

SIP-053 — Governance and Jurisdictional Authority Description

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Statement

The Submission SHALL describe the lifecycle [Governance](#) mechanisms applicable to structural, semantic, and interpretive [Artifacts](#) and the architectural mechanisms by which each [Jurisdiction](#) retains [Authority](#) over structural and semantic definitions within its operational boundary.

Rationale

Structural, semantic, and interpretive Artifacts may evolve under different authorities, schedules, policies, and lifecycle processes. The Submission must explain how those Artifacts are identified, versioned, reviewed, approved, applied, deprecated, and superseded.

The architecture must also preserve the ability of each Jurisdiction to govern the structural and semantic definitions applicable within its operational boundary. Participation in cross-jurisdictional operations must not silently transfer that Authority or impose another Jurisdiction's definitions without an authorized Governance decision.

Evaluation Criteria

A conforming Submission demonstrates that:

1. Lifecycle Governance mechanisms for structural Artifacts are described
2. Lifecycle Governance mechanisms for semantic Artifacts are described
3. Lifecycle Governance mechanisms for interpretive Artifacts are described
4. Authorities responsible for governing each Artifact category can be identified
5. Artifact identity, version, status, applicability, and provenance can be represented
6. Review, approval, publication, deprecation, and supersession processes are described
7. Each participating Jurisdiction and its operational boundary can be identified
8. The structural definitions governed by each Jurisdiction can be identified
9. The semantic definitions governed by each Jurisdiction can be identified
10. Authority over structural and semantic definitions remains attributable to the governing Jurisdiction
11. Cross-jurisdictional mappings or agreements do not silently replace a Jurisdiction's authoritative definitions
12. Conflicts among applicable definitions can be detected, recorded, and referred to the appropriate Authority
13. Governance decisions and authorized exceptions can be preserved with provenance and traceability

Required Coverage

The description includes the architectural information governed by:

1. [SIP-010 — Structural Artifact Lifecycle Governance](#)
2. [SIP-011 — Semantic Artifact Lifecycle Governance](#)
3. [SIP-012 — Interpretive Artifact Lifecycle Governance](#)
4. [SIP-014 — Jurisdictional Control of Structural Definitions](#)
5. [SIP-015 — Jurisdictional Control of Semantic Definitions](#)
6. [SIP-049 — Architectural Concern and Lifecycle Description](#)

Referenced By

- [6.4.5 Governance and Authority](#)

Notes for Editors

SIP-053 governs the required Governance and jurisdictional Authority description. The requirements listed under Required Coverage govern the underlying lifecycle and jurisdictional capabilities.

This requirement does not assign Authority to SIP-RA or prescribe which organization governs a particular structural or semantic definition. It requires the proposed Reference Architecture to represent and preserve the applicable Authority.

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