to share or report on.

Looking up a finding in eMASS

If you have loaded an eMASS POA&M and the currently selected item has a matching POA&M record, a View POA&M Entry button appears in the editor toolbar. Click it to open the eMASS POA&M entry to view it. There will also be a button to open the POA&M item in your default browser in eMASS. The URL used for this lookup is set on the Business Rules page (see chapter 15).

11. Answer Files

Evaluate-STIG is a scanning tool that automates many STIG checks. An answer file tells Evaluate-STIG how to treat a specific check on a specific system — for example, that a finding is Not Applicable because the affected role is not installed, along with the justification comment to record. STIGreviewer can open, create, and edit those answer files right alongside the checklist you are reviewing, so you do not have to hand-edit XML in a text editor.

Answer files are separate .xml files. They are never written into your CKL or CKLB — editing an answer file does not change the checklist, and editing a checklist does not change the answer file.

Where the Answer File panel appears

The same panel is available in three places, and always shows the answers for whichever check is currently selected:

- In the Checklist view, as an “Answer File” expander in the detail pane (with a badge showing the number of answers for this check).
- In the Grid view, as the “Answers” tab of the drawer.
- In the Tree view, as an “Answer File” level inside each expanded row.

If you do not use Evaluate-STIG, you can hide the panel entirely: in the Checklist view, click the  button in the top bar and clear the “Answer File” checkbox (chapter 7).

Opening an existing answer file

When nothing is open, the panel shows “No answer file open” with Open and New buttons. Click Open and pick an Evaluate-STIG answer file (.xml). You can open more than one at a time — useful when answers for a system are split across several files.

Once files are open, the panel header shows a target-file drop-down (tooltip “New answers are saved to this file”), a × button that closes the selected file, and the Open and New buttons. Whichever file is showing in the drop-down is where new answers get written.

The files you have open are remembered, so they reopen automatically the next time you start STIGreviewer.

Creating a new answer file

Click New. STIGreviewer asks which Evaluate-STIG product the file is for, because the product’s ShortName has to match what Evaluate-STIG expects:

1. In the “New answer file – pick the Evaluate-STIG product” window, use the “Search products...” box to find your product, then select it from the list. The list comes from the Evaluate-STIG product catalog built into STIGreviewer.
2. If your product is not listed — which happens with a newer Evaluate-STIG release than the catalog — click “Enter manually...” and type the ShortName yourself.
3. A Save dialog appears with a suggested filename in the form ProductShortName_AnswerFile.xml. Choose where to save it and click Save.

The new file opens immediately and becomes the target for new answers.

Reading the answer list

Answers for the selected check appear as cards. If there are none, the panel shows “No answers for this check yet.” Each card shows:

- The key name and its Index number.
- “Expected:” — the status Evaluate-STIG must have determined for this answer to apply.
- A summary of any scope limits, whether validation code is attached, and what happens if validation passes or fails.
- “from <file>” — which open answer file the answer came from.

Each card has Edit and Delete buttons. Delete asks for confirmation first.

Adding or editing an answer

Select a check, make sure the right file is chosen in the target-file drop-down, and fill in the editor:

- **Key** — the answer key this entry belongs to.
- **Index** — must be unique within that key. Leave it blank and STIGreviewer numbers it for you.
- **Expected** — the status Evaluate-STIG determined. If the scan result does not match this, the answer is ignored.
- **Scope (optional)** — expand this to limit the answer to a particular Hostname, Instance, Database, Site, or ResultHash. Leave the fields blank to apply the answer everywhere.
- **Validation code** — optional PowerShell that decides whether the answer applies. It should return a boolean, or a hashtable with Valid and Results. Leave it blank and the answer always applies.
- **If valid → status** — the status to record when validation returns true, plus the comment to attach.
- **If NOT valid → status** — the status and comment to use when validation returns false.

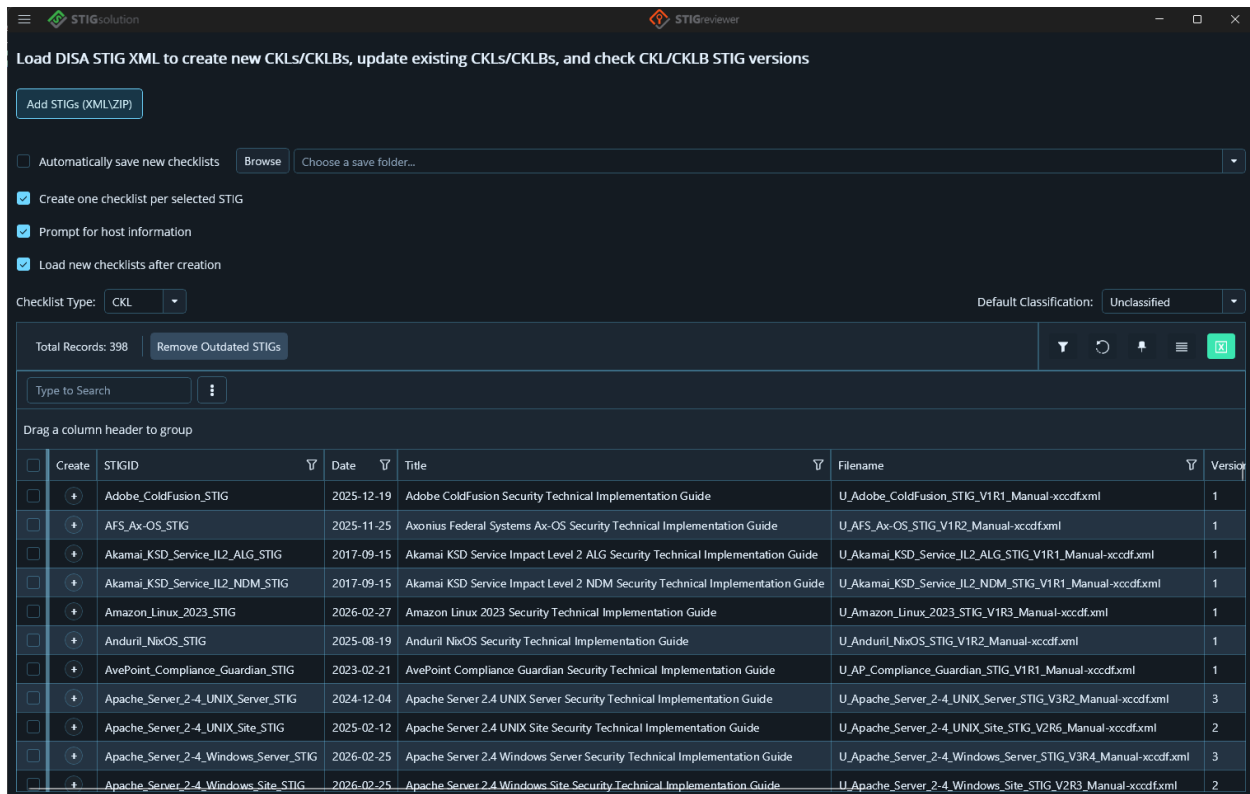
Click Add Answer to save. When you are editing an existing answer the button reads Save Answer instead. Cancel discards your changes.

Messages you may see

- **“No check selected — Select a finding before adding an answer.”** Click a row in the checklist first; answers attach to a specific check.
- **“No answer file — Open or create an answer file first.”** Use the Open or New button at the top of the panel.
- **“Couldn’t save answer.”** Usually the Index is already used by another answer under the same key. Change the Index, or clear it and let STIGreviewer assign one.
- **“Couldn’t open answer file.”** The file may not be a valid Evaluate-STIG answer file, or it may be open in another program.

12. STIG Library

The STIG Library is your local collection of DISA STIG XML files. The library is read on startup and used by the application for several jobs: creating new blank checklists, refreshing existing checklists with the latest STIG version, and flagging checklists that use a STIG you don't have in your library.



Adding STIGs to the library

- Click **Add STIGs (XML/ZIP)** on the STIG Library page. Pick one or more STIG XML files or ZIP archives — or drag and drop them onto the page.
- Each STIG is added to the grid. The grid shows STIG ID, the date, title, filename, version, release, and STIG release information.

Creating new checklists from STIGs

Above the grid is an Options block. The settings there control how new checklists are created:

- **Automatically save new checklists** — if turned on, every new checklist is saved straight to the folder you pick with the Browse button.
- **Create one checklist per selected STIG** — if turned on, each STIG you create gets its own file. If turned off, multiple STIGs can be combined into a single multi-STIG checklist.

- **Prompt for host information** — if turned on, you will see the Enter Host Information dialog as the new checklist is created, so you can fill in hostname, IP, MAC, and FQDN up front.
- **Load new checklists after creation** — if turned on, the newly created files appear in the Checklists inventory automatically.
- **Checklist Type** — choose between CKLB and CKL for the new files.
- **Default Classification** — the classification that will be applied to new checklists (drawn from the values on the Business Rules page).

To create a checklist:

- Either select one or more rows in the grid and click **Create** in the left toolbar, or click the + button in the Create column of a single row.
- If you turned on Prompt for host information, fill in the Enter Host Information dialog and click Add Host Info.
- The new checklist (or checklists) are written to the auto-save folder, if configured, and optionally loaded into the inventory.

Removing STIGs

Use the checkboxes to select STIGs in the library, then click Remove. If any STIGs in your library are older than another version you also have loaded, an Remove Outdated STIGs button appears that will clean those up in one click.

13. STIG Revisions

The STIG Revisions page loads a single STIG Revisions JSON file. These files are published periodically at stigsolution.com, typically when the quarterly releases are posted by DISA. Revisions contains a list of which specific checks have been revised in each STIG release. When loaded, the application uses this file to populate the Revised column in your checklists so you can see at a glance which findings may need re-review after a STIG update.

Load a STIG Revisions .json file to see information about revised STIG checks

Browse C:\AppsForSignature\Q2_2026_revisions.json

Quarter: Q2 Year: 2026

Total Records: 9179

Type to Search

Drag a column header to group

STIG Name	STIG Name ID	Quarter	Year	Version	Release	STIGID	Revision
A10 Networks ADC ALG STIG	A10_Networks_ADC_ALG_STIG	3	2024	2	2	AADC-AG-000160	Added new requirement to sunset STIG.
A10 Networks ADC NDM STIG	A10_Networks_ADC_NDM_STIG	3	2024	1	2	AADC-NM-000160	Added new requirement to sunset STIG.
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Services	1	2025	2	2	SRG-APP-000109-AAA-000300	Removed requirement because it is not appri
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Services	1	2025	2	2	SRG-APP-000109-AAA-000310	Removed requirement because it is not appri
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000164-AAA-000450	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000165-AAA-000550	Changed status to NA based on NIST SP 800
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000166-AAA-000460	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000167-AAA-000470	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000168-AAA-000480	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000169-AAA-000490	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000170-AAA-000500	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000171-AAA-000510	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000173-AAA-000530	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls
Authentication, Authorization, and Accounting Services (AAA) SRG	AAA_Service_SRG	3	2024	2	1	SRG-APP-000174-AAA-000540	Updated to Rev 5 Controls, original controls

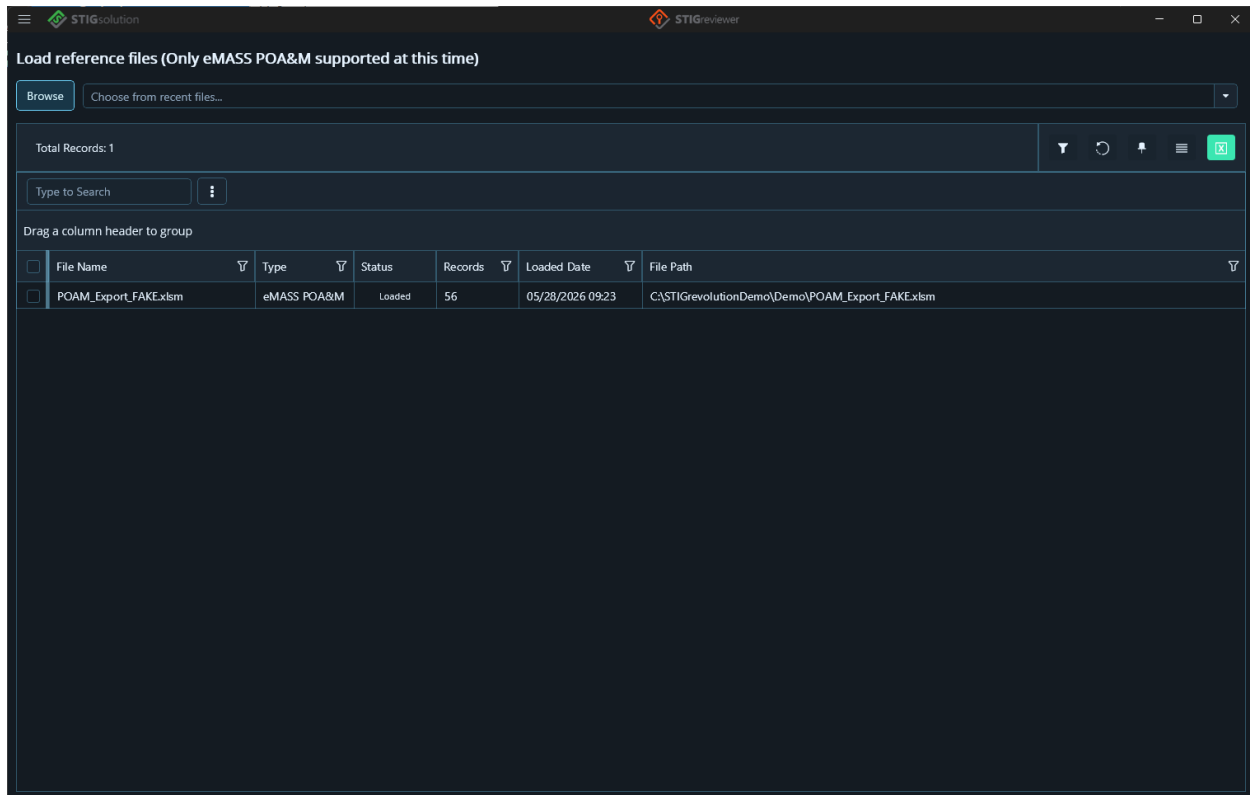
To load a revisions file:

- Click **Browse** and pick the JSON file, or choose a recent file from the drop-down. You can also drag and drop the .json file onto the page.
- The Quarter and Year of the loaded file appear above the grid.
- If the application detects there might be a newer revisions file available, an amber warning button appears next to Year. Click it to visit stigsolution.com for the latest release.

The right side of the page now has a Revision Details drawer. Select a row in the grid and the drawer shows the full read-only detail for that revision, with a splitter you can drag to resize the drawer and a close button in the drawer header.

14. Reference Files

The Reference Files page is where you load supporting data that the rest of the application looks up. At this time, the page supports the eMASS POA&M only.



Loading an eMASS POA&M

- Click **Browse**, or pick a recent file from the Choose from recent files drop-down, or drag and drop the file onto the page.
- Select your POA&M Excel file. Accepted file types are .xls, .xlsx, and .xlsm.
- Loading a large POA&M can take a few moments. The progress text shows the percentage as STIGreviewer analyzes records. When it finishes, an alert tells you how many records were loaded.

Each loaded file appears in the grid with its file name, type, status (Loaded / Loading... / Error), record count, the date it was loaded, and its full file path. Use the checkboxes and the Remove button to unload a file.

15. Business Rules

The Business Rules page sets the validation rules and shared settings that the rest of the application uses. All settings on this page autosave as you change them.

Manage the business rules used throughout the application

Completion Calculation

☐ Require Finding Details for % Completion
When enabled, an item is counted as complete only if Finding Details are filled in

Host Information Validation

☒ Require Hostname
Require each checklist have the hostname field filled out

☐ Require IP address
Validates that IP address is present in host information

☐ Require MAC address
Validates that MAC address is present in host information

☐ Require FQDN
Validates that Fully Qualified Domain Name is present in host information

Checklist

☐ Enable Severity Override
Allow Severity Override when editing checklists

☒ Allow Severity Override in checklists
If disabled, any use of Severity Override will be reported as an issue

☒ Show Result Classification
Show Classification fields for Finding Details and Comments

eMASS

eMASS entry URL for opening POA&M Items

Classification Values

Manage the classification values available throughout the application.

CUI ☒ FOUO ☒ Unclassified ☒

Completion Calculation

- **Require Finding Details for % Completion** — when on, an item is only counted toward the % Complete column if it has Finding Details filled in. When off, any item with a chosen status counts as complete.

Host Information Validation

These four checkboxes drive the Host Information Issues card on the Checklists inventory. Turn on the fields you want to require:

- Require Hostname.
- Require IP address.
- Require MAC address.
- Require FQDN.

Any checklist that is missing one of the required fields will be flagged on the inventory page.

Checklist

- **Enable Severity Override** — allow users to use Severity Override when editing items.
- **Allow Severity Override in checklists** — if turned off, every item that has Severity Override set will be reported on the inventory as a Severity Override Issue.
- **Show Result Classification** — when on, a small classification picker appears next to Finding Details and Comments so each entry can be marked with a classification.
- **Default CCI for STIG items with no CCI** — some older STIGs contain checks that are not mapped to a CCI. In that situation, STIGreviewer can substitute the value you enter here (for example, CCI-000366). Leave this box empty to use no default. This setting used to live on the Checklists page and has been moved here so it is applied consistently across every checklist you open.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage the business rules used throughout the application' settings page in the STIGreviewer application. The page is divided into several sections with various configuration options.

Completion Calculation

- ☐ **Require Finding Details for % Completion**
When enabled, an item is counted as complete only if Finding Details are filled in

Host Information Validation

- ☒ **Require Hostname**
Require each checklist have the hostname field filled out
- ☐ **Require IP address**
Validates that IP address is present in host information
- ☐ **Require MAC address**
Validates that MAC address is present in host information
- ☐ **Require FQDN**
Validates that Fully Qualified Domain Name is present in host information

Checklist

- ☐ **Enable Severity Override**
Allow Severity Override when editing checklists
- ☒ **Allow Severity Override in checklists**
If disabled, any use of Severity Override will be reported as an issue
- ☒ **Show Result Classification**
Show Classification fields for Finding Details and Comments

Default CCI for STIG items with no CCI

In instances where older STIGs don't have checks mapped to CCIs, STIGreviewerMAUI will use the specified CCI. Note that altering this CCI also affects existing CKLs/CKLBs in order to refresh the CCI number and associated controls.

CCI-000366

eMASS

eMASS entry URL for opening POA&M items

https://

Classification Values

Manage the classification values available throughout the application.

CUI x FOUO x Unclassified x

New classification value... Add

eMASS

- **eMASS entry URL for opening POA&M items** — the URL that the View POA&M Entry button uses to open a POA&M record in your browser. Enter the full URL beginning with https://.

Classification Values

The Classification Values section lists the classifications that are available throughout the application — for example, when STIGreviewer creates a new checklist, when the Show Result Classification picker is shown, and so on. Each value appears as a chip with an × button to remove it. To add a value, type it into the New classification value box and click Add.

16. AI Assistance

STIGreviewer can connect to an AI provider to help you draft Finding Details, Comments, and per-check Notes. The AI features are opt-in — every AI Fill button, the “Generate note with AI” button on the Notes panel, and the Fill with AI tab in the Bulk Update popup only appear once you have connected a provider on the AI Settings page.

Nothing generated by the AI is written to a checklist or notes file automatically — you always click Add, Apply, or accept the response yourself. The one exception is the optional “Fill Finding Details automatically when Status changes” setting described below.

Connecting to a provider

Open AI Settings from the flyout. The page has two tabs: Connection and Prompts. Start on Connection:

1. Turn on the “Enable AI features” checkbox. This is the master switch. When it is off, STIGreviewer disconnects and every AI Fill button, the AI button on the Notes panel, and the Fill with AI tab hide themselves.
2. Pick a Provider. Supported options are OpenAI, Azure OpenAI, Ollama (local models), and Claude (Anthropic).
3. Enter the Endpoint URL (only shown for Azure OpenAI and Ollama). Azure looks like `https://your-resource.openai.azure.com/` and Ollama typically runs at `http://localhost:11434`.
4. Paste your API Key (hidden for Ollama, which does not need one). The key is stored in your operating system’s secure storage, not in the plain application settings.
5. Type a Model or Deployment Name (for example, `gpt-4o`, `claude-sonnet-4-5`, `llama3.1`). For Azure this is your deployment name; for the other providers it is the model identifier.
6. Click Connect & Save. The status message underneath tells you whether the connection succeeded, and a busy indicator shows while it’s in flight.

Below the connection form is a “Test the connection” section. Type a short question (the default is “Hello, are you there?”), click Send Test Prompt, and the response appears in the box underneath. Use this if the AI Fill buttons ever seem to hang — it gives you a quick, low-cost round-trip against the same credentials.

Setting up Ollama (local AI)

Ollama is a free application that lets STIGreviewer talk to an AI model running directly on your computer, without sending anything to the cloud. It is a good fit if your organization does not allow AI data to leave the network, if you want to work offline, or if you would rather not pay per request for a cloud provider.

The trade-off is that responses are as fast (or as slow) as your own computer, and larger models take a lot of memory. On a laptop with 16 GB of RAM, an 8-billion-parameter model such as llama3.1 is a reasonable starting point.

Step 1 — Download and install Ollama

1. Open a web browser and go to ollama.com. Click the Download button.
2. Choose the installer for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).
3. Run the installer and follow the on-screen steps. On Windows it walks through a standard installer wizard; on macOS drag the Ollama app into the Applications folder and open it once so it can register itself.
4. After the install finishes, Ollama runs in the background. On Windows you will see a small Ollama icon in the system tray (bottom right, near the clock). On macOS it appears in the menu bar (top right). Leave it running — STIGreviewer connects to it while it is running.
5. Verify Ollama is running by opening a web browser and going to <http://localhost:11434>. If everything is working you will see a small page that says “Ollama is running.”

Step 2 — Download a model

Ollama can run a lot of different open-weight AI models, but you need to download the specific model you want to use before STIGreviewer can talk to it. Models are pulled from the command line:

1. Open a terminal. On Windows press the Windows key, type PowerShell, and press Enter. On macOS press Command-Space, type Terminal, and press Enter.
2. Type the following and press Enter:
`ollama pull llama3.1`
3. Wait for the download to finish. Models are typically several gigabytes; llama3.1 is about 4.7 GB. You only need to do this once per model.

Some models that work well for STIG-style Finding Details writing, from smallest to largest:

- `phi3` — about 2.3 GB. Fastest and lightest. Good for short, direct answers on modest hardware.
- `llama3.1` — about 4.7 GB. Good balance of quality and speed. Recommended starting point on 16 GB machines.
- `mistral` — about 4.1 GB. Alternative to llama3.1 with slightly different writing style.
- `llama3.1:70b` — about 40 GB. Highest quality output in this list, but only usable on a workstation with a lot of memory and (ideally) a GPU.

You can see the full model catalog at ollama.com/library. Whatever name you pass to `ollama pull` is the exact string you will type into the Model box on the AI Settings page.

Step 3 — Test the model (optional)

Before you switch to STIGreviewer, you can confirm the model is working from the terminal:

```
ollama run llama3.1
```

Type “Hello” and press Enter. The model should reply. Type /bye and press Enter to exit.

Step 4 — Connect STIGreviewer to Ollama

Open AI Settings from the flyout and fill in the Connection tab with these exact values:

- **Enable AI features** — checked.
- **Provider** — Ollama.
- **Endpoint URL** `http://localhost:11434` (this is the default; only change it if you moved Ollama to another machine).
- **API Key** — leave blank. Ollama does not require one.
- **Model** — the exact name you pulled, for example `llama3.1`. Spelling and case matter.

Click Connect & Save. Then use the Send Test Prompt button underneath to make sure a real request comes back.

Recommended settings for Ollama

- Set Bulk fill concurrency to 1 (or 2 on a very capable workstation) using the – button on the spinner. Local models can only run one request at a time on most hardware; higher values will queue up and slow the whole batch down instead of finishing faster.
- Leave the Auto-fill on status change setting off until you know how fast your model is on your hardware. Ollama is often several seconds per response, which can feel slow when it happens on every click.
- Keep Ollama running in the background whenever you use STIGreviewer’s AI features. If you quit Ollama from the tray/menu bar, STIGreviewer will lose the connection and you will need to reopen Ollama.

Troubleshooting

- **“Connection failed” on Connect & Save.** Open `http://localhost:11434` in a browser. If you don’t see “Ollama is running,” open Ollama from the system tray or menu bar (or from your Start menu / Applications folder) and try again. If the browser page loads but STIGreviewer still fails, double-check that the Model box on the AI Settings page matches a model you have pulled — run `ollama list` in a terminal to see what is installed.
- **Responses are very slow.** The first request after Ollama starts is always slower because the model has to load into memory. If it stays slow after that, try a smaller model (`phi3` instead of `llama3.1`). Closing other memory-heavy applications also helps.

- **Model download stalls or fails.** Some corporate networks block the endpoints Ollama uses to download models. If `ollama pull` stops making progress, retry on a different network or ask your IT team to whitelist `ollama.com`.
- **Output looks generic or wrong.** Local models are usually smaller than cloud models, so the writing quality is different. Try a larger model, revise the prompt on the Prompts tab to be more specific, or add more context fields to the prompt.

Auto-fill on status change

Below the connection form there is a checkbox labeled “Fill Finding Details automatically when Status changes.” When this is on, STIGreviewer will run a prompt in the background as soon as you change a check’s status to Not A Finding, Open, or Not Applicable, and drop the AI response straight into Finding Details.

Three prompt pickers underneath let you choose which prompt is used for each of the three statuses. The prompts themselves live on the Prompts tab (see below).

NOTE

Auto-fill overwrites whatever is already in Finding Details for that check. Use it when you are working through items in bulk and expect to review the AI output; turn it off if you are entering answers manually and don’t want a background task overwriting your work.

Bulk fill concurrency

The Connection tab also has a numeric spinner labeled “Bulk fill concurrency” that controls how many AI requests run at once when you use the Fill with AI tab of the Bulk Update popup. Use the + and – buttons to set a value between 1 and 8; the default is 4. Use 1 for local models on a laptop (for example, Ollama). Cloud providers typically handle higher values comfortably.

Managing prompts

Switch to the Prompts tab. Your prompt library appears in a list on the left with each prompt’s Name and a short preview. Each row has a Delete button.

Above the list are two buttons: New (create a fresh prompt) and Restore Defaults (recreates the three built-in prompts: Not A Finding, Open Finding, and Not Applicable). On the right is the prompt editor with a Name entry, a prompt-text editor, and a Save button.

Prompts can include tokens that STIGreviewer replaces with the current check’s data before sending. Supported tokens:

```
{VulnID}, {RuleID}, {StigID}, {Severity}, {Title}, {Discussion},
{CheckText}, {FixText}, {CCI}, {Control}, {AP}, {Status}, {FindingDetails},
{Comments}, {Notes}
```

Your prompt library is saved as a JSON file in your application data folder, so you can back it up or copy it between machines.

Using AI from the checklist views

Once you are connected, the AI Fill buttons appear next to the Finding Details and Comments editors in every editor surface: the Checklist view, the Grid view drawer, and the per-row expanders in Tree view.

- **AI Fill** — runs the linked prompt against the currently selected check and replaces the field with the response.
- **The three-dots menu next to AI Fill** — opens the Prompt Link Picker so you can choose which library prompt this button uses. The Finding Details three-dots menu also hosts the “Auto-fill on status change” switch; turn it on there and the AI Fill button will run whichever per-status prompt is configured on the AI Settings page.

The AI button on the Notes panel is described in chapter 7 (Notes on this item). The Fill with AI tab of the Bulk Update popup is described in chapter 9.

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Connect STIGreviewer to a large language model to enable AI-assisted checklist features

☒ **Enable AI features**
When enabled, STIGreviewer connects automatically at startup and AI fill options appear on checklist pages

Provider
Ollama

Endpoint URL
http://localhost:11434

Model / Deployment Name
llama3.2

Connect & Save

Connected.

Test the connection
Hello, are you there?

Send Test Prompt

Response

☐ **Fill Finding Details automatically when Status changes**
When you set a check's status to Not A Finding, Open, or Not Applicable, the matching prompt below runs and fills Finding Details

Prompt for Not A Finding
Not A Finding

Prompt for Open
Open Finding

Prompt for Not Applicable
Not Applicable

Bulk fill concurrency
How many AI requests run at once during a bulk fill. Use 1 for constrained local models (e.g. Ollama); cloud providers handle higher values comfortably.
4 at a time

17. Theme Settings

STIGreviewer ships with a number of themes across four categories: Light, Dark, Mid-Contrast, and High Contrast. You can choose your preferred theme either from the Theme drop-down at the bottom of the flyout or from the Theme Settings page.

Available themes

Each theme includes both a light or dark base and a family of swatches. Pick the family that matches your working environment; then pick a swatch inside that family.

Light

Best for daytime use and well-lit environments. Default: Harbor. Swatches: Harbor, Harbor Bold, Daybreak, Clarity, Graphite, Blueprint, Overcast, Celadon.

Dark (Stellar family)

Reduces eye strain in dark environments. Default: Pulsar. Swatches: Pulsar, Binary, Comet, Ion, Solar, Nebula, Helios, Aurora, Antares, Corona, Singularity. Additional standalone dark swatches: Frost, Star Fleet.

Mid-Contrast

Softer slate surfaces sitting between light and dark. Balanced contrast for long review sessions. Swatches: Fjord, Crimson Command, Azure Command, Verdant Command, Amber Command.

High Contrast (accessibility)

Maximum-contrast themes for low-vision use (WCAG AA). Swatches: High Contrast Light and High Contrast Dark.

Using the Theme Settings page

The Theme Settings page has one card per family — Light Theme, Dark Theme, Mid-Contrast Theme, and High Contrast. Each card shows a preview and a swatch picker. Beneath the cards is an Apply Changes button. To use it:

NOTE

The data tables (grids) finish applying a new theme after the app is restarted. Everything else updates immediately.

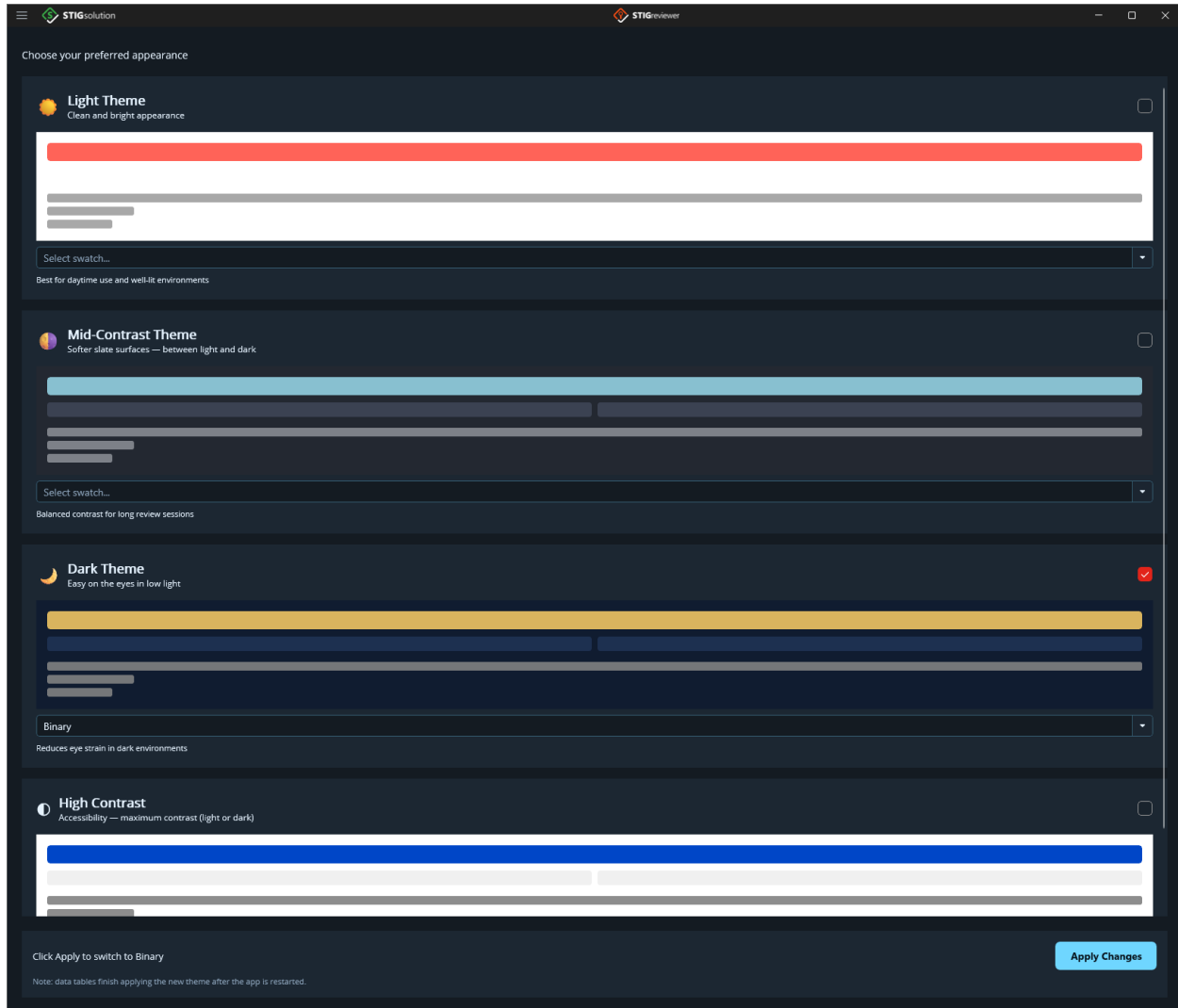
Open Theme Settings from the flyout.

Tick Light Theme or Dark Theme, then pick a swatch from the drop-down underneath it.

Click Apply Changes at the bottom. The new theme takes effect immediately and is remembered the next time you start the application.

TIP

On first launch (before you pick a theme yourself), STIGreviewer follows your operating system theme. If you change your OS theme back and forth, STIGreviewer will keep up — but only until you make a manual choice. After that, your manual choice wins.



18. Tips, Troubleshooting, and Common Messages

Tips

- All grid layouts (column widths, order, sorts, filters, groups, and frozen columns) are remembered between sessions. If a grid ever looks wrong, click Reset Grid in the right toolbar to restore the defaults.
- Use the Issue Summary banner as your checklist. Fixing the items it surfaces (outdated STIGs, missing host information, unauthorized Severity Overrides, missing STIG Library entries) is the fastest way to improve the quality of your checklists.
- If you regularly work with the same set of files, turn on Load most recently used checklists when application opens at the top of the inventory tab.
- If working multiple projects, store each projects files in their own folder, and use the Load Folder and Load Folder from history options to make switching easier.
- For wide monitors, switch the Checklist view into 3-Column layout using the segmented control at the top of the page. The read-only requirement text gets its own column, leaving more room for your finding details.
- The Update button in the items toolbar is the fastest way to roll the same change across many findings — and the Find and Replace tab inside Update is good for normalizing language across a checklist.
- Use the Combine and Split actions to keep your checklist files organized: combine all the checklists for one host into a single file, or split a multi-STIG checklist back into separate files.

Common messages and what they mean

- **“STIG Library Empty / Load STIGs into the STIG Library before adding one to a checklist.”** Open the STIG Library page and add at least one STIG before using Add STIG.
- **“‘<filename>’ could not be found and has been removed from the list.”** A checklist file in your inventory was deleted or moved on disk. The row was removed automatically.
- **“Severity Override is not allowed per Business Rules.”** The checklist has one or more items using Severity Override, but your Business Rules don’t permit them. Either remove the overrides or relax the rule on the Business Rules page.
- **“Successfully loaded N POA&M records from <filename>.”** Your POA&M was loaded. From now on, the In eMASS POA&M? column in each checklist will show whether each finding has a matching record.
- **“⚠ Save failed.”** STIGreviewer could not write your latest change. Check that the file is not read-only and not open in another application.

When things look wrong

- If columns are missing or out of order, click Reset Grid in the right toolbar of that grid to restore the default layout.
- If you cannot see any data on a page after loading a file, check whether you have any column filters or a search term active. The active filter is always shown above the grid.

19. Appendix

File types STIGreviewer works with

- **.ckl** — STIG checklist (XML). The older format. STIGreviewer can read, edit, and create CKL files, and convert them to CKLB.
- **.cklb** — STIG checklist (JSON). The newer format. STIGreviewer can read, edit, and create CKLB files.
- **.zip** — archive containing CKL/CKLB files. STIGreviewer extracts the archive (including ZIPs inside ZIPs) and loads every checklist it finds.
- **.xml** — DISA STIG XML files loaded into the STIG Library, or SCAP XCCDF result files used to create new checklists.
- **.json** — STIG Revisions file.
- **.xls, .xlsx, .xlsm** — eMASS POA&M Excel files loaded on the Reference Files page. Excel imports into individual checklists also use these extensions.
- **.xml (Evaluate-STIG answer files)** — opened, created, and saved from the Answer File panel inside an open checklist. See chapter 11. These are separate from the STIG XML files you load into the STIG Library.

Where STIGreviewer remembers things

STIGreviewer keeps your settings, your grid layouts, your recent folders and files, the path to your auto-save folder, your theme choice, and your bulk-operation defaults in your user preferences. You don't need to do anything to back them up — they are restored automatically the next time you start the application.

Quick reference — the flyout pages

- **Checklists** — inventory of loaded CKL/CKLB and the editor for individual checklists.
- **STIG Library** — local collection of DISA STIG XML files.
- **STIG Revisions** — loads the STIG Revisions JSON used to flag revised checks.
- **Reference Files** — loads the eMASS POA&M used for the In eMASS POA&M? column.
- **Business Rules** — validation rules, eMASS URL, and classification values.
- **Theme Settings** — light/dark theme selection.