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FedRAMP OSCAL Implementers

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Purpose: To engage Cloud Service Providers, 3PAOs, tool vendors and other participants in FedRAMP's OSCAL Implementers activities.

Outcomes:

- Shared understanding of current OSCAL issues
- Shared understanding of the applicability of the Digital Authorization Package pilot
- Clarity around roles and responsibilities for different stakeholders



Agenda:

- Welcome
- OSCAL Implementers General Updates
- Digital Authorization Package Topic Discussion
- Open Forum
- Next Steps & Closing



Keep the discussion respectful



Be curious, seek understanding



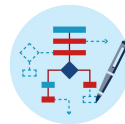
Speak from your own experience



Challenge through questions



Focus on ideas



Keep it technical

General Updates

Current Development Priorities & Status

View the [project workboard](#) for more details on ongoing work and upcoming priorities (<https://github.com/orgs/GSA/projects/25/views/2>)

Any questions on status of of items on the board?

ADRs and other important changes

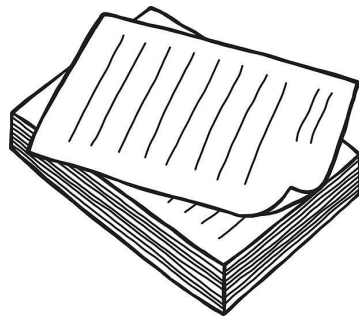
- Replacing spock versions with semantic versions in release strategy (ADR #[10](#))
 - Introducing new “***fedramp-version***” extension property
 - Developing constraints to validate that the ***fedramp-version*** and ***oscal-version*** in the document conform to our [release strategy](#)
- Aligning extension property and misc identifier requirements for the official FedRAMP namespace (DRAFT ADR #[11](#))
 - Proposing one common URI for FedRAMP ***identifier-type***, ***system*** facet attribute and FedRAMP extension property ***namespaces***
 - Drafted pull requests [#102](#) and [#828](#) provide a preview of the proposed changes
 - Please provide any feedback by the end of this week

New release for OSCAL models

- NIST released new OSCAL models in [v1.1.3](#)
- This patch release has low-risk changes that are backward compatible
 - ✓ Correct digest lengths in [#2068](#)
 - ✓ Remove erroneous service/system indices for [#2073](#) in [#2075](#)
 - ✓ Clarify protocol port-range docs for [#2065](#) in [#2070](#)
 - ✓ Relax component protocol constraint for [#1913](#) in [#2063](#)
 - ✓ Do not require a protocol/@name for [#1772](#) in [#2069](#)
 - ✓ Removed incorrect enforcement of asset-id property at implemented-component in [#2064](#)
- NIST, FedRAMP, and community members developed the changes and fixes
- This community's feedback motivated many of these changes!

Digital Authorization Packages Pilot

- Let's zoom in on Simon and Deena today.
 - Simon – Security Manager at AwesomeCloud, submitting a digital authorization package for the AwesomeCloud App
 - Deena – Developer working on GoodGRC, Simon's GRC tool
- What does it look like for Simon to prepare a Digital Authorization Package?
- How can Deena help?



- ❖ By July of 2026, Simon will need to submit his digital authorization package using OSCAL
 - His package will need to pass the initial checks of our tooling before submission
- ❖ He has some choices:

Option 1: Simon can learn all about OSCAL, use his brain/ a code editor to produce it, and run our tooling himself to make the necessary corrections



- In situation A, Simon is sad because he has to do a lot of work, and Deena won't make her performance objectives to increase velocity for AwesomeCloud's GRC program.

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<prop name="asset-id" value="DB-001" ns="http://csrc.nist.gov/ns/oscal"/>
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  <prop name="allows-authenticated-scan" value="yes"/>
  <prop name="public" value="no"/>
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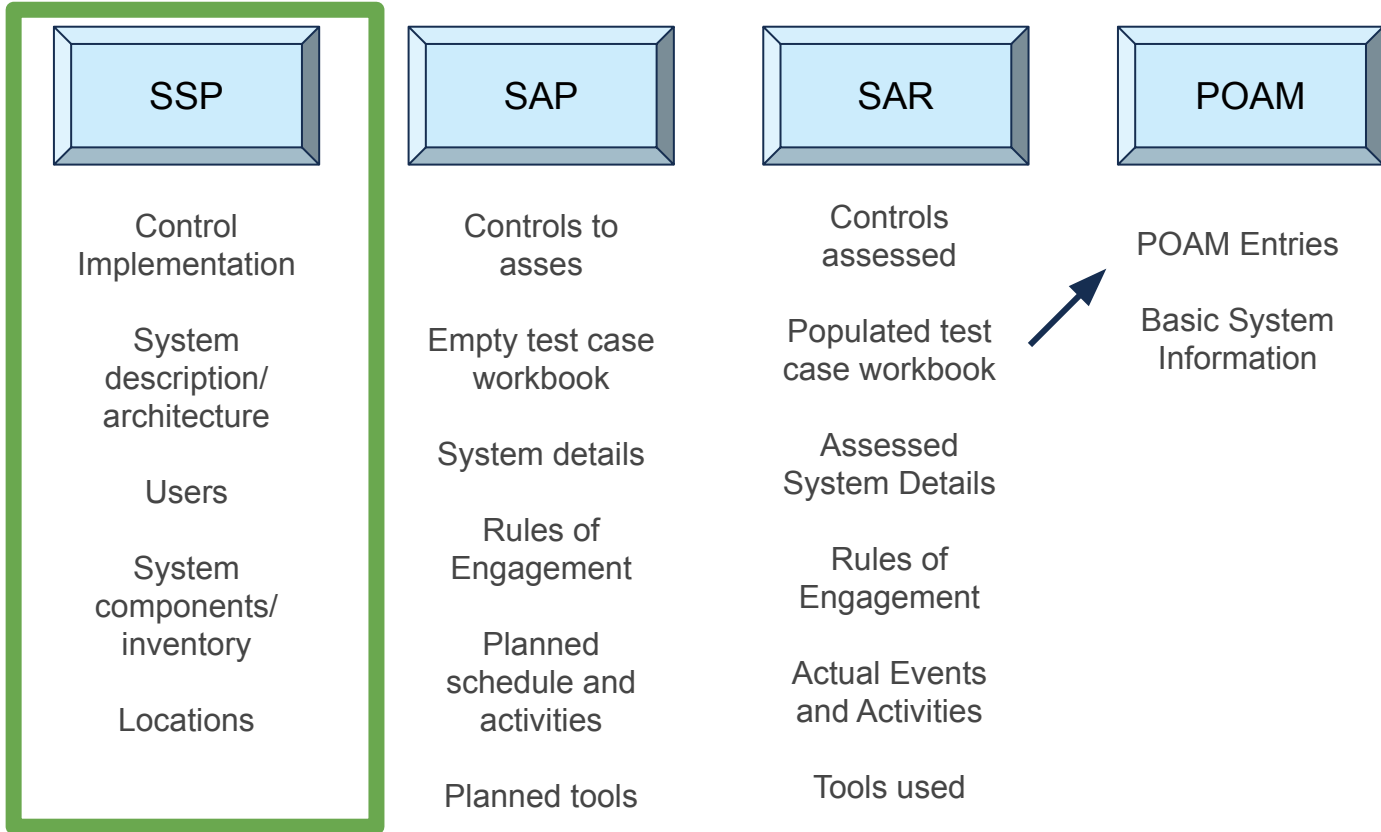
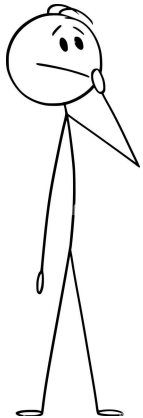
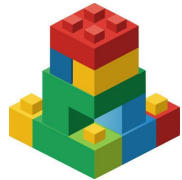
There's another option!

Option 2: Deena adds to the GoodGRC application that is incorporated with FedRAMP tooling, giving Simon a user-friendly interface that produces the OSCAL-based package for him.

- ❖ In situation 2, everyone is happy — Simon has a clean user interface that guides him on how to fill things out correctly
- ❖ Deena has a happy customer and meets her performance objectives.
- ❖ Either way, Riley is happy because automation is handling the more tedious parts of her job.



The Digital Authorization Package





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Let's look at the "Word-based Template"



CSP Name:	<Insert CSP Name> <Insert CSP Abbreviation, as appropriate>
CSO Name:	<Insert CSO Name> <Insert CSO Abbreviation, as appropriate>
FedRAMP Package ID:	<Insert FedRAMP Package ID>
Service Model:	<Choose one: IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, IaaS/PaaS, IaaS/PaaS/SaaS, IaaS/SaaS, PaaS/SaaS, LI-SaaS>
Digital Identity Level (DIL) Determination (SSP Appendix E):	<Choose one: IAL3/FAL3/AAL3, IAL2/FAL2/AAL2, IAL1/FAL1/AAL1>

FIPS PUB 199 Level (SSP Appendix K):	<Choose one: High, Moderate, Low, LI-SaaS>
Fully Operational as of:	<Insert MM/DD/YYYY>
Deployment Model:	<Choose one: Public Cloud, Government-Only Cloud, Hybrid Cloud>
Authorization Path:	<Choose one: Joint Authorization Board Provisional Authorization, Agency Authorization>
General System Description:	<Insert CSO Name> is delivered as [a/an] [insert based on the Service Model above] offering using a multi-tenant [insert based on the Deployment Model above] cloud computing environment. It is available to [Insert scope of customers in accordance with instructions above (for example, the public, federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as research institutions, federal contractors, government contractors etc.)].

How do GoodGRC fields relate to FedRAMP OSCAL



CSP Name:	OSCAL required field
CSO Name:	OSCAL required field
FedRAMP Package ID:	Under Construction
Service Model:	FedRAMP constraint has-cloud-service-model
Digital Identity Level (DIL) Determination (SSP Appendix E):	FedRAMP constraint has-identity-assurance-level

FIPS PUB 199 Level (SSP Appendix K):	FedRAMP constraint has-security-sensitivity-level
Fully Operational as of:	FedRAMP constraint fully-operational-date
Deployment Model:	FedRAMP constraint has-cloud-deployment-model
Authorization Path:	FedRAMP constraint authorization-type
General System Description:	OSCAL required field

Open Forum

Thank you

Our next Implementers virtual meeting will be on
Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 12p ET.

Submit questions and future discussion topics to OSCAL@fedramp.gov

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Ensuring your outstanding issues or questions are received:

Issues can be submitted in several ways:



Preferred

Open an issue on fedramp-automation github so that it will benefit the NIST/FedRAMP community.

<https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation/issues>

Alternate

Email us at oscal@fedramp.gov

FedRAMP Automation GitHub: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation>

- Open Issues: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation/issues>
- Open Pull Requests: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation/pulls>
- Active Work: <https://github.com/orgs/GSA/projects/25/views/3>
- Community Review Needed: <https://github.com/orgs/GSA/projects/25/views/7>

GitHub Resources:

- Issues: <https://docs.github.com/en/issues>
- Pull Requests: <https://docs.github.com/en/pull-requests>

NIST:

OSCAL repo: <https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/>

Learning Resources: <https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/learn/>

Current release: <https://github.com/usnistgov/OSCAL/releases>

Development version: <https://github.com/usnistgov/OSCAL/tree/develop>

Content repo: <https://github.com/usnistgov/oscal-content>

FedRAMP:

Current repo: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation>

Current issues: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-automation/issues>

Early Adopter repo: <https://github.com/GSA/fedramp-oscal-earlyadopters>