

Open Security Controls Assessment Language The Anatomy of OSCAL Models - Assessment Layer -

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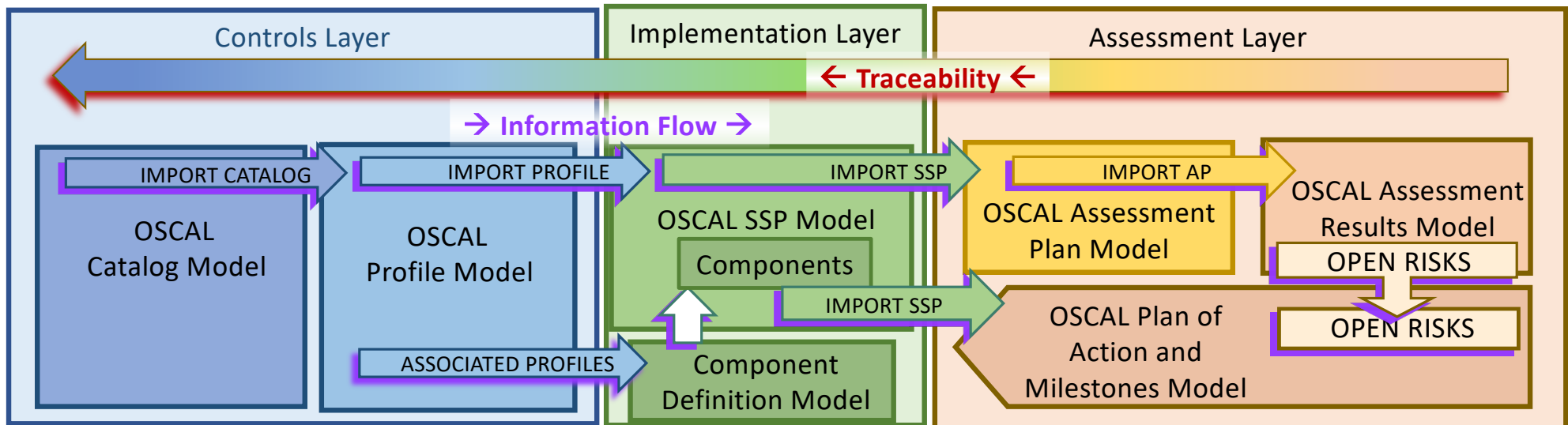
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Recap: OSCAL Layers

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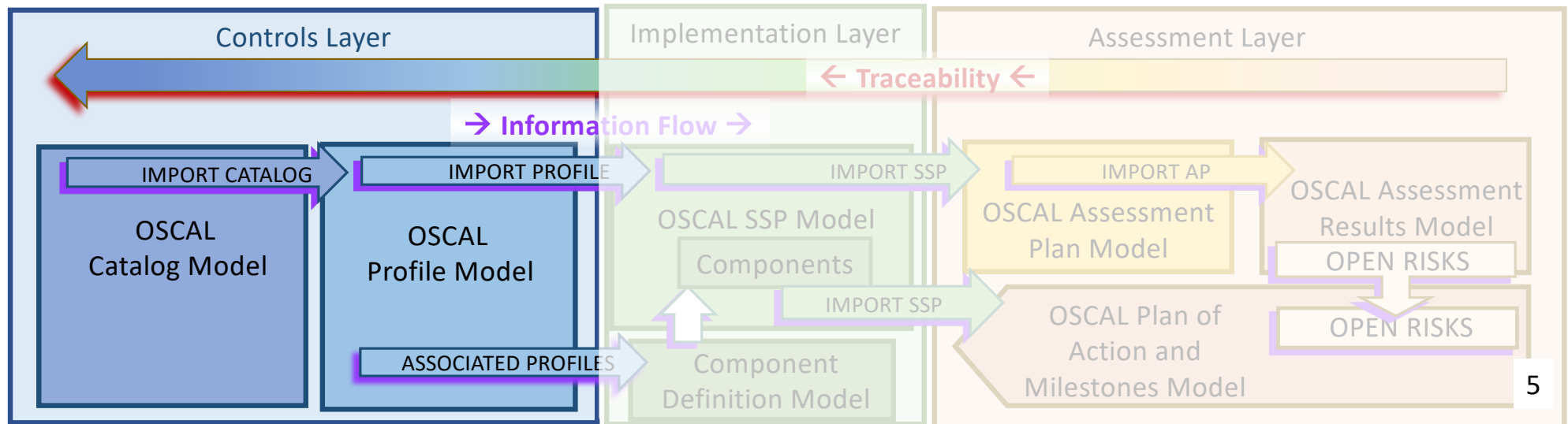


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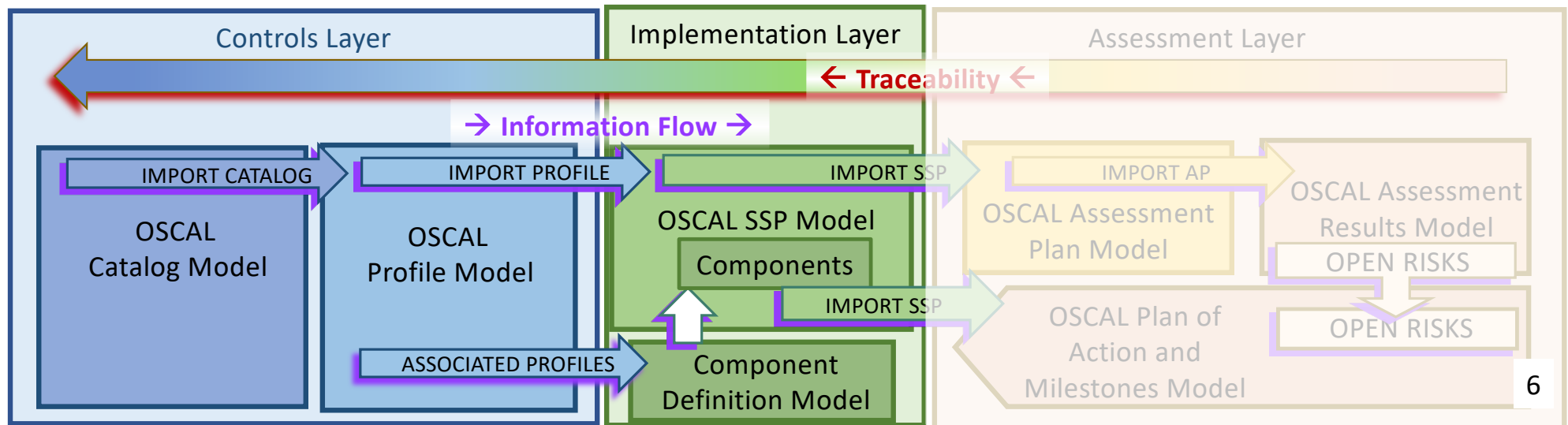


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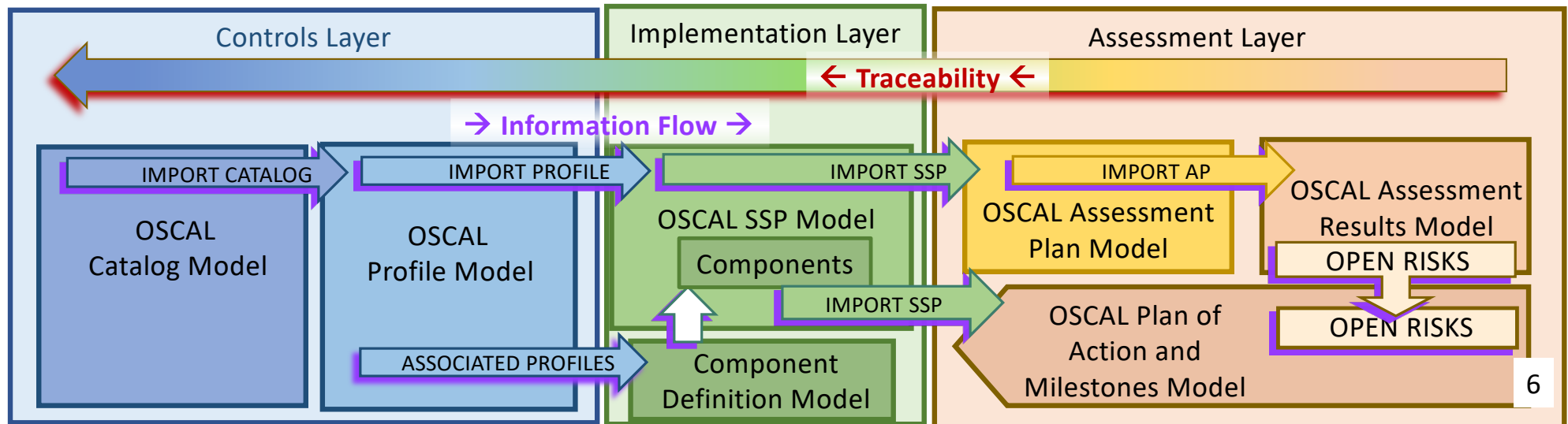


Today: OSCAL Assessment Layer

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Recap: OSCAL Models >>> OSCAL Content >>> OSCAL Tools

```

catalog [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  params [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  controls [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  groups [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
profile [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  imports [1]: [ - ],
  merge [0 or 1]: { - },
  modify [0 or 1]: { - },
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
component-definition [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  import-component-definitions [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  components [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  capabilities [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
system-security-plan [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  profile [1]: { - },
  control-implementation [1]: { - },
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
assessment-plan [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  import-ssp [1]: { - },
  local-definitions [0 or 1]: { - },
  terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { - },
  reviewed-controls [1]: { - },
  assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { - },
  tasks [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
assessment-results [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  import-ap [1]: { - },
  local-definitions [0 or 1]: { - },
  results [1]: [ - ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}
plan-of-action-and-milestones [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  metadata [1]: { - },
  import-ssp [0 or 1]: { - },
  system-id [0 or 1]: { - },
  local-definitions [0 or 1]: { - },
  observations [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  risks [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  poam-items [1]: [ - ],
  back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
}

```

OSCAL Models

<https://github.com/usnistgov/OSCAL>

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OSCAL Content Generation

OSCAL Content in Action

<https://github.com/usnistgov/osc-content>

Name	Provider/Developer	Description	Type
Compliance trestle	IBM	A python SDK and command line tool which manipulates OSCAL structures and supports transformation of data into OSCAL.	open source
OSCAL Java Library	NIST OSCAL Project	A Java-based programming API for reading and writing content conformant to the OSCAL XML, JSON, and YAML based models.	open source
OSCAL React Component Library	Easy Dynamics	A library of reusable React components and an example user interface application that provides a direct UI into OSCAL.	open source
XSLT Tooling	NIST OSCAL Project	A variety of XSLT Stylesheet transformations, XSLT Sheets (CSS), and related utilities for authoring, converting, and publishing OSCAL content in various forms.	open source
XML Jelly Sandwich	Wendell Piez (NIST)	Interactive XSLT in the browser includes OSCAL demonstrations .	open source
Xacta 360		Xacta 360 is a cyber risk management and compliance platform that provides analysis and support for system security plans (SSPs) in OSCAL format. Future OSCAL capabilities are forthcoming as the platform evolves.	license
Atlassian: Continuous Compliance Automation	C2 Labs	Atlassian runs in any environment and supports the development of OSCAL v1.0 content for Catalogs, Profiles, System Security Plans and Components. Additional detail can be found in this blog post: Atlassian Delivers Free Tools to Create OSCAL Content .	community edition

OSCAL Editorial Tools

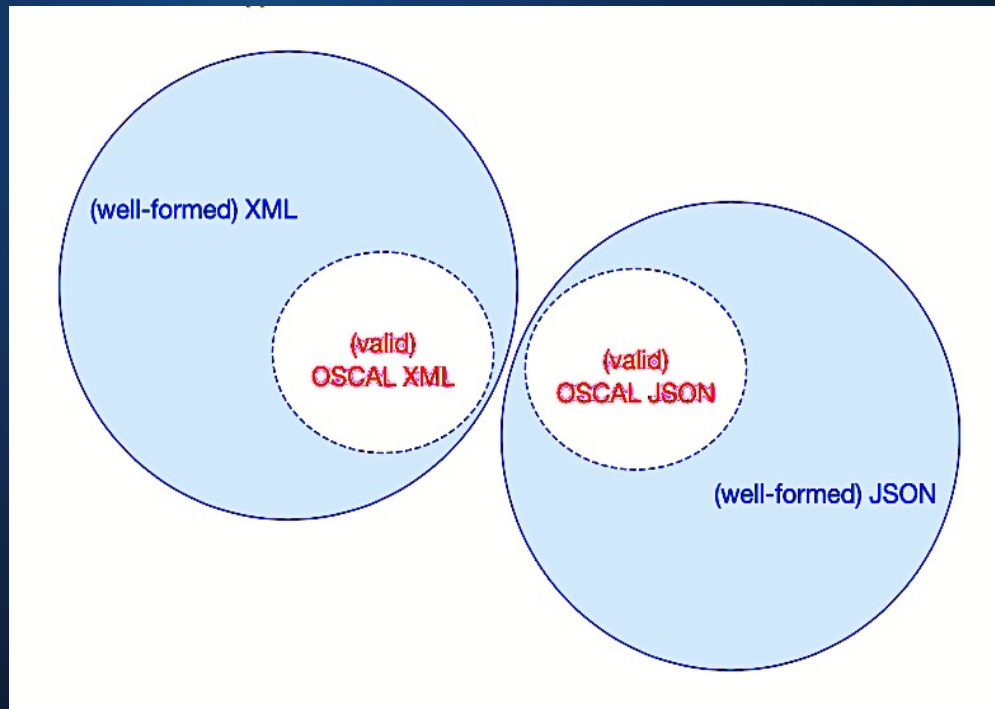
OSCAL GRC Tools

<https://github.com/usnistgov/osc-tools>

Recap - OSCAL Content Validation

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/concepts/validation/>

"well-formed" vs "valid" OSCAL content

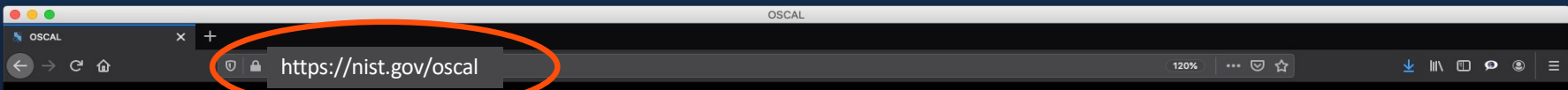


XML Schema Validators:

<https://www.w3.org/XML/Schema#Tools>

JSON Schema Validators:

<https://json-schema.org/implementations.html#validators>



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Automated Control-Based Assessment

Supporting Control-Based Risk Management with Standardized Formats

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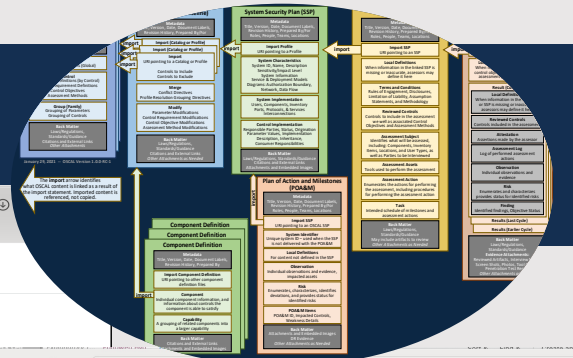


Providing control-related information in machine-readable formats.

NIST, in collaboration with industry, is developing the Open Security Controls Assessment Language (OSCAL). OSCAL is a set of formats expressed in XML, JSON, and YAML. These formats provide machine-readable representations of control catalogs, control baselines, system security plans, and assessment plans and results.

Recap: OSCAL Models' Outline

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/complete/xml-outline/>



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Assessment Plan Model

Model

Assessment Results Model

Catalog Model

Component Definition Model

Plan of Action and Milestones Model

Complete v1.0.4 XML Format Outline

The following outline is a representation of the XML format for the combination of all OSCAL models. For each element or corresponding entry in the XML Format Reference. The cardinality and data type are also provided for each element or attribute.

```
▼ <catalog uuid="uuid"> [1]
  ▶ <metadata> ... </metadata> [1]
  ▶ <param id="token" class="token" depends-on="token"> ... </param> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <control id="token" class="token"> ... </control> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <group id="token" class="token"> ... </group> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <back-matter> ... </back-matter> [0 or 1]
</catalog>
▼ <profile uuid="uuid"> [1]
  ▶ <metadata> ... </metadata> [1]
  ▶ <import href="uri-reference"> ... </import> [1 to ∞]
  ▶ <merge> ... </merge> [0 or 1]
  ▶ <modify> ... </modify> [0 or 1]
  ▶ <back-matter> ... </back-matter> [0 or 1]
</profile>
▼ <component-definition uuid="uuid"> [1]
  ▶ <metadata> ... </metadata> [1]
  ▶ <import-component-definition href="uri-reference"/> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <component uuid="uuid" type="string"> ... </component> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <capability uuid="uuid" name="string"> ... </capability> [0 to ∞]
  ▶ <back-matter> ... </back-matter> [0 or 1]
</component-definition>
▼ <system-security-plan uuid="uuid"> [1]
  ▶ <metadata> ... </metadata> [1]
  ▶ <import-profile href="uri-reference"> ... </import-profile> [1]
  ▶ <system-characteristics> ... </system-characteristics> [1]
  ▶ <system-implementation> ... </system-implementation> [1]
  ▶ <control-implementation> ... </control-implementation> [1]
  ▶ <back-matter> ... </back-matter> [0 or 1]
</system-security-plan>
▶ <assessment-plan uuid="uuid"> ... </assessment-plan> [1]
▶ <assessment-results uuid="uuid"> ... </assessment-results> [1]
▶ <plan-of-action-and-milestones uuid="uuid"> ... </plan-of-action-and-milestones> [1]
```

[.../complete/json-outline/](https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/complete/json-outline/)

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```
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  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { - },
  ▶ params [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ controls [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ groups [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
},
▼ profile [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { - },
  ▶ imports [1]: [ - ],
  ▶ merge [0 or 1]: { - },
  ▶ modify [0 or 1]: { - },
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
},
▼ component-definition [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { - },
  ▶ import-component-definitions [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ capabilities [0 or 1]: [ - ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { - },
},
▼ system-security-plan [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { - },
  ▶ import-profile [1]: { - },
  ▶ system-characteristics [1]: { - },
  ▶ system-implementation [1]: { - },
  ▶ control-implementation [1]: { - },
}
```

Recap - Common OSCAL Structure

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All Models

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Assessment Plan Model

Complete v1.0.4 JSON Format Outline

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```
▼ catalog [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ params [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ controls [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ groups [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
},
▼ profile [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ imports [1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ merge [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ modify [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
},
▼ component-definition [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-component-definitions [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ capabilities [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
},
```

Root Element & Root UUID

Body (Model Specific)

Root Element & Root UUID

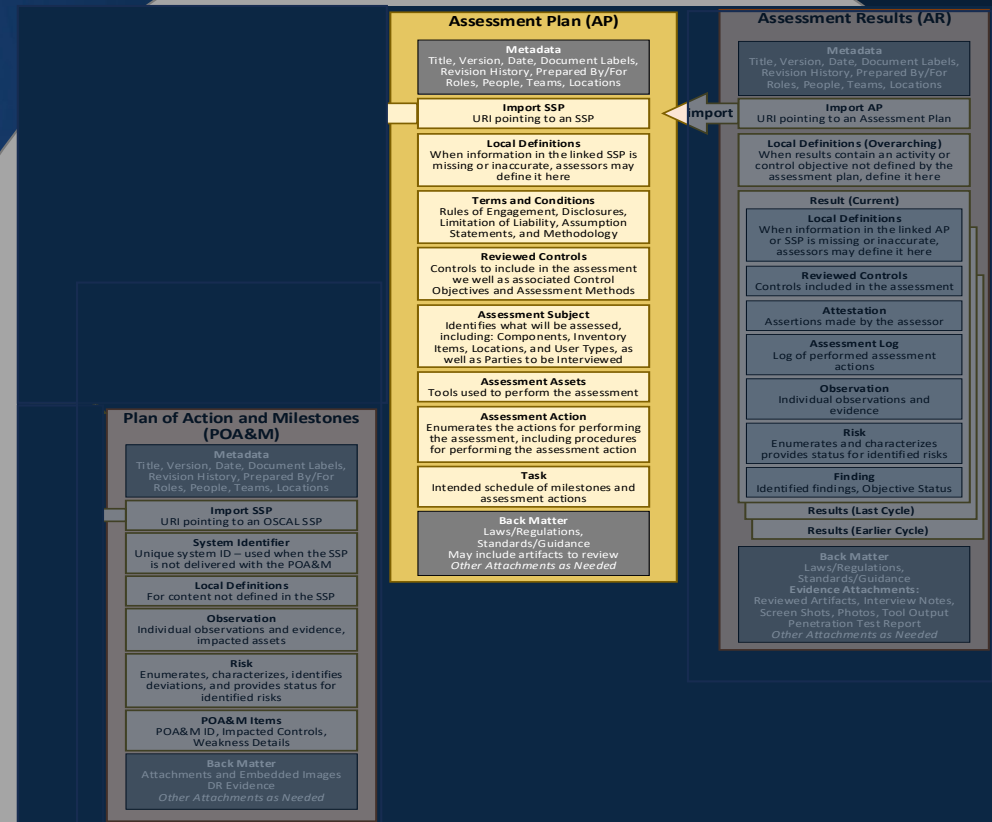
Body (Model Specific)

Root Element & Root UUID

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Assessment Results Model
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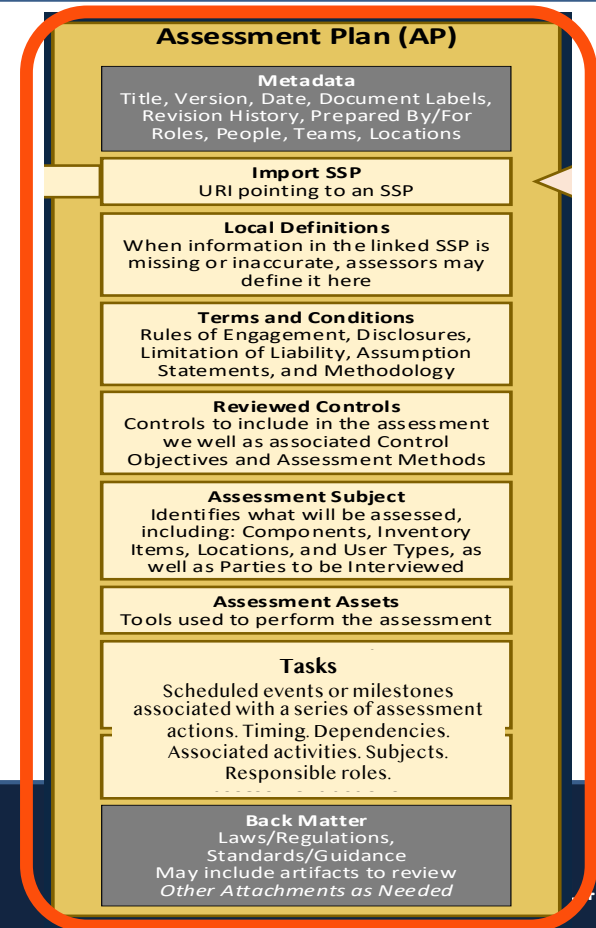
The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan (AP) Model

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-plan/json-outline/>

Assessment Plan Model v1.0.4 JSON Format Outline

The following outline is a representation of the [JSON format](#) for this [model](#). For each property, the name links to the corresponding entry in the [JSON Format Reference](#). The cardinality and data type are also provided for each property where appropriate.

```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ import-ssp [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan - Body

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-plan/json-reference/#/assessment-plan>

assessment-plan

object
([global definition](#)).

Switch to XML

Security Assessment Plan (SAP)

DESCRIPTION An assessment plan, such as those provided by a FedRAMP assessor.

▼ Properties (10)

uuid

[uuid](#)

[1]

Switch to XML

Assessment Plan Universally Unique Identifier

DESCRIPTION A [machine-oriented, globally unique](#) identifier with [cross-instance](#) scope that can be used to reference this assessment plan in [this or other OSCAL instances](#). The locally defined *UUID* of the `assessment plan` can be used to reference the data item locally or globally (e.g., in an imported OSCAL instance). This UUID should be assigned [per-subject](#), which means it should be consistently used to identify the same subject across revisions of the document.

metadata

object
([global definition](#)).

[1]

Switch to XML

Publication metadata

DESCRIPTION Provides information about the publication and availability of the containing document.

assessment-plan

uuid

metadata

import-ssp

local-definitions

terms-and-conditions

reviewed-controls

assessment-subjects

assessment-assets

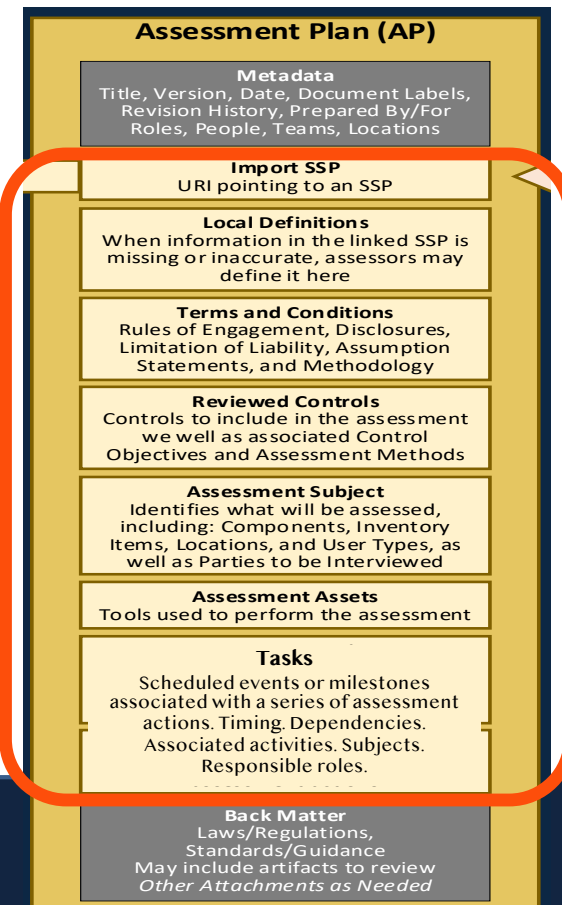
tasks

back-matter

The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan- Body

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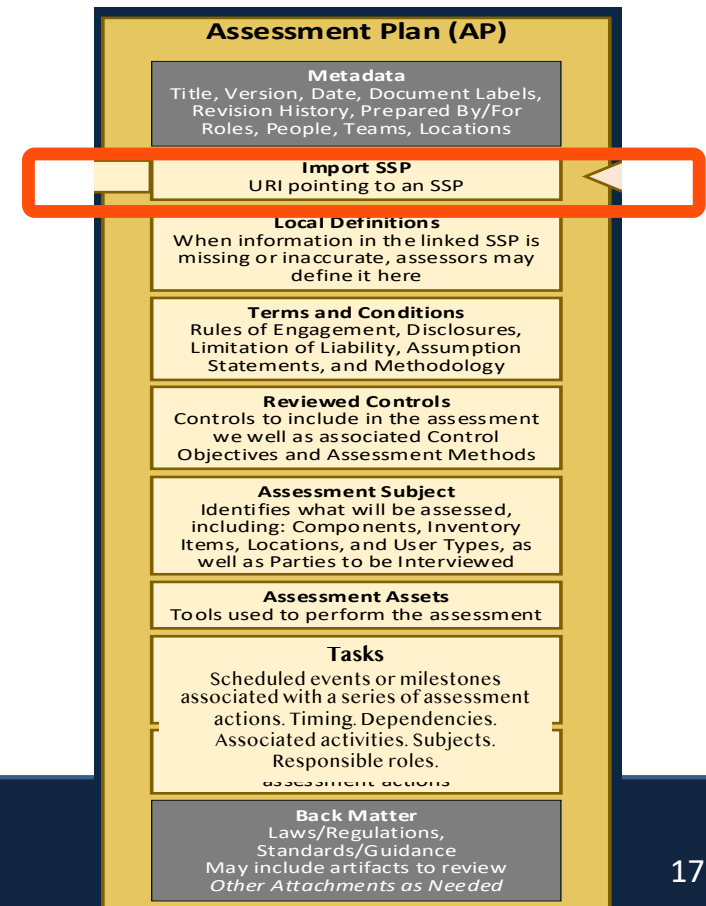
```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {      Root Element &
  uuid [1]: uuid,           Root UUID
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ssp [1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan - Import

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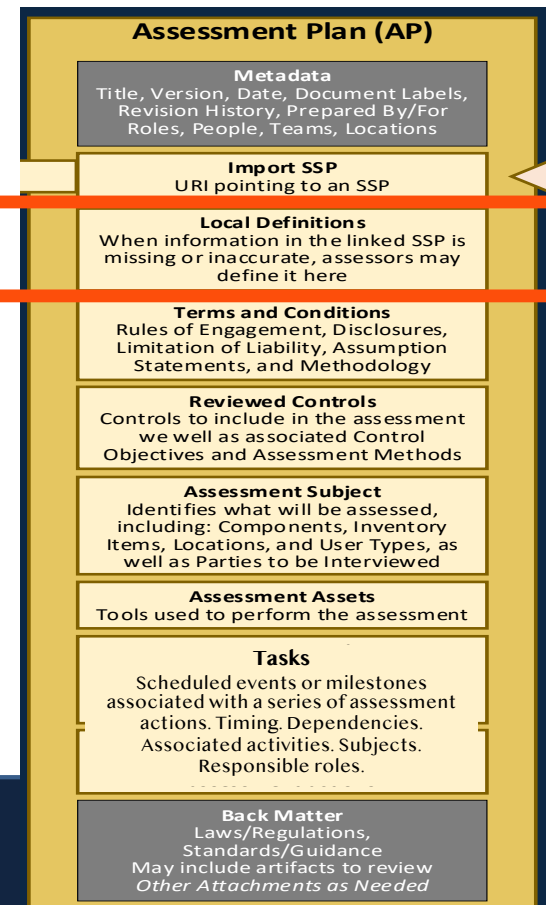
```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },  
  ▼ import-ssp [1]: {  
    href [1]: uri-reference,  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,  
  },  
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Local Definitions

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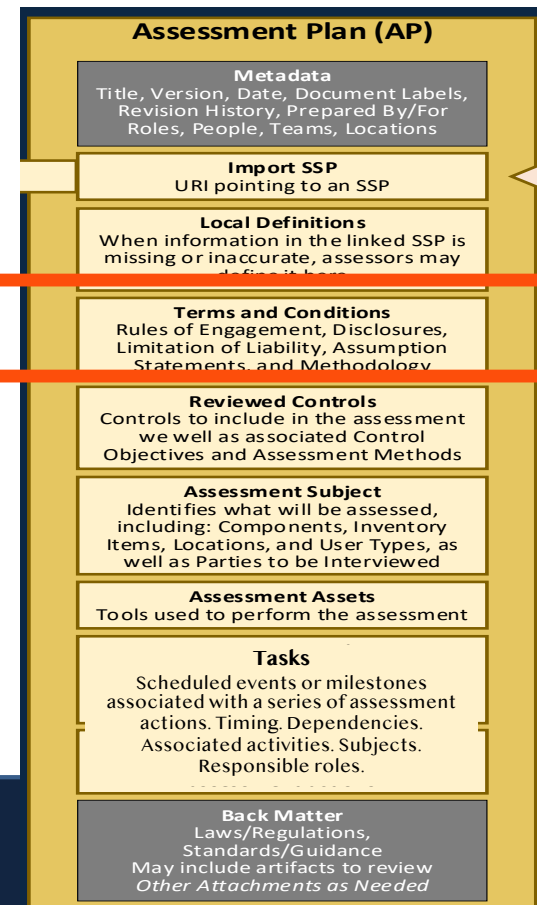
```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ import-ssp [1]: { ... },  
  ▼ local-definitions [0 or 1]: {  
    ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ users [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ objectives-and-methods [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ activities [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,  
  },  
  ▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Terms & Conditions

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-plan/json-outline/>

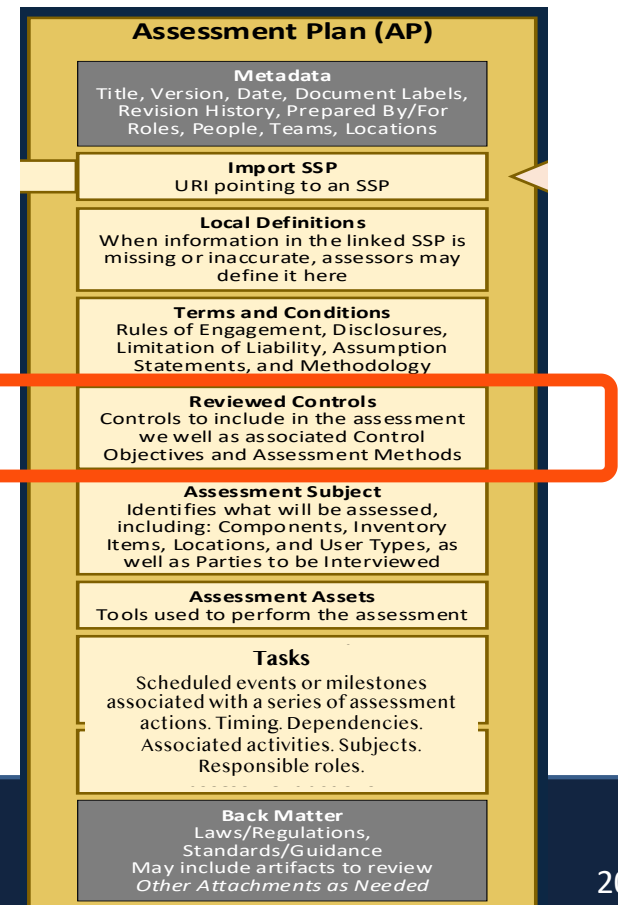
```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ssp [1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▼ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: {
    ▼ parts [0 or 1]: [
      An array of part objects [1 to ∞] {
        uuid [0 or 1]: uuid,
        name [1]: token,
        ns [0 or 1]: uri,
        class [0 or 1]: token,
        title [0 or 1]: markup-line,
        ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        prose [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
        ▶ parts [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      }
    ],
  },
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Reviewed Controls

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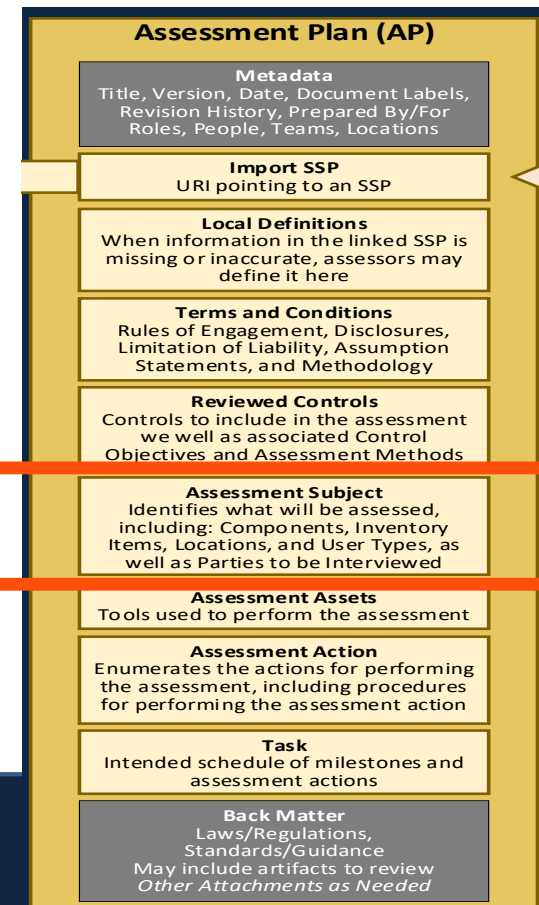
```
▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... }
▼ reviewed-controls [1]: {
  description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
  ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▼ control-selections [1]: [
    An array of control-selection objects [1 to ∞] {
      description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      A choice of:
      ▶ include-all [1]: { ... },
      ▶ include-controls [1]: [ ... ]
      ▶ exclude-controls [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    }
  ],
  ▼ control-objective-selections [0 or 1]: [
    An array of control-objective-selection objects [1 to ∞] {
      description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      A choice of:
      ▶ include-all [1]: { ... },
      ▶ include-objectives [1]: [ ... ]
      ▶ exclude-objectives [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    }
  ],
  remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Assessment Subject

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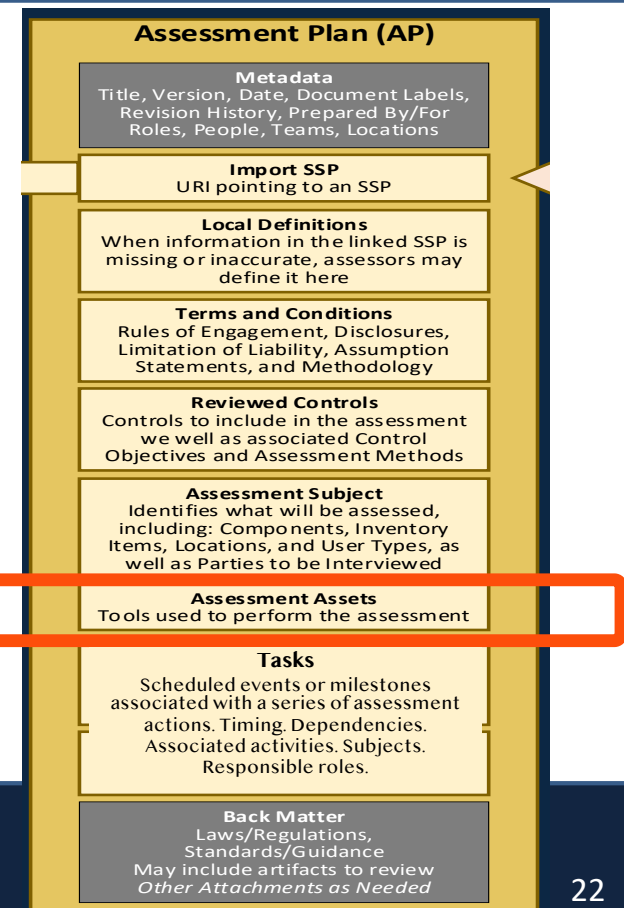
```
▼ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [
  An array of assessment-subject objects [1 to ∞] {
    type [1]: token,
    description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    ► props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ► links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    A choice of:
    ► include-all [1]: { ... },
    ▼ include-subjects [1]: [
      An array of include-subject objects [1 to ∞] {
        subject-uuid [1]: uuid,
        type [1]: token,
        ► props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        ► links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
      }
    ]
  }
]
▼ exclude-subjects [0 or 1]: [
  An array of exclude-subject objects [1 to ∞] {
    subject-uuid [1]: uuid,
    type [1]: token,
    ► props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ► links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
  }
],
remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
}
]
► assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Assessment Assets

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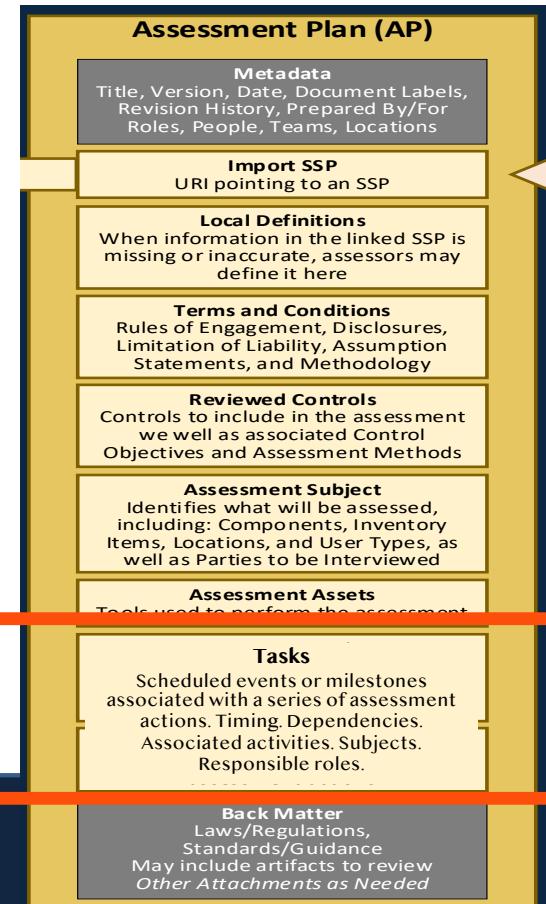
```
▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },
▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
▼ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: {
  ▼ components [0 or 1]: [
    - An array of component objects [1 to ∞] {
      uuid [1]: uuid,
      type [1]: string,
      title [1]: markup-line,
      description [1]: markup-multiline,
      purpose [0 or 1]: markup-line,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ status [1]: { ... },
      ▶ responsible-roles [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ protocols [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    }
  ],
  ▼ assessment-platforms [1]: [
    - An array of assessment-platform objects [1 to ∞] {
      uuid [1]: uuid,
      title [0 or 1]: markup-line,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ uses-components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
    }
  ],
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Plan – Task

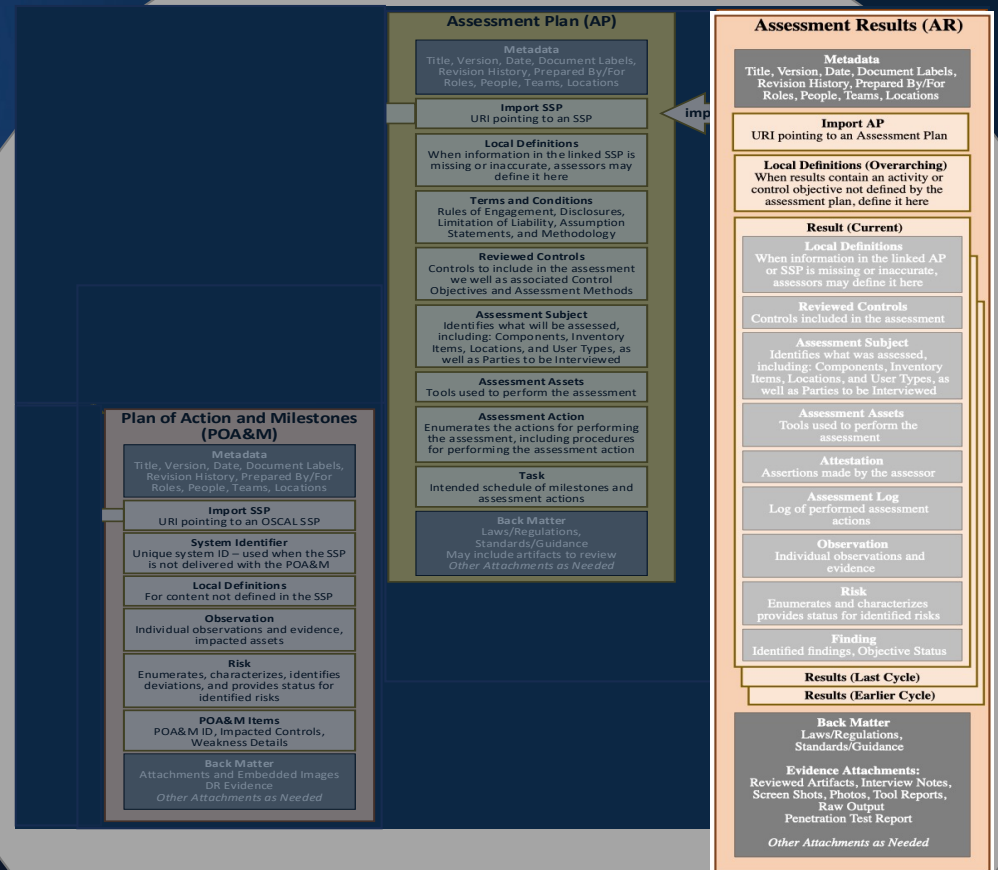
<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-plan/json-outline/>

```
▼ tasks [0 or 1]: [
  An array of task objects [1 to ∞] {
    uuid [1]: uuid,
    type [1]: token,
    title [1]: markup-line,
    description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ timing [0 or 1]: { ... },
    ▶ dependencies [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▼ associated-activities [0 or 1]: [
      An array of associated-activity objects [1 to ∞] {
        activity-uuid [1]: uuid,
        ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        ▶ responsible-roles [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
        ▶ subjects [1]: [ ... ],
        remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
      }
    ],
  ],
  ▼ subjects [0 or 1]: [
    An array of subject objects [1 to ∞] {
      type [1]: token,
      description [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      A choice of:
      ▶ include-all [1]: { ... },
      ▶ include-subjects [1]: [ ... ]
      ▶ exclude-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    }
  ],
  ▶ responsible-roles [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
}
```



OSCAL Assessment Layer

Assessment Plan Model
 Assessment Results Model
 Plan of Actions & Milestones



The Anatomy of the Assessment Results Model – Body

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-results/json-outline/>

Assessment Results Model v1.0.4 JSON Format Outline

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```
▼ assessment-results [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ► metadata [1]: { ... },  
  ► import-ap [1]: { ... },  
  ► local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ► results [1]: [ ... ],  
  ► back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```

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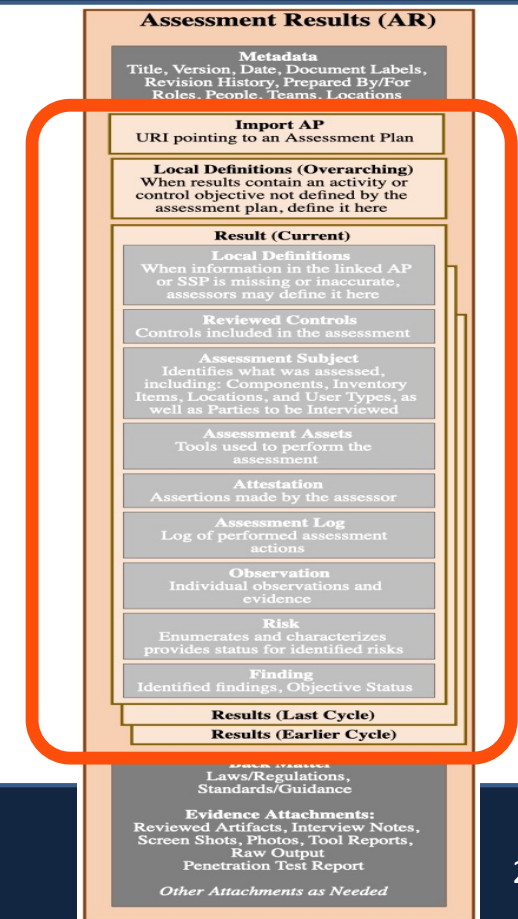
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Other Attachments as Needed

The Anatomy of the Assessment Results Model – Body

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-results/json-outline/>

```
▼ assessment-results [1]: {      Root Element &
  uuid [1]: uuid,                Root UUID
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ap [1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ results [1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }
}
```

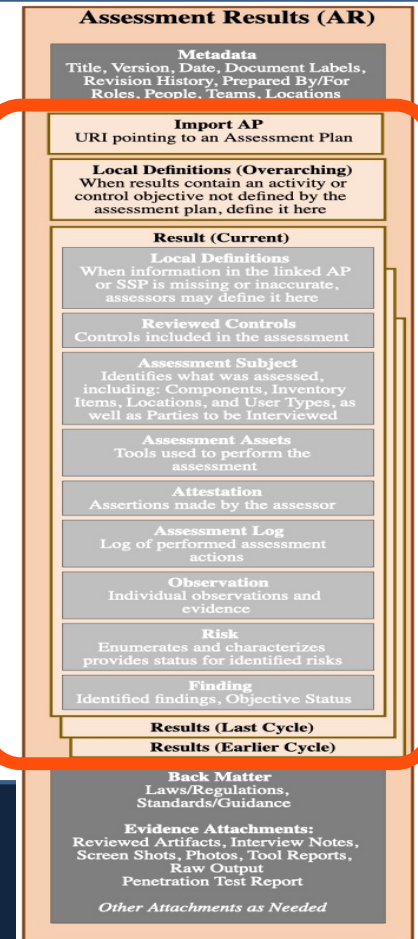


The Anatomy of the Assessment Results Model – Body

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```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ import-ssp [1]: { ... },  
  ▼ local-definitions [0 or 1]: {  
    ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ users [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ objectives-and-methods [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ activities [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,  
  }  
  ▶ terms-and-conditions [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
  ▶ assessment-subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
  ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```

```
▼ assessment-results [1]: {  
  uuid [1]: uuid,  
  ▶ import-ap [1]: { ... },  
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    ▶ activities [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline  
  }  
  ▼ results [1]: [  
    An array of result objects [1 to ∞] {  
      uuid [1]: uuid,  
      title [1]: markup-line,  
      description [1]: markup-multiline,  
      start [1]: dateTime-with-timezone,  
      end [0 or 1]: dateTime-with-timezone,  
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▼ local-definitions [0 or 1]: {  
        ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
        ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
        ▶ users [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
        ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
        ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      }  
      ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
      ▶ attestations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ assessment-log [0 or 1]: { ... },  
      ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ findings [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline  
    }  
  ]  
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Results Model – Results

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-results/json-outline/>

```
▼ assessment-plan [1]: {  
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    ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ users [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ objectives-and-methods [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ activities [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,  
  },  
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  ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
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  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... }  
}
```

```
▼ results [1]: [  
  An array of result objects [1 to ∞] {  
    uuid [1]: uuid,  
    title [1]: markup-line,  
    description [1]: markup-multiline,  
    start [1]: dateTime-with-timezone,  
    end [0 or 1]: dateTime-with-timezone,  
    ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▼ local-definitions [0 or 1]: {  
      ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ users [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
      ▶ assessment-assets [0 or 1]: { ... },  
      ▶ tasks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    },  
    ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },  
    ▶ attestations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ assessment-log [0 or 1]: { ... },  
    ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ findings [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline  
  },  
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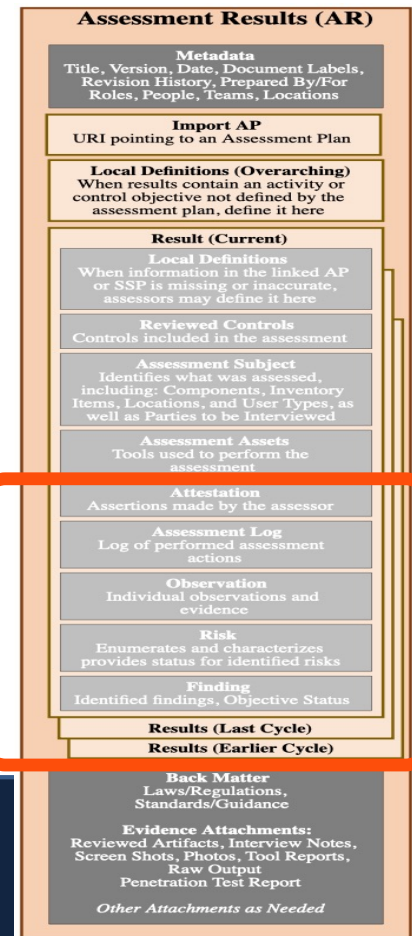
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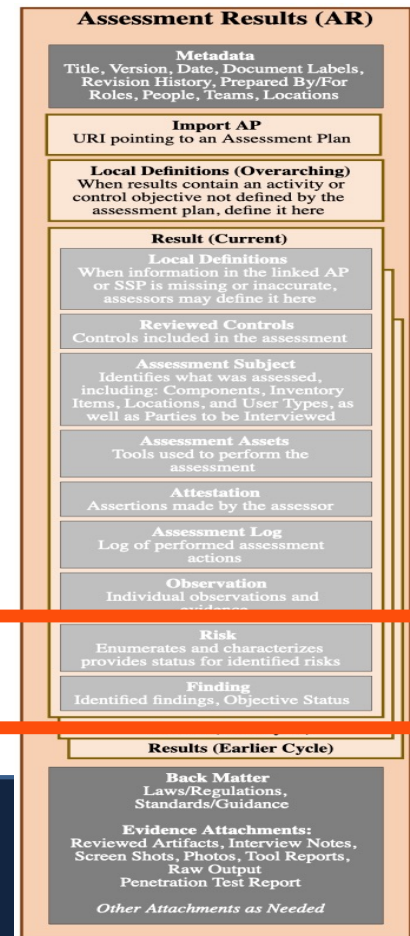
```
▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... }
▼ attestations [0 or 1]: [
  An array of attestation objects [1 to ∞] {
    ▶ responsible-parties [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ parts [1]: [ ... ],
  }
],
▶ assessment-log [0 or 1]: { ... },
▼ observations [0 or 1]: [
  An array of observation objects [1 to ∞] {
    uuid [1]: uuid,
    title [0 or 1]: markup-line,
    description [1]: markup-multiline,
    ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ methods [1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ types [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ origins [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ subjects [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ relevant-evidence [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    collected [1]: dateTime-with-timezone,
    expires [0 or 1]: dateTime-with-timezone,
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
  }
],
▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
▶ findings [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
```



The Anatomy of the Assessment Results Model – Results

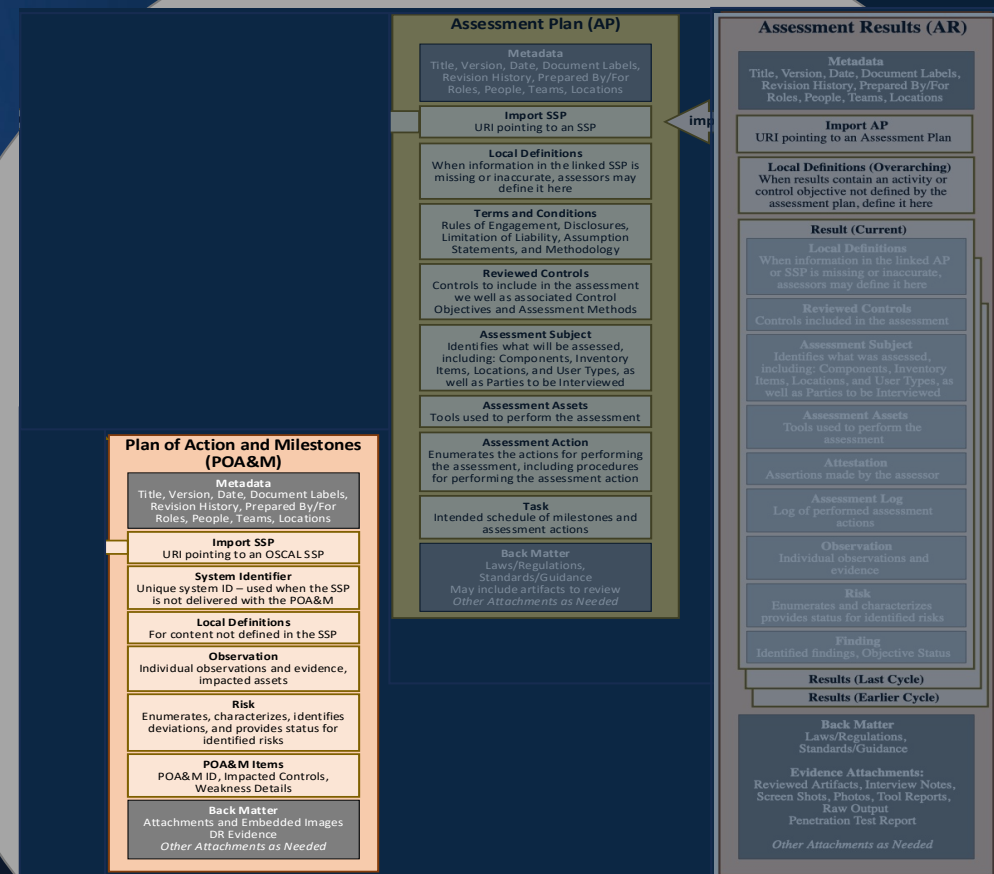
<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/assessment-results/json-outline/>

```
▼ risks [0 or 1]: [  
  ─ An array of risk objects [1 to ∞] {  
    uuid [1]: uuid,  
    title [1]: markup-line,  
    description [1]: markup-multiline,  
    statement [1]: markup-multiline,  
    ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    status [1]: token,  
    ▶ origins [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ threat-ids [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ characterizations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ mitigating-factors [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    deadline [0 or 1]: dateTime-with-timezone,  
    ▶ remediations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ risk-log [0 or 1]: { ... },  
    ▶ related-observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
  }  
],  
▼ findings [0 or 1]: [  
  ─ An array of finding objects [1 to ∞] {  
    uuid [1]: uuid,  
    title [1]: markup-line,  
    description [1]: markup-multiline,  
    ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ origins [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ target [1]: { ... },  
    implementation-statement-uuid [0 or 1]: uuid,  
    ▶ related-observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    ▶ related-risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],  
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline  
  }  
],
```



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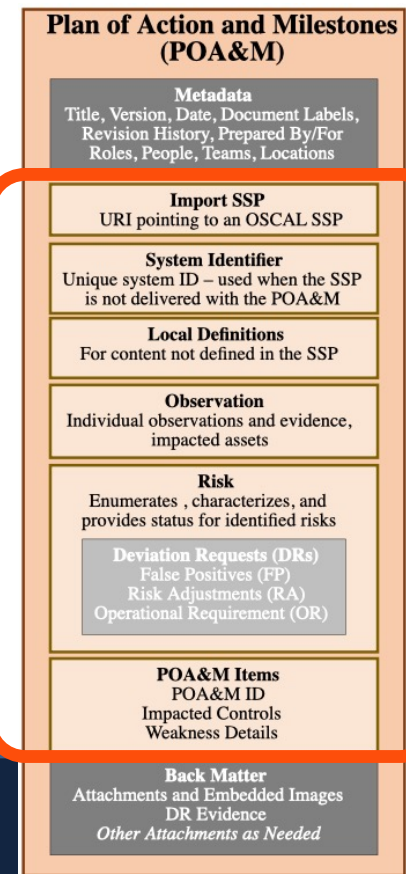
The Anatomy of the POA&M Model – the Body

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/plan-of-action-and-milestones/json-outline/>

Plan of Action and Milestones Model v1.0.4 JSON Format Outline

The following outline is a representation of the [JSON format](#) for this [model](#). For each property, the name links to the corresponding entry in the [JSON Format Reference](#). The cardinality and data type are also provided for each property where appropriate.

```
▼ plan-of-action-and-milestones [1]: {      Root Element &
  uuid [1]: uuid,                          Root UUID
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ssp [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ system-id [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ poam-items [1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
}
```



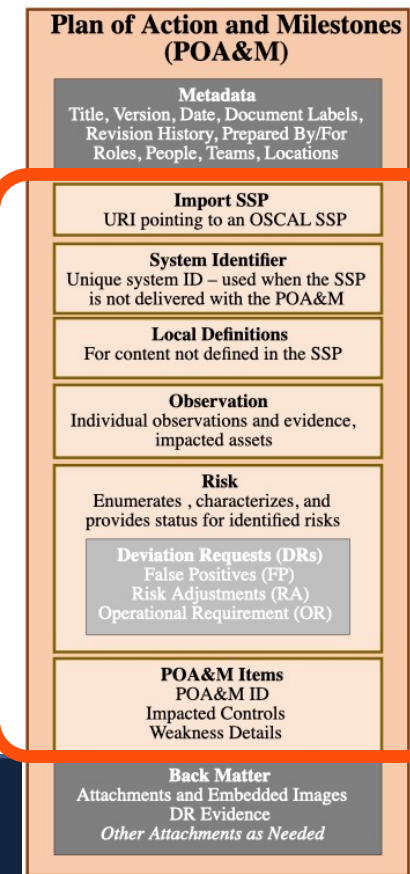
The Anatomy of the POA&M Model – the Body

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```
▼ plan-of-action-and-milestones [1]: {           Root Element &
  uuid [1]: uuid,                               Root UUID
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ssp [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ system-id [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ poam-items [1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
}
```



The Assessment Results Model vs the POA&M Model

<https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/reference/latest/plan-of-action-and-milestones/json-outline/>

```
▼ assessment-results [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ap [1]: { ... },
  ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▼ results [1]: [
    An array of result objects [1 to ∞] {
      uuid [1]: uuid,
      title [1]: markup-line,
      description [1]: markup-multiline,
      start [1]: dateTime-with-timezone,
      end [0 or 1]: dateTime-with-timezone,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ local-definitions [0 or 1]: { ... },
      ▶ reviewed-controls [1]: { ... },
      ▶ attestations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ assessment-log [0 or 1]: { ... },
      ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▼ findings [0 or 1]: [
        An array of finding objects [1 to ∞] {
          uuid [1]: uuid,
          title [1]: markup-line,
          description [1]: markup-multiline,
          ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
          ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
          ▶ origins [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
          ▶ target [1]: { ... },
          implementation-statement-uuid [0 or 1]: uuid,
          ▶ related-observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
          ▶ related-risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
          remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline
        }
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

```
▼ plan-of-action-and-milestones [1]: {
  uuid [1]: uuid,
  ▶ metadata [1]: { ... },
  ▶ import-ssp [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▶ system-id [0 or 1]: { ... },
  ▼ local-definitions [0 or 1]: {
    ▶ components [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    ▶ inventory-items [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
    remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
  },
  ▶ observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▶ risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
  ▼ poam-items [1]: [
    An array of poam-item objects [1 to ∞] {
      uuid [0 or 1]: uuid,
      title [1]: markup-line,
      description [1]: markup-multiline,
      ▶ props [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ links [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ origins [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ related-observations [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      ▶ related-risks [0 or 1]: [ ... ],
      remarks [0 or 1]: markup-multiline,
    }
  ],
  ▶ back-matter [0 or 1]: { ... },
}
```




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