

SIP-014 — Jurisdictional Control of Structural Definitions

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Statement

The [Governance](#) Model SHALL allow each [Jurisdiction](#) to retain [Authority](#) over the structural definitions applicable within its operational boundary.

Rationale

Organizations, governments, regulatory bodies, security authorities, and other Jurisdictions may establish different structural definitions for information under their Authority. Federation requires those definitions to be related without silently replacing one Jurisdiction's Structure with another's.

Preserving jurisdictional control allows participating Jurisdictions to cooperate while retaining Authority over their own schemas, field definitions, constraints, profiles, and related structural Artifacts.

Evaluation Criteria

The Submission satisfies this requirement when the Governance Model:

1. Represents each applicable Jurisdiction and its operational boundary
2. Identifies the Authority responsible for structural definitions within that boundary
3. Identifies the structural Artifacts controlled by that Authority
4. Supports Jurisdiction-specific approval, revision, supersession, and retirement
5. Preserves the identity, version, provenance, and applicability of each structural definition
6. Supports mappings among structural definitions without replacing their controlling sources
7. Prevents a cross-jurisdictional mapping from silently changing a Jurisdiction's authoritative definition
8. Identifies conflicts among applicable structural definitions for resolution by the appropriate Authority

Referenced By

- [6.2.1 In Scope](#)
- [6.4.5 Governance and Authority](#)
- [SIP-053 — Governance and Jurisdictional Authority Description](#)

Notes for Editors

The Reference Architecture does not grant or determine legal, regulatory, organizational, or sovereign Authority. It represents the Authority asserted or established by the applicable Governance context.

Consider replacing “allow each Jurisdiction to retain Authority” in the Statement with “represent and preserve each Jurisdiction’s Authority.” The latter wording more precisely describes the responsibility of an architectural Model.

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