

System Status

FedRAMP no longer includes System Status in the SSP template; however core OSCAL requires the system status to be identified.

The system status is represented in `system-characteristics`.

- A `status` entry that includes:
 - `state` field set to one of the allowed values.
 - A `remarks` field is optional if the `state` is `operational`. Otherwise, the `remarks` field must be present.

OSCAL Representation

```
system-security-plan:  
  system-characteristics:  
    status:  
      state: operational  
      remarks: 'Remarks are optional if status/state is "operational".  
               Remarks are required otherwise.'
```

OSCAL Allowed Values

Valid `state` values:

- `operational` (`remarks` optional)
- `under-major-modification` (`remarks` required)
- `other` (`remarks` required)

Although core OSCAL also allows `under-development` and `disposition` (retired), these values do not make sense in a FedRAMP authorization package.

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