

## Preferred Ownership

Objects such as entities and controls have at least one owner. Object owners can be nominated as the primary stakeholders of any workflow stage so that they can manage the objects in an assessment. Alternatively, you can also assess entities based on the controls, groups or control objectives with preferred ownership that match the workflow stage owners and entity owners. Preferred ownership allows stakeholders to answer a questionnaire that is different from other stakeholder's questionnaires of the same program assessment. That is, preferred ownership allows the first stage of an assessment workflow to send a unique questionnaire to each stakeholder.

### To implement preferred ownership:

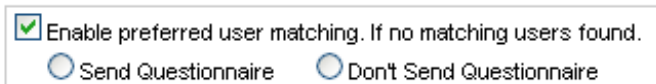
1. The control, control objective, content pack, or group must list the ownership type in the Target Entity's Preferred Ownership field.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Attributes" with the following fields:

- Status:** A dropdown menu with the text "Select a status" and a downward arrow.
- Key Control:** A dropdown menu with the text "No" and a downward arrow.
- Version:** A text input field.
- Target Entity's Preferred Ownership:** A dropdown menu with "Business Owner" selected, and plus (+) and minus (-) buttons to the right.

2. In the assessment workflow options, select **Enable preferred user matching** and indicate whether a questionnaire must be sent if the preferred user is not found for a particular entity.



The screenshot shows a checkbox labeled "Enable preferred user matching. If no matching users found." which is checked. Below it are two radio buttons: "Send Questionnaire" and "Don't Send Questionnaire".

If **Enable preferred user matching** is selected and no matching users are found, the default behavior is that the questionnaire will not be sent.