

SSP Adoption Strategies

The best way to adopt OSCAL for your system depends on your circumstances. The OSCAL Foundation defines two adoption strategies:

- **Retrofit Adoption Path:** Converting Legacy Documentation
- **Native Adoption Path:** Creating New Documentation

Retrofit Adoption Path

If you need to convert legacy documentation to OSCAL, follow the [Retrofit Adoption Path](#).

Migrate existing content to OSCAL with the minimum necessary refactoring, and normalize content over time.

Native Adoption Path

If you are approaching OSCAL to initially create your system security plan and do not have legacy documentation to convert, follow the [Native Adoption Path](#).

The FedRAMP PMO prefers new systems follow the FedRAMP 20x Authorization Path. We will prioritize 20x representation in OSCAL based on demand from CSPs and Agency Authorizing Officials (AO).

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