

Device security checker for remote teams’ mixed hardware

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LOW DIFFICULTY

PER-DEVICE MONTHLY PRICING WITH COMPLIANCE-REPORT EXPORTS ON THE PAID TIER.

58/100

VALIDATION VERDICT / RESEARCH

Validation is a weighted rubric, not a guarantee. Use the next validation step before building.

Confidence	46%
Lifecycle	Validating
Timing	50/100
Rubric	INAV-VALIDATION-2026-06-04

VALIDATING

Watch window

Demand signal	4.7/10
Problem severity	5.3/10
Willingness to pay	6/10
Competitive saturation	5.7/10

VERDICT

Research • 58/100

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THIS WEEK'S TEST

Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

KILL IT IF

Fewer than five qualified buyers agree to discuss the workflow after targeted outreach.

— READER DEMAND SIGNAL

Would you build this? Would you pay?

One tap each — anonymous, one vote per question per day. Tallies update as readers weigh in.

Would you build this?

Be the first to weigh in

Would you pay for this?

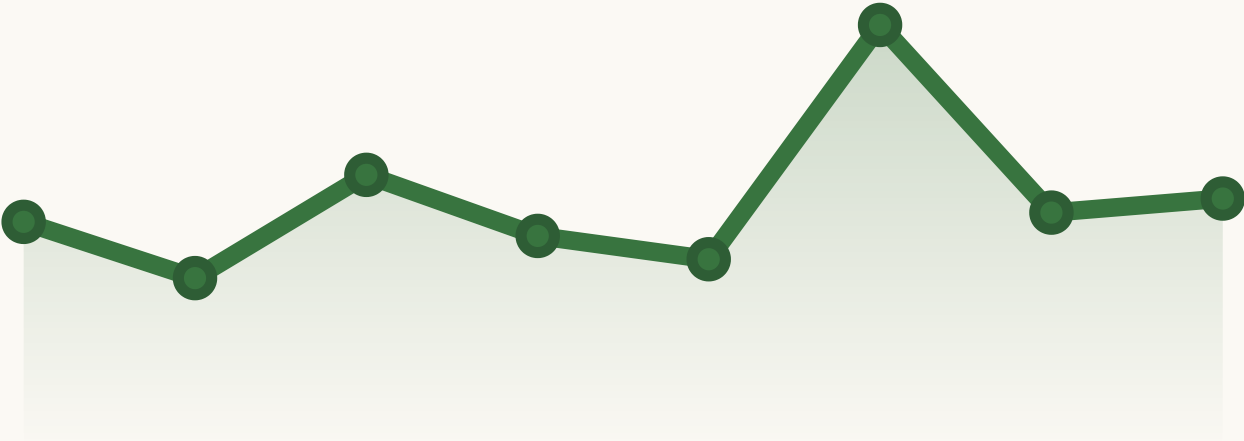
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SMB ENDPOINT SECURITY

SIGNAL MODEL

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Point	Signal Level (approx)
1	45
2	40
3	55
4	50
5	48
6	85
7	50
8	52

VALIDATION

58/100

Research

CONFIDENCE

46%

Editorial confidence

SCORE AVG

6.8/10

Scorecard average

PROOF

5/10

Proof signal average

SCORE RADAR

Decision balance



VALUE EQUATION

Offer strength



MARKET MAP

Low-impact hypothesis

CUSTOMER VALUE



High value plus high uniqueness deserves deeper research; lower uniqueness requires a clear distribution advantage.

VALIDATION FUNNEL

From pain to product.

1	Buyer pain Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices	4.5/10
2	Concierge proof Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and...	5/10
3	Paid wedge Concierge review or paid template	7.5/10
4	Repeatable product Per-device monthly pricing with compliance-report exports on the paid tier.	5.6/10

EVIDENCE HEATMAP

Signal intensity.

WHY NOW 4/10 Demand visibility	WHY NOW 8/10 Tooling readiness
WHY NOW 4/10 Budget clarity	WHY NOW 6/10 Competitive window
PAIN 4/10 Repeated workflow friction	MONEY 4/10 Budget hypothesis

URGENCY

5/10

Switching pressure

DISTRIBUTION

7/10

Reachable buyer language

Validation window (50/100): enough signal exists to run the sprint, but the market has not clearly heated yet.

Deterministic stage assignment from re-check status, demand signals, complaint echo, and competitive saturation.

50/100

VALIDATING

Adoption substrate is up 106.7% across matched packages.

1 matched company signal raise saturation.

Demand

66/100

Not old enough for a 30-day re-check yet.

Saturation

30/100

1 funded signal across 1 matched competitor signal.

Complaint echo

22/100

Matched adoption substrate is up 106.7%.

Evidence-backed idea-validation score.

The score uses a versioned 2026 rubric across demand, problem severity, willingness to pay, competitive saturation, and feasibility.

58/100

Research

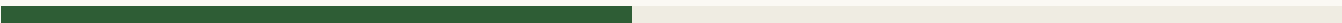
Research is the current validation verdict: feasibility is the strongest signal, while demand signal is the main evidence gap to close before scaling the build.

Rubric version: INAV-VALIDATION-2026-06-04 / generated September 16, 2026

Demand signal

4.7/10

24% WEIGHT



Demand looks weak because the report has 2 source-backed signal(s), an editorial confidence of 46/100, and a defined buyer in SMB endpoint security.

- Compliance frameworks require device-posture attestation that BYOD-heavy small companies currently satisfy with self-reported spreadsheets.
- Target buyer: Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices

Problem severity

5.3/10

22% WEIGHT



Problem severity is thin when the buyer pain, customer value, and dream-outcome scores are combined.

- Remote teams run company data on personal MacBooks, aging Windows laptops, and unmanaged phones; nobody knows which devices lack disk encryption, updates, or screen locks until a compliance questionnaire or breach asks.
- Compliance frameworks require device-posture attestation that BYOD-heavy small companies currently satisfy with self-reported spreadsheets.

Willingness to pay

6/10

20% WEIGHT

Willingness to pay is weak; the model has a monetization hypothesis, but it must still be proven through paid pilots or explicit pricing objections.

- Per-device monthly pricing with compliance-report exports on the paid tier.
- Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

Competitive saturation

5.7/10

18% WEIGHT

No source-backed direct match is recorded yet, so saturation risk is treated as unknown rather than proof of novelty.

- Existing-product check has no named direct match.
- Competitive score rewards a narrow wedge, not absence of research.

Feasibility

7.8/10

16% WEIGHT

Feasibility is strong for a low build if the MVP is limited to the first measurable workflow.

- Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.
- Kolide and similar tools occupy this exact honest-security niche already.

Next validation step

Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

Seven days to a build / kill decision.

Derived from this report's own validation test, channels, offers, and kill criteria.

Each day has a threshold, so the week ends in a decision instead of a feeling.

DAY 1

Build the buyer list

List 50-100 named ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-os devices prospects from Community pain posts and Direct outreach — names, not categories.

Threshold: 50+ named, reachable buyers on the list.

DAY 2

Join the watering holes

Join and observe Reddit / forums, Launch communities, Review and alternative pages. Collect the exact words buyers use for this pain.

Threshold: 10+ verbatim pain quotes captured.

DAY 3

Send first outreach

Send the cold outreach template (below) to 15 buyers from the day-1 list, personalized with one detail each.

Threshold: 15 sent; 3+ replies of any kind.

DAY 4

Run buyer interviews

Hold 15-minute calls using the interview script (below). Listen for current workarounds and what they cost.

Threshold: 3+ completed interviews.

DAY 5

Run the report's validation test

Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

Threshold: Problem resonance: 5+ calls or 10+ detailed replies.

DAY 6

Make the smoke offer

Offer "Concierge review or paid template" at \$19-\$99 to every interviewed buyer. Manual delivery is fine — payment is the signal.

Threshold: 1+ pre-commitment (payment, signed LOI, or scheduled paid pilot).

DAY 7

Decide against the kill criteria

Score the week against this report's kill criteria, then take the stated next validation step: Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

Threshold: A written build / keep-testing / kill decision.

Pass signal

Pass: thresholds on days 3, 4, and 6 are met — proceed to the next validation step with real buyer language in hand.

Fail signal

Kill or rethink if the week confirms: Fewer than five qualified buyers agree to discuss the workflow after targeted outreach.

Decision scorecard.

The report is structured to force a yes, no, or test decision instead of leaving the reader with a loose brainstorm.

Opportunity

5/10

PROMISING

Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware has an editorial confidence score of 46/100 before live buyer validation.

Problem

4/10

NEEDS PROOF

Remote teams run company data on personal MacBooks, aging Windows laptops, and unmanaged phones; nobody knows which devices lack disk encryption, updates, or screen locks until a compliance questionnaire or breach asks.

Feasibility

8/10

STRONG

A low build can work if the MVP stays limited to the first repeated workflow.

Why now

10/10

EXCEPTIONAL

SOC 2 and customer security reviews now reach companies of every size, while heavyweight MDM remains too invasive for employee-owned devices, leaving a verification gap.

— MARKET AND MONEY	
Business fit and offer ladder.	
Revenue potential	\$250K-\$2M ARR potential if the wedge proves budget urgency and becomes a recurring workflow.
Execution difficulty	Execution is low; the main constraint is staying narrow enough for a first proof loop.
Go-to-market	Start with manual concierge output, direct outreach, and community proof before paid acquisition.
Founder fit	Best for an AI-assisted solo founder who can interview the buyer and ship a focused first version quickly.
1. Lead magnet	Device Security Checker For Remote Teams' Mixed Hardware checklist Free Helps Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices audit the painful workflow before buying software. Capture qualified leads and learn the buyer's exact language.
2. Frontend offer	Concierge review or paid template \$19-\$99 Delivers the first useful output manually before automation is trusted. Validate urgency, workflow fit, and willingness to pay.
3. Core offer	Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware focused SaaS \$49-\$499/month Turns the recurring manual workflow into a repeatable product loop.

Create the recurring revenue product after the narrow wedge survives tests.

4. Continuity

Monitoring, benchmarks, and monthly reporting

\$99-\$1,000/year add-on

Keeps the buyer engaged with ongoing proof, saved time, or reduced risk.

Increase retention and make the product part of a routine.

5. Backend offer

Done-with-you setup, agency, or team rollout

Custom

Adds implementation help, integrations, and workflow migration.

Capture higher-value accounts once the productized wedge is proven.

Price-anchored revenue scenarios.

Derived from this report's "Core offer" offer-ladder stage (\$49-\$499/month). These are price-anchored scenarios, not market-size claims.

Proof

\$490-\$4,990 MRR**10 CUSTOMERS**

Ten paying customers proves willingness to pay and funds continued validation.

Wedge

\$2,450-\$24,950 MRR**50 CUSTOMERS**

Fifty customers in one niche makes the workflow the default in that circle and feeds referrals.

Vertical leader

\$12,250-\$124,750 MRR**250 CUSTOMERS**

A few hundred accounts in one vertical is a real business before any horizontal expansion.

Break-even

At \$49-\$499/month, 1 customers cover the stated Local-first MVP budget: \$0-\$10K before paid acquisition. budget within a month; fewer if they land at the top of the range.

Sizing the buyer universe

Size the buyer universe in one day: count ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-os devices reachable through the report's channels (directories, associations, communities) until the list stops growing — the test only needs the first 100 names, not a TAM estimate.

Pricing benchmark

No public look-alike products were recorded in this report, so price against the manual workaround's time cost, not against software.

Mixed reflexivity — execution over secrecy.

Does publishing this opportunity strengthen it or crowd it? low confidence.

Publish or protect

No dominant reflexivity signal. Publish the analysis, but note that execution speed and distribution matter more than secrecy here; revisit if the space shows saturation.

Signals

No dominant network or scarcity marker — a mixed case where execution speed and distribution matter more than secrecy.

— EVIDENCE	
Why now and proof signals.	
Why now	
4/10 Demand visibility Compliance frameworks require device-posture attestation that BYOD-heavy small companies currently satisfy with self-reported spreadsheets. Build only if the complaint repeats across interviews, posts, or existing workflow artifacts. cisecurity.org	
8/10 Tooling readiness AI-assisted product work and managed infrastructure reduce the first-version cost. The first release should automate one high-friction step rather than become a broad platform. en.wikipedia.org	
4/10 Budget clarity Per-device monthly pricing with compliance-report exports on the paid tier. Ask for money during validation before building the full workflow. cisecurity.org	
6/10 Competitive window The wedge is specific enough to test without claiming the whole market. Position around one buyer and one measurable first-win outcome. cisecurity.org	
Proof signals	
4/10 Pain: Repeated workflow friction Compliance frameworks require device-posture attestation that BYOD-heavy small companies currently satisfy with self-reported spreadsheets. cisecurity.org	

4/10

Money: Budget hypothesis

Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices is the first group to test because the monetization path is: Per-device monthly pricing with compliance-report exports on the paid tier. cisecurity.org

5/10

Urgency: Switching pressure

Urgency becomes real only if the current workaround costs time, risk, money, or reputation every week. en.wikipedia.org

7/10

Distribution: Reachable buyer language

The first channel should be whichever source lane already contains the buyer's vocabulary.

cisecurity.org

— POSITIONING

Market gaps and execution plan.

Underserved segments

- Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices who still run the workflow in spreadsheets, generic docs, email, or chat threads.
- Small teams in SMB endpoint security that feel the pain weekly but are too narrow for broad incumbents.
- New adopters who need guided proof before committing to a larger platform.

Feature gaps

- A narrow workflow that reaches value without configuration-heavy onboarding.
- A buyer-facing proof artifact that shows time saved, risk reduced, or communication improved.
- A handoff path from manual concierge service to repeatable software.

Differentiation levers

- Use specificity as the wedge: one buyer, one workflow, one measurable result.
- Show proof earlier than broad competitors with before-and-after examples and small pilot data.
- Keep implementation lighter than incumbent suites or generic AI assistants.

Execution snapshot

Type	SaaS product
Timeline	2-4 weeks
Budget	Local-first MVP budget: \$0-\$10K before paid acquisition.
Initial offer	Concierge review or paid template
Build only the first-win workflow for "Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware" and keep research, setup, and exceptions manual until the wedge is proven.	

Weekly

Community pain posts

Use communities and forums where Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices already describe the painful workflow.

Problem teardown, interview ask, and short demo clip / 5 qualified calls or 10 detailed replies in 7 days

Daily during validation

Direct outreach

Direct conversations are the fastest way to verify budget ownership and switching cost.

Concierge pilot offer with a manually prepared sample / 3 paid pilots, LOIs, or budget-owner follow-ups

Bi-weekly

Searchable comparison content

Alternative and comparison pages reveal objections, pricing language, and buying intent.

Before-and-after page or alternatives memo for the exact workflow / Organic clicks, booked demos, or waitlist joins from comparison intent

Once MVP is clickable

Launch directory

Launches test whether the promise is legible to people outside the first interview set.

Single-purpose demo and first-win story / 25% demo completion or 10 waitlist joins

Alternatives, incumbents, and whitespace.

This section names likely workarounds and public players so the report can argue where the wedge is still open.

Device security checker for remote teams’ mixed hardware should be positioned against generic AI assistants, no-code workarounds, and any vertical incumbent that already owns SMB endpoint security. The opening is a narrower first-win workflow for one buyer: Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices.

WORKAROUND

Airtable

No-code database

Competes when the first version can be modeled as a lightweight database and workflow view.

WORKAROUND

Asana

Project management

Competes where the buyer can express the workflow as tasks, owners, and due dates.

WORKAROUND

Notion

Workspace and documentation

Competes when buyers can solve the pain with templates, checklists, and shared pages.

WORKAROUND

Monday.com

Work management

Competes for operational boards, approvals, and repeatable team workflows.

DIRECT

Clio

Legal practice management

Relevant to legal operations, records, intake, and compliance workflows.

Whitespace

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- Use specificity as the wedge: one buyer, one workflow, one measurable result.
- Show proof earlier than broad competitors with before-and-after examples and small pilot data.
- Keep implementation lighter than incumbent suites or generic AI assistants.
- Own the specific buyer workflow instead of selling a broad AI assistant.

Positioning moves

- Lead with the exact buyer: Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices.
- Show a proof artifact for: Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.
- Name the generic-assistant workaround directly and explain what it misses.
- Offer concierge setup before promising a full platform.

Public source

Airtable

<https://www.airtable.com/>

Public source

Asana

<https://asana.com/>

Public source

Notion

<https://www.notion.com/>

Public source

Monday.com

<https://monday.com/>

Public source

Clio

<https://www.clio.com/>

Public source

Report source

<https://www.cisecurity.org/>

Public source

Report source

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Endpoint_security

Who’s already moving in Legal & Risk

Public companies and funding signals the intelligence graph links to this vertical (related by keyword overlap — sized players, not direct competitors). Source: [/graph.json](#) .

COMPLIANCE AND AUDIT AUTOMATION

\$150M

Vanta

Automated security compliance, audit evidence collection, and governance for SOC 2, HIPAA, and privacy programs.

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Segments, channels, and intent language.

The companion is also published as a standalone HTML page and Markdown file for research handoff.

Primary audience

Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices is the first audience because the report already names a repeated pain, reachable channels, and a validation test that can be run before software is complete.

DEVICE WORKFLOW

SECURITY VALIDATION

DEVICE AI

SECURITY AUTOMATION

SECURITY

REMOTE-WORK

SMB ENDPOINT SECURITY

First validation channels

- **Reddit / forums:** Post a problem teardown for SMB endpoint security and ask how people solve it today.
- **Launch communities:** Ship a narrow demo and watch which promise gets clicks.
- **Review and alternative pages:** Write an alternatives page that owns one narrow use case.
- **Community pain posts:** Problem teardown, interview ask, and short demo clip

— TIME TO EXECUTE

Execution-readiness scorecard.

The score turns the report into bottlenecks, accelerators, and a dated first-month launch plan.

78/100

Ready to test

Device security checker for remote teams’ mixed hardware scores 78/100 for execution readiness. The recommended next step is Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence.

Execution scorecard is generated from report validation, confidence, feasibility, founder fit, and difficulty.

Bottlenecks

- Kolide and similar tools occupy this exact honest-security niche already.
- Voluntary installation caps coverage, undermining the compliance story.
- A broad AI assistant can flatten differentiation unless the wedge is painfully specific.
- The first release can become a generic dashboard if the job is not named tightly.
- Needs real buyer access, not only desk research.

First milestones

- 2026-09-16: Frame the wedge
- 2026-09-19: Interview 10 people who match the buyer persona.
- 2026-09-23: Ship a clickable demo or concierge workflow that produces the first useful artifact.
- 2026-09-30: Run one paid pilot or collect explicit pricing objections before automating the rest.

— FRAMEWORKS

Value equation, matrix, and ACP.

Fit, roast, and kill criteria.

10/10

Founder fit

A solo or AI-assisted founder with direct access to Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices.

ADVANTAGES

- Can talk to the buyer before writing much code.
- Can ship a narrow first-win demo quickly.
- Can use local-first research artifacts to keep validation moving without a large team.

GAPS

- Needs real buyer access, not only desk research.
- Needs proof of budget or repeated urgency.
- Needs a crisp wedge before broad product work starts.

Roast

Interesting hypothesis, but it needs sharper demand evidence before build time.

BLIND SPOTS

- Kolide and similar tools occupy this exact honest-security niche already.
- A broad AI assistant can flatten differentiation unless the wedge is painfully specific.
- The first release can become a generic dashboard if the job is not named tightly.

HARD QUESTIONS

- Who wakes up already trying to solve this?
- What do they stop paying for or stop doing when this works?
- What proof would make a skeptical buyer trust it in one screen?
- What is the smallest paid version of this idea?

Kill criteria

- Fewer than five qualified buyers agree to discuss the workflow after targeted outreach.
- No buyer can name a current cost in time, money, risk, or reputation.
- The first demo does not produce a clear next step, paid pilot, or specific objection.

Next actions

- Write the one-sentence promise and test it in the strongest channel.
- Create the lead magnet and use it to recruit interviews.
- Build the smallest demo that proves the first win.

Move from reading to testing.

Local-first handoff cards copy prompts or structured data without requiring an account.

BUILD THIS IDEA

Copy the focused build brief for a coding agent.

COPY

ROAST

Copy the critique lens and blind spots before committing time.

COPY

LANDING PAGE

Copy a landing-page brief based on buyer, pain, and validation.

COPY

BRAND PACKAGE

Copy positioning inputs for naming, messaging, and design direction.

COPY

AD CREATIVES

Copy campaign angles for buyer-problem validation.

COPY

EXPORT DATA

Copy structured JSON for a research engine, roadmap tracker, or another agent.

COPY

FOUNDER FIT

Copy the founder-fit self-check before entering build mode.

COPY

Outreach template and interview script.

Built from this report's buyer, pain language, and channels. Personalize one detail per message — these are starting points, not spam ammunition.

Cold outreach message

QUESTION ABOUT DEVICE WORKFLOW

HOW ARE YOU HANDLING REMOTE TEAMS RUN COMPANY DATA ON PERSONAL MACBOOKS, AGING W...

15 MINUTES ON A SMB ENDPOINT SECURITY WORKFLOW?

Hi {{firstName}},

I'm researching how ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-os devices handle this today: Remote teams run company data on personal MacBooks, aging Windows laptops, and unmanaged phones; nobody knows which devices lack disk encry...

I'm not selling anything yet — I'm testing whether "Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware" is worth building, and I'd rather learn from people living the workflow than guess.

Would you trade 15 minutes for first access (and a say in what gets built) if it goes ahead?

{{yourName}}

COPY MESSAGE

Buyer interview script

1. Walk me through the last time this happened: Remote teams run company data on personal MacBooks, aging Windows laptops, and unmanaged phones; nobody knows which dev... What did you actually do?
2. What does that workaround cost you — in hours, money, or risk — in a normal month?
3. What have you already tried or bought to fix it, and why didn't it stick?
4. If "A lightweight agent employees install voluntarily that checks encryption, OS updates, screen lock,..." existed, what would have to be true for you to switch in the first week?
5. Who else feels this worse than you do — and would you introduce me?

WHERE TO SEND IT

- Community pain posts — Problem teardown, interview ask, and short demo clip
- Direct outreach — Concierge pilot offer with a manually prepared sample
- Searchable comparison content — Before-and-after page or alternatives memo for the exact workflow
- Reddit / forums — Post a problem teardown for SMB endpoint security and ask how people solve it today.
- Launch communities — Ship a narrow demo and watch which promise gets clicks.

Build and review prompts.

Build prompt

Build a narrow MVP for "Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware" for Ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-OS devices. Preserve the evidence, build only the first-win workflow, include source links, and treat Deploy at ten remote startups facing SOC 2, measure device-enrollment rates, and confirm auditors accept the posture reports as evidence. as the first acceptance gate.

Review prompt

Review the "Device security checker for remote teams' mixed hardware" MVP for over-breadth, unsupported claims, weak buyer proof, privacy risk, and missing validation instrumentation. Do not approve expansion until the kill criteria and success metrics are measurable.

organization / cisecurity.org

Center for Internet Security

Publisher of the baseline hardening benchmarks the checker's posture tests derive from.

encyclopedia / en.wikipedia.org

Endpoint security - Wikipedia

Background on device-level security, the layer BYOD teams currently cannot verify.

If this exact wedge isn't yours, these are adjacent.

Derived deterministically from this report's buyers, vertical language, and business model.

Same problem, different buyer: Budget owner who feels the operational cost of the broken workflow.

The workflow pain in this report is not exclusive to ops or security lead at a remote company with employee-owned and mixed-os devices. Budget owner who feels the operational cost of the broken workflow. faces the same friction with their own budget and urgency.

First test: Re-run day 3 of the sprint (15 outreach messages) against this buyer only, and compare reply rates before changing anything else.

Same workflow, adjacent vertical: pick the nearest regulated niche

No second vertical matched this report's language strongly, which usually means the wedge is horizontal. Horizontal wedges win by going vertical first.

First test: Pick the vertical where the pain costs the most per incident and rewrite the promise in its vocabulary.

Same wedge, alternate model: a productized service (fixed-price, done-for-you delivery)

This report monetizes via "Per-device monthly pricing with compliance-report exports on the paid tier.". Concierge delivery validates willingness to pay before any software exists and earns the workflow knowledge the product needs.

First test: Offer both versions on day 6 of the sprint and let the first pre-commitment choose the model.

Where this report sits in the intelligence graph.

Links from the ontology layer. Declared links are explicit in the research record; inferred links are keyword overlap and labeled as such. Full graph at /graph.json.

EVIDENCE INDEPENDENCE 88/100

8 source domains, 23 evidence edges. Dominant family: local:data/regulatory-clock.json.
Audit all provenance .

Complaint evidence

- Privacy, trust, and data-control anxiety — keyword overlap (data, work)
- Reliability and performance failures — keyword overlap (teams, work)

Related reports (shared keywords)

- Defense security cert — security automation, security validation

— IN THIS VERTICAL

Legal, Risk & Compliance

Ranked 4 of 8 by validation score among published Legal, Risk & Compliance reports.

VALIDATE · 79/100

Private AI prompt workspace for sensitive teams

AI governance

OPEN REPORT

RESEARCH · 61/100

Data retention cleanup assistant for small law firms

Legal operations

OPEN REPORT

RESEARCH · 59/100

Living substantiation file for Made-in-USA claims

Regulatory compliance software for consumer brands

OPEN REPORT

SHARED TAGS

Security and guardrail layer for MCP servers

OAuth-grant visibility dashboard for team tool stacks

Access control platform built for AI agents

— FULL NARRATIVE