



NIST CSRC OSCAL Workshop Series

c1secure OSCAL Engine

An Enterprise Platform Perspective

C1SECURE IS A SERVICENOW-POWERED SECURITY + SERVICE PROVIDER

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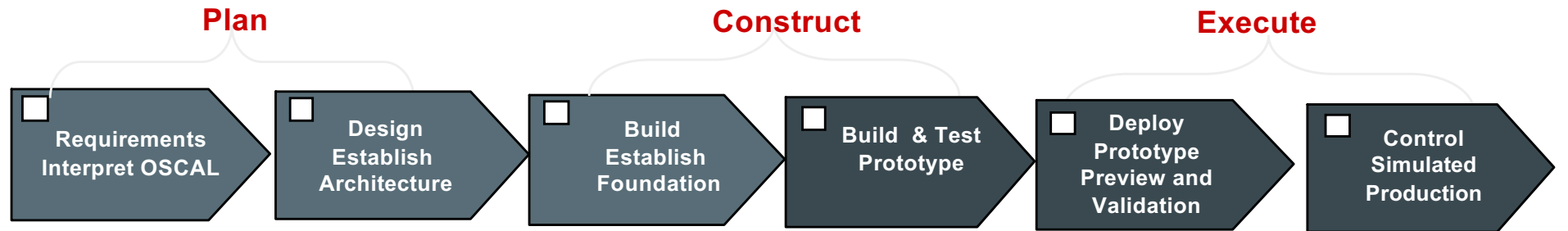
AGENDA

- **Objectives**
 - Vision, timing, and success measures
- **The Journey**
 - Challenges, progress, course of action
- **The OSCAL reporting landscape**
 - Interwoven dependencies
- **OSCAL Engine Architecture**
 - Intricate, Comprehensive, Highly Relational
- **Roadmap**
 - Expanding from foundations

Objectives - Vision, Timing, Success Measures

- Automation of US Gov Regulatory reporting and continuous monitoring requirements
- Agnostic Plug and Play Application for Enterprise Security and Compliance platforms
- Early adoption “FedRAMP”- efficiencies and benefits targeted to Cloud Service Providers (CSP), Regulatory bodies (FedRAMP PMO, US GOV Agencies), and Third Party Assessor organizations (3PAO)
- CSP and FedRAMP PMO prototype - Q2'23
- NIST/GSA/FedRAMP PMO and 3PAO validation - Q4'23

The Journey – Q1'22 – Q3'23



- OSCAL relational model: POAM, SSP, Profile, Catalog using XML.
- Started with POAM and worked backward to SSP, Profile, and Catalog.
- Built data structure (150+ tables) for each assembly/sub-assemblies.
- Translation map: excel POAM template to OSCAL data schema.
- Created OSCAL output prototypes.
- Created SSP Digital Form (Sections 1-12) and designed automated control integration.
- UI process for management of metadata information.

- Architectural constructs implemented for SSP, PoAM in process.
- SSP prototype in Beta, with live CSP data in proof of value engagements (POV).
- 90% validation outbound (CSP) content and inbound (PMO) processing
- Collaborative previews in process with Stakeholders (CSP, PMO, and 3PAO)

Define - Architect

Construct – Test - Deploy

Monitor

C1secure Innovation Framework Grounded in Structured Execution



OSCAL Engine Ecosystem

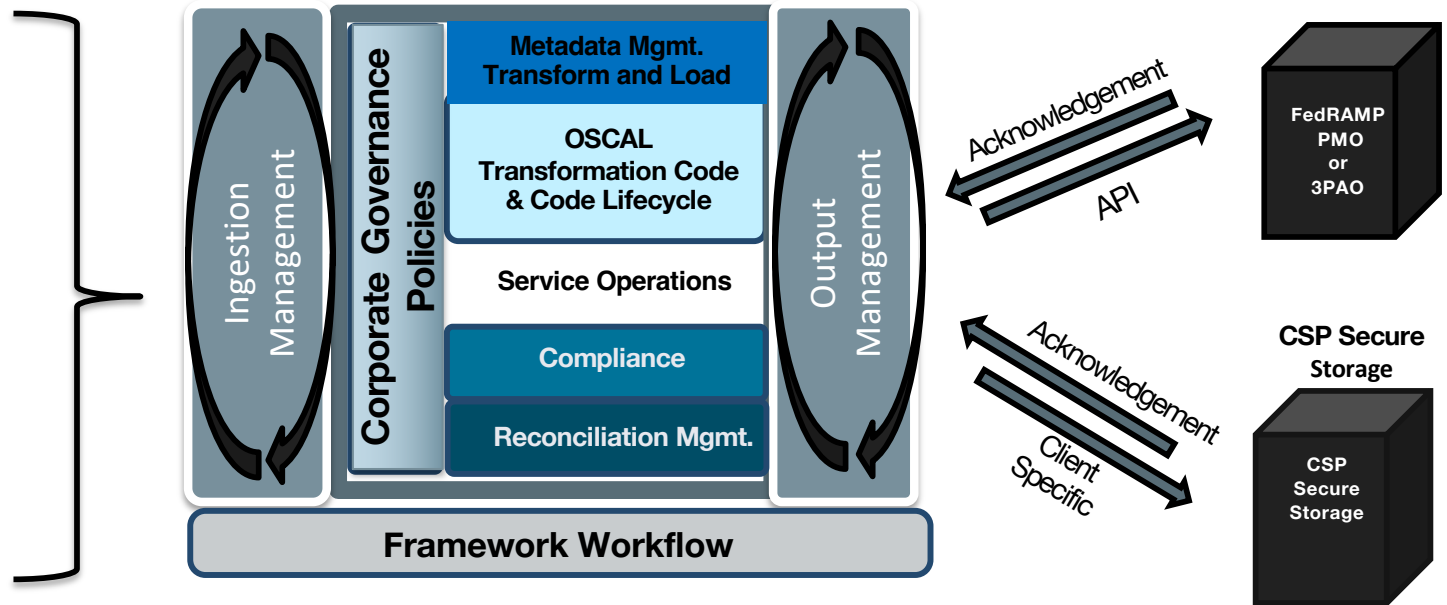
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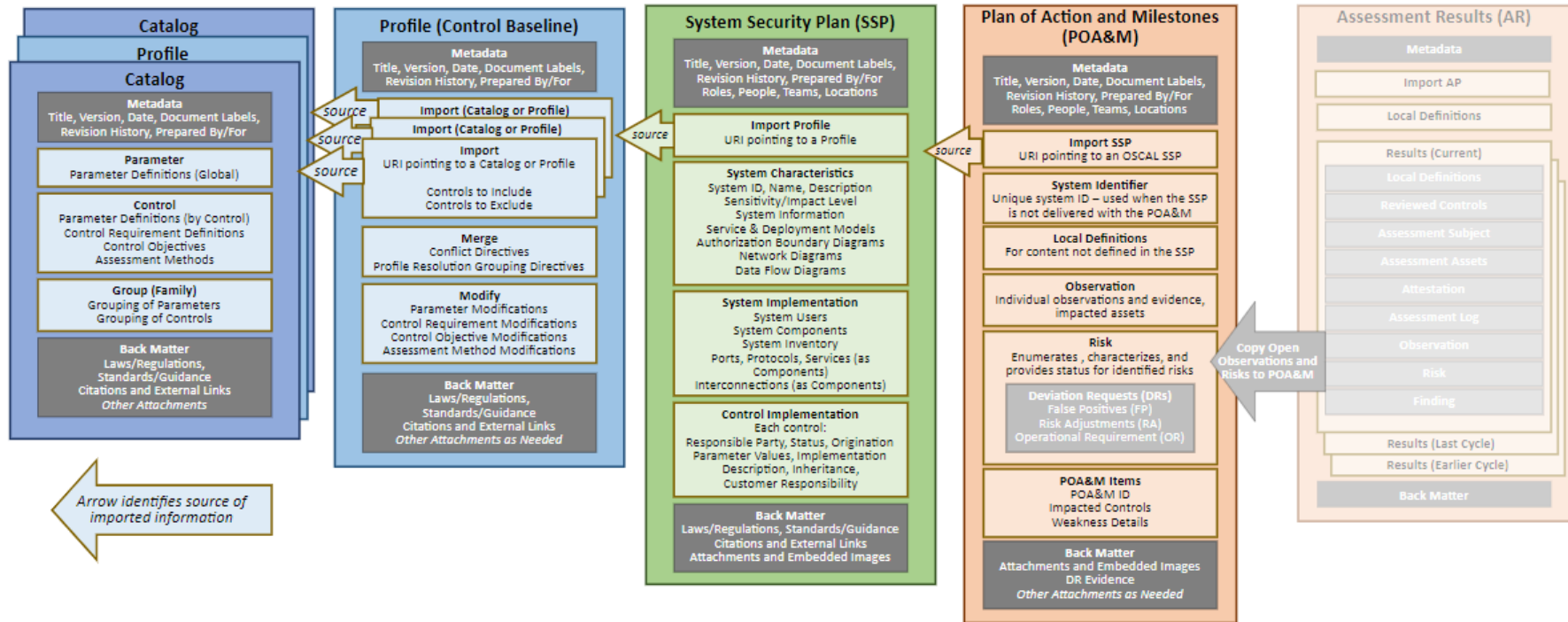
OSCAL Reporting

OSCAL Engine Framework

- **Digital**
 - Sec & Compliance Platform Metadata stores
 - POAM Excel Reports
 - SSP Digital forms
 - HTML
- **Manual**
 - Word Documents
 - Assessments
 - Audit reports



OSCAL Engine Architecture and Reporting Landscape

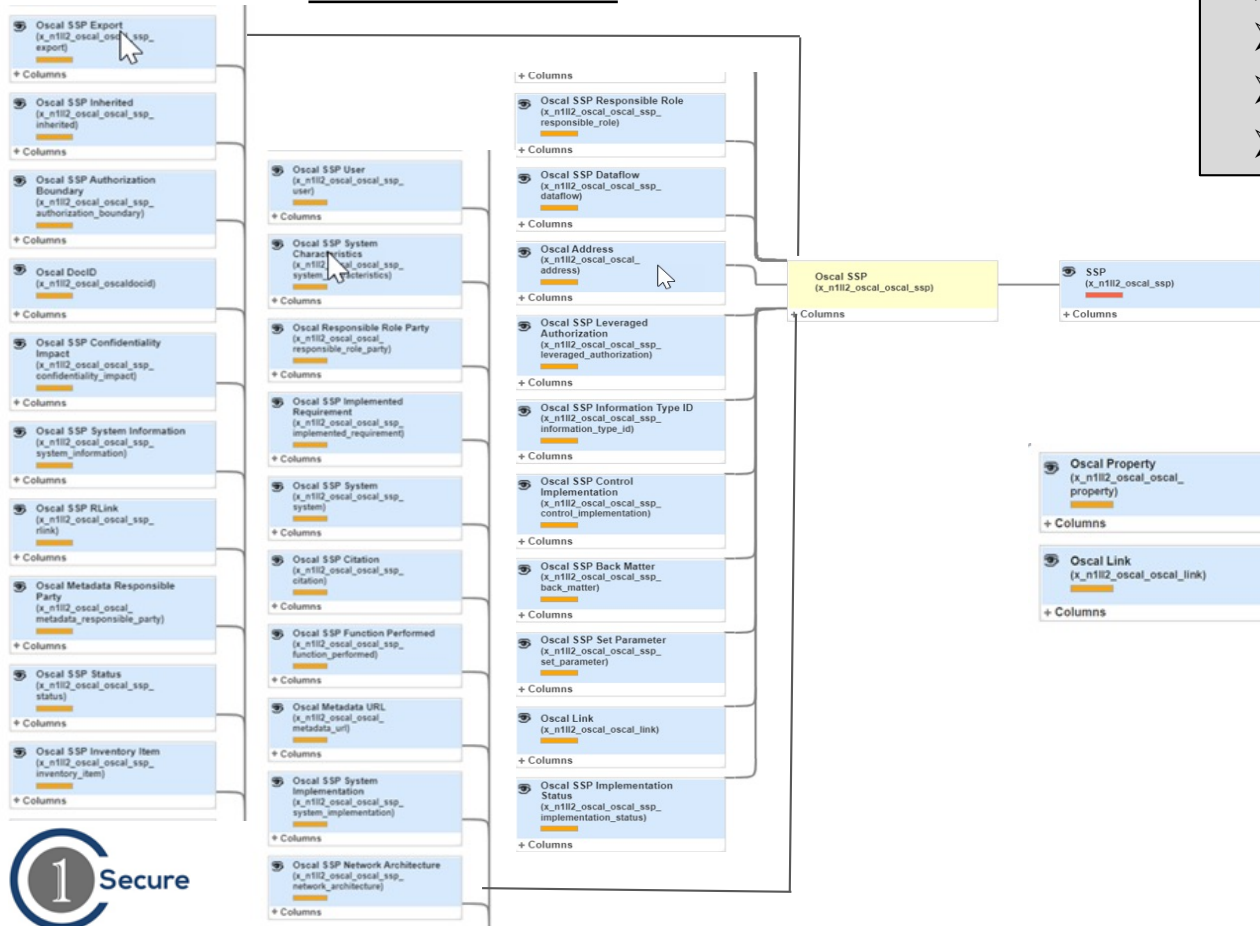


LOW Reporting Dependency HIGH

LOW Reporting Frequency HIGH

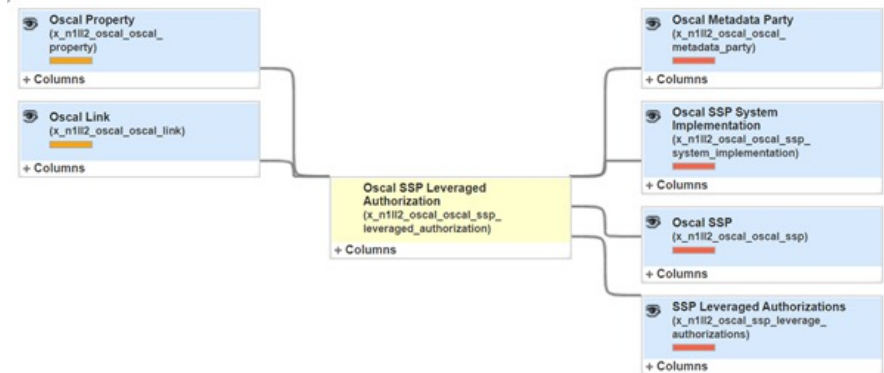
OSCAL Engine Architecture

SSP Relational Schema



- Sample Schema System Security Plan (SSP)
- Significant Metadata granularity
- Complex relational data model
- Diversified Data sources: Manual, Digital, 1>Many>1

SSP Leveraged Authorization



Challenges and Outcomes

REGULATORY REPORTING TAXONOMY –
TRANSLATION TO RELATIONAL DATABASE SCHEMA
COMPLIMENTARY WITH ENTERPRISE PLATFORMS.



**Architected 4-layer relational schema
utilizing MariaDB, SQL, and SQL Databases.**

DATA SOURCE VARIABILITY AND WEIGHT -
GRANULARITY, 1 > MANY > 1, EXISTING AND
FUTURE STATE.



**Modification of Control Objectives,
Supplemental guidance, and
implementation details utilizing low code
enterprise platform forms designer.**

MANAGEMENT OF EVIDENCE ARTIFACTS –
CATALOGUE OF DOCUMENTS, DIAGRAMS,
SCREENSHOTS ETC.



**Utilized back matter management
capabilities with 2 options: Base 64-bit
encoding or provisioning of Hyper-link to
source repositories.**

OUTPUT VALIDATION –
TOOLS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION
REMAINS EXTERNAL TO THE SOLUTION.



**Established recurring sessions with GSA
and others to address Validation Tool
errors and/or moving requirements.**

CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT/CHANGE
MANAGEMENT/SECURITY OPERATIONS
SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATE BEST OF BREED
ENTERPRISE PLATFORM CAPABILITIES.



**A unified platform for compliance, security,
and IT operational workflows,
management, reporting, etc.**

Roadmap

- GSA Automation Platform Integration – Q4'23
- Adoption of other OSCAL control catalogs
- Output Management Center - Translations to legacy artifacts (Word / Excel) – Q1'24
- POA&M Prototype – Q4'23
- StateRAMP & TX-RAMP – Q1'24
- Identify collaboration partners



THANK YOU

LET'S MAKE THE VISION A REALITY