



# Requirements Document Wizard (RDW) USER ACCESS GUIDE



**Intent:** The intent of this document is to facilitate access to the Requirements Document Wizard (RDW) software for our users through their respective help desks. Users should expect that their help desk may have unique requirements, processes, and timelines that this document may not cover, and should feel free to reach out to DAU—or have their help desks reach out—via the e-mail at the bottom of this page.

## **What is the Requirements Document Wizard (RDW)?**

The RDW is a new and novel software package created by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) that helps Requirements Managers (RM) construct quality requirements documents (think Initial Capabilities Documents (ICDs), Capability Development Documents (CDDs), etc.) in line with the governing regulation—the JCIDS Manual. NO other software currently provides the capabilities resident within the RDW. There are more than 4,000 potential users worldwide—spread across the Services, DoD Agencies, the Joint Staff, OSD, and beyond. This software package is **NOT** web-based—it must be downloaded and made available to users by other means—as help desks and their respective processes allow. Please refer to the software's Technology Sharing Agreement (TSA) for terms and conditions, which is available in the RDW Help Menu. The current version is RDW, Version 1.3.

## **What is the use case for this software?**

As stated above, one primary duty of RMs includes the construction (writing) of requirements documents. The current process usually entails an RM opening MS Word, perhaps referencing a template or example document provided by their unit, referencing one or more job support tool provided by DAU, and collaborating on that document with other RMs via some method of file sharing. Moreover, sometimes these resources may be within different domains (NIPR, SIPR, JWICS). The RDW is a complete package of software that fuses all of these resources together within any domain. Further, it prompts (and requires) users to enter needed information into their documents, per the governing JCIDS Manual. Again, NO other software currently provides all of these capabilities in one complete software package.

## **Who produced this software?**

The RDW was produced by software developers under contract with DAU, beginning in December 2023. The software will be maintained by DAU going forward, using both resident personnel and contract support. As such, there is **no cost** to users to access or use this software.

## **Does this software have an Authority to Operate (ATO)?**

Yes, this software has earned an ATO as of November 13, 2024, for a three-year period. This software has been digitally signed by the DAU OCIO, via a DOD issued certificate, to ensure software integrity. The software is also supported by a TSA. All due diligence has been performed in making this software available to our users. A copy of the ATO memo, a copy of the TSA, and other artifacts are available at [this website](#). Any other artifacts (e.g. code scans, etc.) that help desks may require to support their native processes can be made available upon request to the e-mail below.

## **Where (and how) is this software available?**

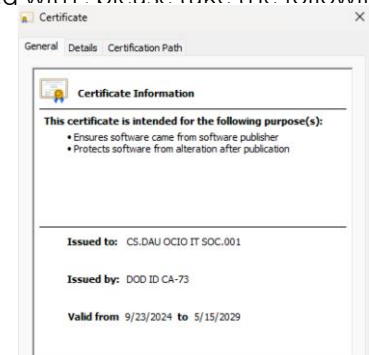
The latest version of the RDW (Version 1.3) is available for download at [this website](#). (<https://content1.dau.edu/rdw>)

The software is delivered via a .zip file, and an SHA hash for this file is also available at [this website](#).

If you have need to view the digital certificate that this software has been signed with, please take the following steps (a picture of the certificate's details is to the right):

1. Right click the .exe (DAU.DocGen.exe)
2. Select Properties from the context menu
3. Click on the Digital Signatures tab
4. Double click on the certificate to view the details

\*\* In addition to the software, the SHA hash, and other artifacts mentioned above, this [RDW website](#) also contains the User Guide and a Desk Reference (2-pages of FAQ's and Tips & Tricks).



**WHERE do I get HELP? E-mail us at: [JCIDS-RDW@dau.edu](mailto:JCIDS-RDW@dau.edu)**