

Memorandum of Understanding between OASIS and W3C Regarding WebCGM 2.0

1. Introduction

Members of W3C and OASIS have asked that the two consortia permit parallel approvals of WebCGM 2.0 as a W3C Recommendation and OASIS Standard.

The CGM community has produced profiles of the ISO CGM standard for a long time. WebCGM 1.0, jointly produced by W3C and CGM-Open, was an approved W3C Recommendation in January 1999. CGM-Open associated itself with OASIS and created the OASIS CGM Open WebCGM Technical Committee (WebCGM TC). The WebCGM TC has produced an updated version of WebCGM with version number 2.0. W3C and OASIS are willing to facilitate gathering feedback from the Web community of the WebCGM 2.0 specification, and issue a final W3C Recommendation and OASIS Standard using coordinated but separate processes under the terms stated in this Memorandum of Understanding. It is the intent of both organizations that the eventual W3C Recommendation and OASIS Standard are technically identical, differing only to the extent necessary to satisfy the appropriate organization's policies on document structure, format and presentation.

2. OASIS Submission to W3C

WebCGM 2.0 has been approved as a Committee Specification by the WebCGM TC. OASIS will submit the WebCGM Committee Specification to W3C using the normal W3C Submission process. As OASIS is a Member of W3C, there is no need for any further special agreement.

In light of the fact that OASIS holds a copyright on specifications produced within its TCs, OASIS will grant W3C the necessary copyrights to do further work on the submission and include feedback from its constituencies. To enable W3C to include the submitted WebCGM Specification into Working Drafts of the W3C CGM Working Group, OASIS is encouraged to choose the following copyright grant option in the Submission process:

OASIS will grant W3C a perpetual, nonexclusive, royalty-free, world-wide right and license under any OASIS copyrights on the submitted WebCGM specification, to copy, publish and distribute the submitted WebCGM specification under the W3C document licenses. Furthermore, OASIS will grant a right and license of the same scope to any derivative works prepared by the W3C and based on, or incorporating all or part of, the submitted WebCGM specification.

OASIS further agrees that any derivative works of this contribution prepared by the W3C shall be solely owned by the W3C, except that any published version 2.x of the WebCGM specification shall carry both copyrights as specified in Section 6.

Once the submission to W3C has been made, the OASIS TC will not issue another Committee Specification or proposed OASIS Standard until the W3C Proposed Recommendation is issued. This condition is released if W3C terminates the work without issuing a Recommendation, or 12 months have elapsed after the last publication of a W3C WebCGM 2.0 Specification, or 24

months have elapsed after the date on which the specification enters W3C Candidate Recommendation status.

3. W3C Working Group

Once the submission to W3C is acknowledged, under the condition of sufficient support from the W3C Advisory Committee, W3C will create a WebCGM Working Group that will be chartered to produce the WebCGM 2.0 W3C Recommendation. This will be a public group; all minutes and mailing list archives will be public. Members of OASIS WebCGM TC who are also W3C Members, as well as all W3C Members and Invited Experts, will be able to participate in the W3C WebCGM Working Group according to the W3C Process, including the W3C Patent Policy.

4. Return of W3C Proposed Recommendation to OASIS

It is the intent of both organizations that the eventual W3C Recommendation and OASIS Standard are technically identical, differing only to the extent necessary to satisfy the appropriate organization's policies on document structure, format and presentation. W3C will grant to OASIS and its CGMOpen WebCGM TC the right to use the W3C WebCGM Proposed Recommendation and Recommendation in order to derive an updated WebCGM 2.0 OASIS Standard; and will grant to appropriate members of OASIS and W3C sufficient rights to submit those works back to OASIS, as the contributions of those members under OASIS policies.

The contribution of the W3C Proposed Recommendation to OASIS will be made on a date sufficiently prior to the W3C AC review, so that any further OASIS public review, revision or TC approval required by the OASIS TC Process is conducted during, and may be completed prior to the end of, the W3C AC review period. Any additional changes recommended during that OASIS process will be submitted back to W3C as AC comments on the terms noted in Section 2.

5. Copyright and later works

Both the W3C WebCGM 2.0 Recommendation and the WebCGM 2.0 OASIS Standard will carry copyrights from both W3C and OASIS.

OASIS and W3C each acknowledge that both organizations are free to create further derivative works based on any contributed version of WebCGM 2.0 provided they use a different name or major version number.

OASIS and W3C reserve the right to employ the process and agreement established with this MoU for future versions of WebCGM, by providing an annex with the reserved name and version, signed by the President of OASIS and W3C's chairman or Chief Operating Officer.

6. Authority

OASIS and W3C each acknowledge that this MoU and the actions contemplated by it can be executed consistent with their respective applicable policies.

The above terms accepted by:

OASIS Open

15 Dec 2005

Patrick Gannon
President & CEO

Date

World Wide Web Consortium

Steve Bratt
COO

Date