

Assessment Workflows Overview

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Because objects in an assessment may require different processes depending on the assessment type (e.g., Audit versus ERM), administrators can configure unique workflows for object types added to assessments.

While assessment types can only have one workflow, the object types added to an assessment can have multiple. Additional workflows can only be created in the **Configuration tab** on the **Edit Assessment** page, however, once a workflow is created, it can be used for the object type on any other assessments (if that object type has been added to the data definition). The states in those additional workflows can be used to filter the objects displayed in [views](#), [data visualizations](#), or [search](#) results.

The primary workflow created for each object type outside of an assessment is identified in the Configuration tab as **[Object Type Name] (Library)**. When you create a new workflow for an object type from the **Edit Assessment** page, you can reuse that workflow in other assessments, views, data visualization filters and parameters, and searches. Reusing previously created assessment workflows is useful when an object type has similar processes across more than one assessment. For example, if the Control object type was used in the Control Self-Assessment, an administrator could select that assessment's workflow when Control was used in the Audit assessment.

Each new assessment and object type is created with an automatically generated workflow that includes the following [states](#), [triggers](#), and [transitions](#) that can be edited, deleted, or replaced (except **Creation**):

1. **Creation:** Contains a **Create** button trigger that transitions the object to the **Not Started** state. This state cannot be deleted nor can its name or color be edited, however, the trigger can be edited or replaced as needed.
2. **Not Started:** Contains a **Start** button trigger that transitions the object to the **In Progress** state.
3. **In Progress:** Contains a **Complete** button trigger that transitions the object to the **Complete** state.
4. **Complete:** Contains an **Archive** button trigger that transitions the object to the **Archive** state.
5. **Archive:** This state contains no triggers or transitions.

The screenshot displays a 'STATES' configuration interface. At the top right, there is a '+ ADD STATE' button. Below this, five states are listed, each with a blue circular icon and a title. Each state has a 'TRIGGERS' section with a lightning bolt icon and a '+ ADD TRIGGER' link. The 'CREATION' state has a 'Create' trigger with a transition to 'Not Started'. The 'NOT STARTED' state has a 'Start' trigger with a transition to 'In Progress'. The 'IN PROGRESS' state has a 'Complete' trigger with a transition to 'Complete'. The 'COMPLETE' state has an 'Archive' trigger with a transition to 'Archive'. The 'ARCHIVE' state has no triggers. Each state also has a '0 REQUIRED COMPONENTS' indicator. A 'CREATION STATE' label is present next to the 'TRIGGERS' section of the first state.

The standard workflow that's created with each new assessment and object type.

The object types available in the Configuration tab on the **Edit Assessment** page are populated based on the [data definition](#) selected when creating the new assessment. From this tab, you can also specify whether these object types' data will be cloned or be used as reference data only, and if other assessments can reuse this data. Note that you cannot create or configure workflows for object types used as reference data in assessments. For more information, see the [Assessment Instances](#) section.