Liaison Report
from OASIS Open Document Format TC
to ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC34

2012-10-11

Liaison Representatives

Our appointed TC liaison representatives[1] to SC34 and WGs are as follows:

- SC34, Patrick Durusau (Project Editor)
- SC34/WG6, Rob Weir, Dennis Hamilton

ISO/IEC 26300 Maintenance

There are no pending NB defect reports for ISO/IEC 26300, however we do continue to track comments submitted by individual SC34 technical experts, OASIS members, as well as from the general public. These comments can be accessed via our JIRA issue tracking system at the following URL:

http://tools.oasis-open.org/issues/browse/OFFICE

SC34 technical experts may submit additional comments via the TC's public comment list, according to the instructions here:

http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/comments/index.php?wg_abbrev=office

OASIS ODF 1.1 Errata

With the approval of IS 26300/Amd. 1, several defects were fixed in the published Amendment that also exist as defects in the ODF 1.1 OASIS Standard. In order to bring the OASIS text and the ISO/IEC text into technical equivalence, the OASIS ODF TC is preparing an Approved Errata document, per the OASIS process[2].

The current outlook for this work is:

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1 https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/liaison#tcliaison
2 https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/tc-process#errata

- The WD05 draft is targeted for early November. Corrections from WG6 Convenor have been received and will be reviewed and addressed in WD05.

- The WD06 draft is targeted for early December. This is to be text complete and the candidate for careful review before going to Committee Specification Draft and Public Review per the OASIS Approved Errata process.

OASIS ODF 1.2 PAS Submission

OASIS ODF 1.2 was published on 2012-01-11. Highlights of ODF 1.2 include:

- A spreadsheet formula language specification (OpenFormula)

- Digital signature support

- RDF XML/RDFa semantic metadata framework

- General redrafting in accordance with ISO Directives, Part 2.

- Database front end support

- Enhanced accessibility features

Most implementors of ODF have either already moved to support ODF 1.2, or are planning to support ODF 1.2 in their next release. Based on the market relevance and widespread use and adoption of ODF 1.2 we have begun the process within OASIS[3] to approve a submission of this specification to ISO/IEC JTC1 under the Publicly Available Specification (PAS) accelerated process.

The current outlook for this work is:

- A Referencing Explanatory Report (RER) for ODF's use of ZIP was recently prepared by PKWARE for inclusion with our PAS submission.

- Drafting of Explanatory Report within the TC, to accompany the PAS submission, estimated completion by end of December.

- Internal review and approval of PAS submission within OASIS, estimated completion Q1 2013, followed by submission to JTC1 Secretariat.

- The JTC1 processing of PAS submissions has several variables that prevent exact predictions, but we might aim for a BRM co-located with the Delft Plenary in September 2013.

Development of ODF 1.3

Work continues on ODF 1.3, with focus areas being:

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3   https://www.oasis-open.org/policies-guidelines/liaison#submitwork

- Enhancing change tracking

- Enhancing encryption/digital signatures

- Fixing defects

Feature proposals for ODF 1.3 may be sent to the OASIS ODF TC using the comment submission instructions linked to above. Alternatively, SC34 technical experts with strong interest are encouraged to join the OASIS ODF TC and participate directly in this project.