

Request to Submit OASIS ODF 1.1 to ISO/IEC JTC1

The name(s) of the submission requester(s), that is, the TC, the Member Section, or the OASIS Organizational Members that support the submission request as described in section 1(d)

The OASIS Open Document Format for Office Applications (OpenDocument) TC

The name of the intended receiving standards organization. The request may also suggest the committee or group in that organization which should process that submission.

ISO/IEC JTC1 is the receiving organization. The relevant committee is JTC1/SC34, which is where the initial processing would occur.

The intended status or outcome that the request seeks from the receiving organization's process; and a short description of the receiving organization's approval process, including estimated time required, stages of approval and who votes at each stage.

The intended outcome is for ISO/IEC JTC1 to approve an amendment to ISO/IEC 26300:2006 (ODF 1.0) which would result in that standard being technical equivalent to OASIS ODF 1.1.

The amendment process in JTC1 goes through the following stages:

1. The initiation of a new project, which can be done via an NP (New Project) ballot in JTC1 or via a subdivision motion approved at an SC meeting by NBs present at the meeting. If the OASIS submission can be made quickly (before February 22nd) the later would likely occur. If we submit later than that, then the next SC34 Plenary would be 6-months away, and we would likely go to a 3-month NP ballot of JTC1 NBs.
2. A WD (Working Draft) stage, which would be occur within JTC1/SC34/WG6. Since the scope of the amendment would be set to ensure that the resulting ISO/IEC specification is technically equivalent to OASIS ODF 1.1, the work here would be mainly editorial.
3. An FPDAM (Final Proposed Draft Amendment) ballot of SC34 NBs. The ballot plus the following comment disposition process would take 4-6 months.
4. An FDAM (Final Draft Amendment) of JTC1 NBs. This ballot runs for 2 months.

So essentially there are two stages of activities, technical review and approval in JTC1/SC34, and then an additional approval ballot in JTC1.

An explanation of how the submission will benefit OASIS.

Two primary benefits:

1. Ensures that there is an International Standard corresponding to the most-recent version of OASIS ODF, bringing the benefits of ODF 1.1 (primarily accessibility improvements) to a broader audience of public sector adopters.
2. Improves our working relationship with JTC1, by satisfying their outstanding request for ODF 1.1. This improves the ability of OASIS to successfully make PAS submissions in the future.

The expected licensing, copyright and other intellectual property terms that will be used by the receiving organization in regard to the submission.

ODF 1.1 would be submitted under the same IPR terms as our original PAS submission of ODF 1.0.

A statement of the intended future plans for versioning and maintenance of the OASIS Standard and/or Approved Errata for that standard, and the expected roles of OASIS and the receiving organization. This must include clear statements of the rules of the receiving organization applicable to maintenance of an approved submitted standard, and to future versions of that standard; any requirements regarding the submission of future versions; and a description of how OASIS and the submission requesters expect to comply with those rules.

We continue our existing maintenance activities with JTC1/SC34, as described in the Explanatory Report that accompanied the submission of ODF 1.0 to JTC1, as well as by the more recent "Memorandum of Principles Between OASIS and ISO/IEC JTC 1" regarding the maintenance of ODF.

In summary, these agreements assign the maintenance of ODF to the OASIS ODF TC. OASIS and JTC1 commit to keep their specifications "technically equivalent" through the use of Approved Errata and Technical Corrigenda, per the respective OASIS and JTC1 procedures for corrective maintenance. Subsequent major revisions would originate in OASIS and then be contributed to JTC1 via their PAS process.