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Welcome! Here's the Agenda:

- Introduction
- What is a Leveraged Authorization?
- Benefits of OSCAL Leveraged Authorizations
- Leveraged Authorizations Demo with ATO as a Service™
- Q&A

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Introduction

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Allow me to re-introduce myself, my name is...

- **Jasson Walker, Jr. CISSP, CPT, CEH, PMP, MCSE**

- President & CEO of cFocus Software Incorporated
- 15+ years of experience with FISMA/RMF/FedRAMP compliance

- **cFocus Software Incorporated**

- Established 2006 with 15+ years of federal IA & cybersecurity experience
- Providing security compliance for multiple federal agencies (Army, EPA, etc.)
- <https://cfocussoftware.com>

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Introducing ATO as a Service™

- **ATO as a Service™ automates FISMA/RMF/FedRAMP compliance and reporting with OSCAL**
 - Full implementation of OSCAL v1.0.0 leveraged authorizations
 - Auto-generates 100% OSCAL v1.0.0 compliant SSPs, POA&Ms, SAPs & SARs
 - Exports authorization package documents to Word/Excel format



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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

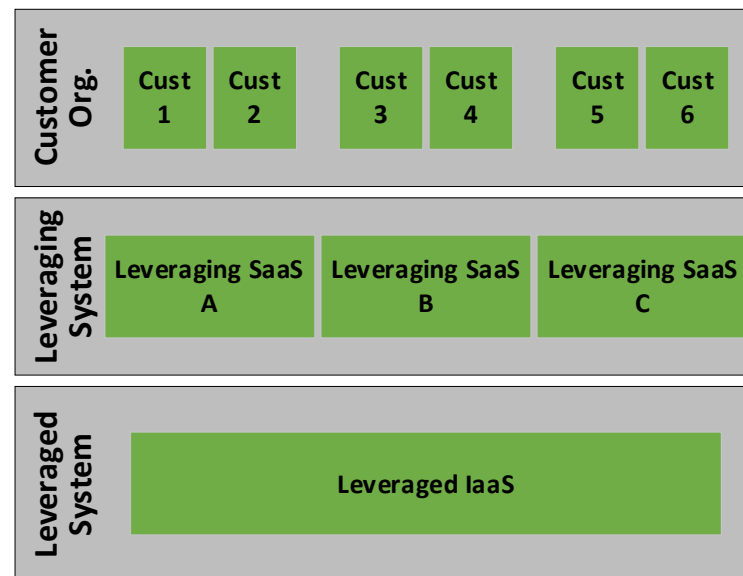
- A leveraged authorization is a system from which security control compliance can be inherited
 - AKA Common Control Provider
- A leveraging system inherits security control compliance from a leveraged authorization



What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- For example...

- Amazon Web Services IaaS leveraged authorization for a SaaS



Cloud (SaaS on IaaS)

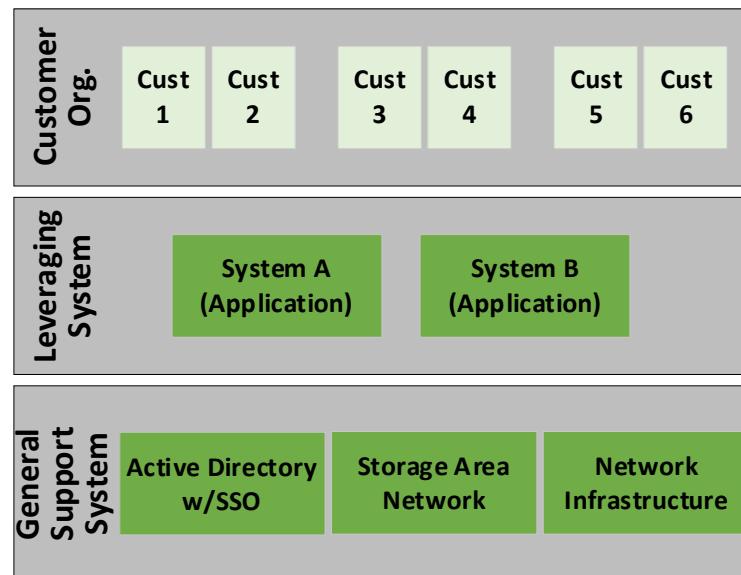
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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- For example...

- General Support System leveraged authorization for a system application



Data Center (System on GSS)

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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- Leveraged authorization & leveraging system linked thru OSCAL (provided→inherited)
 - Step 1: Update Leveraged Authorization SSP with provided object

```
<p>Overall description of what is exportable to leveraging systems for AC-2, part a.</p>
</description>
<provided uuid="11111111-0000-4000-9009-002001002001">
  <description>
    <p>Consumer-appropriate description of what may be inherited.</p>
    <p>In the context of the application component in satisfaction of AC-2, part a.</p>
  </description>
  <responsible-role role-id="poc-for-customers" />
</provided>
```





What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- In order to create an OSCAL leveraged authorization, you must:
 - Step 2: Update Leveraging System with component object that represents leveraged-authorization

```
<component uuid="22222222-0000-4000-9001-000000000002" component-type="leveraged-system">
  <title><b>LEVERAGED SYSTEM (IaaS)</b></title>
  <description>
    <p>Brief description of the leveraged system.</p>
  </description>
  <prop name="implementation-point">external</prop>
  <prop name="leveraged-authorization-uuid">22222222-0000-4000-9000-000000000001</prop>
  <prop name="inherited-uuid">11111111-0000-4000-9001-000000000001</prop>
  <status state="operational"/>
</component>
```

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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- In order to create an OSCAL leveraged authorization, you must:
 - Step 3: Update Leveraging System with leveraged-authorization object

```
<system-implementation>
  <leveraged-authorization uuid="22222222-0000-4000-9000-300000000001">
    <title>CSP IaaS [Leveraged System]</title>
    <link href="./oscal_csp-example_ssp.xml" rel="OSCAL-SSP-XML" />
    <party-uuid>22222222-0000-4000-9000-100000000002</party-uuid>
    <date-authorized>2018-01-01</date-authorized>
  </leveraged-authorization>
```

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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- In order to create an OSCAL leveraged authorization, you must:

➤ Step 4: Update Leveraging System with inherited object

```
<inherited uuid="uuid-value" provided-uuid="11111111-0000-4000-9009-002001002001">  
  <description>  
    <p>Optional description.</p>  
    <p><i>Possibly a duplicated description of what was inherited.</i></p>  
    <p>Consumer-appropriate description of what may be inherited.</p>  
    <p>In the context of the application component in satisfaction of AC-2, part 1.</p>  
  </description>  
</inherited>
```

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What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- We can also create a leveraged authorization customer responsibility that must be satisfied by the leveraging system
 - responsibility (leveraged authorization) → satisfied (leveraging system) object pairs





What is a Leveraged Authorization?

- provided → inherited and responsibility → satisfied object pairs are linked by UUIDs
 - UUIDs for these objects enable traceability from the leveraging system back to the leveraged authorization components, provided object, responsibility object, etc.





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Benefits of OSCAL Leveraged Authorizations

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Benefits of OSCAL Leveraged Authorizations

- Traceability of security control inheritance between systems in different authorization boundaries
- Granular security control inheritance
- True Real-time/continuous monitoring

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