Rob’s Yellow Bricks Road to the FPKI OSCAL Catalog
Implementing OSCAL for your use case

• Sketch your process
• Find a problem to solve
• Start with the minimum
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• Identify
  • People
  • Processes
  • Document Artifacts

Objective: Identify places where OSCAL is a natural fit
Find a problem
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- Implementation of OSCAL requires work by the entire community
- The benefits should be clearly identified up front
Possible Benefits

• Reduce cost of compliance over time
• Decrease time to complete compliance reviews
• Improvement in Quality for artifacts
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• There are a lot of features and options in the OSCAL Specification
• You don’t have to adopt them all from day 1!
How to identify the minimum?

```json
```
catalog [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { ... },
  params [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  controls [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  groups [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
}
```

* Optional from the Data model perspective, but you can’t have a catalog with 0 controls!
Worked Example: Federal PKI Policy
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Things to Note

• Deeply nested control grouping
• Descriptive and Normative Text
• Requirements presented as unstructured Narrative
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Metadata

- “Catalog” – top level organizational object
- “UUID” – UUIDs are used widely throughout OSCAL as systemic identifiers
- Metadata
  - Title
  - Last Modified
  - Version
  - OSCAL Version - latest is 1.0.4
Groups

- Groups - Structural component
- ID (Optional)
  - Human oriented
  - consistent across revisions
- Class (Optional)
  - Characterization
Controls

• Controls
• ID (mandatory)
  • Human oriented
  • Token
  • Note that I cheated
• Class (optional)
  • characterization
  • Useful for me to distinguish between Normative or Descriptive
• Parts
  • optional (but not really)
  • Name (mandatory)
  • Prose – the contents (optional)