# OSCAL Release 1.0.0 -Conversion for System Security Plans

This application renders an OSCAL Version 1.0.0 XML SSP file to a Microsoft Word file utilizing the FedRAMP document template formats. See <https://www.fedramp.gov/templates/> for samples of these Microsoft Word templates. Currently the application can support LOW, MODERATE and HIGH baseline System Security Plans aligned with a valid OSCAL Version 1.0.0 schema.

# Why the project is useful

NIST is developing the Open Security Controls Assessment Language (OSCAL), a set of hierarchical, formatted, XML- and JSON-based formats that provide a standardized representation for different categories of information pertaining to the publication, implementation, and assessment of security controls. OSCAL is being developed through a collaborative approach with the public. The [OSCAL website](https://pages.nist.gov/OSCAL/) (<https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Open-Security-Controls-Assessment-Language>) provides an overview of the OSCAL project, including an XML and JSON schema reference and examples

This minimal viable product application automates the manual mappings from OSCAL SSP to MS Word. This application product is meant only to provide an example on how OSCAL can be converted to the target document format and is not meant to be a production application. The mappings includes 100's of pages in the document and maps most of the xml elements (source file) to word without any manual intervention. Only XML elements that match the content mappings in the included FedRAMP templates will render. If the end user wishes to render to their own custom templates these mappings will need to be rendered into their templates.

# Project Requirements

The application is coded in C# as an ASP.NET web application Visual Studio project and is meant to run in standalone mode ONLY. This project utilizes the OpenXML (DocumentFormat.OpenXml) and the Microsoft Office Interop (Microsoft.Office.Interop.Word) namespaces to perform XML parsing and perform document rendering. The Microsoft Office Interop version of this application is meant to operate only on a standalone PC and will not scale to a server based installation.

# System Software Requirements

Windows 10

Office 2016 or better

Visual Studio 2019 Community Edition

# Getting started with this project

1. Install Visual Studio 2019 Community Edition

2. Clone and checkout the Project("<https://github.com/GSA/oscal-ssp-to-word>”)

3. Clean and Build the Project

4. Run the Project

5. Select a valid OSCAL XML SSP file and click "Upload"

6. The FedRAMP Document rendering will take several minutes to complete and will automatically be downloaded and available after rendering is complete. Word should open automatically once it has fully downloaded the rendered document.

# Known Issues

You may have the following error when running the code for the first time

"Could not find a part of the path '\OSCAL-Conversion\OSCAL SSP Converter\bin\roslyn\csc.exe'".

This issue can be resolved by installing the Nuget Package: Microsoft.CodeDom.Providers.DotNetComplierPlatform.NoInstall

# License Information

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# Disclaimer

This project will work with Release 1.0.0 and some of the the Milestone releases of the OSCAL schema from the NIST website (<https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Open-Security-Controls-Assessment-Language>) and does not address gaps between the NIST schema and the FedRAMP template requirements. It maps elements between the two that match and will ignore those that do not. The mappings can be adjusted and edited in Microsoft Word for the template by using the Mapping Content Controls with the XML Panel within Microsoft Word.

# Getting help with this project

Contact the GSA FedRAMP Project Management Office for more information or support.

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