OASIS Members Approve Content Management Interoperability Services (CMIS) Standard

Adobe, Alfresco, ASG, Booz Allen Hamilton, Day Software, dotCMS, EMC, FatWire, fme AG, IBM, ISIS Papyrus, Liferay, Microsoft, Nuxeo, Open Text, Oracle, SAP, Saperion, WeWebU, and Others Agree on Standard to Link Disparate Content Systems

Boston, MA, USA; 4 May 2010 - The OASIS international consortium today announced the approval of Content Management Interoperability Services (CMIS) version 1.0, a new open standard that enables information to be shared across Enterprise Content Management (ECM) repositories from different vendors. Advanced via a collaboration of major ECM solution providers worldwide, CMIS is now an official OASIS Standard, a status that signifies the highest level of ratification.

Using Web services and Web 2.0 interfaces, CMIS dramatically reduces the IT burden around multi-vendor, multi-repository content management environments. Companies no longer need to maintain custom code and one-off integrations in order to share information across their various ECM systems. CMIS also enables independent software vendors (ISVs) to create specialized applications that are capable of running over a variety of content management systems.

"CMIS makes it possible for business units to deploy systems independently and focus on application needs rather than on infrastructure considerations. With CMIS, integrating content between two or more repositories is faster, simpler and more cost-effective. This is how it should be," said David Choy of EMC, chair of the OASIS CMIS Technical Committee.

"CMIS has the potential to be a game-changing standard, not only through its promise to facilitate affordable content management, but also as an enabler of whole new classes of high-value, information-rich applications that have not been feasible to date," said Mary Laplante, vice president and senior analyst for the Gilbane Group. "At the end of the day, companies simply need better approaches to integrating systems. Business agility increasingly separates the winners from the losers, and agility is perhaps the biggest single benefit that CMIS offers."

CMIS is offered for implementation on a royalty-free basis. Participation in the OASIS CMIS Technical Committee is open to all companies, non-profit groups, governments, academic institutions, and individuals. As with all OASIS projects, archives of the Committees’ work are accessible to both members and non-members, and OASIS hosts an open mail list for public comment.

Support for CMIS

IBM

"IBM is proud to be a founding contributor to the CMIS effort at OASIS and congratulates the team on the approval as an OASIS standard. CMIS provides a single, secure interface for content management systems and
enables user access to these systems from a variety of environments including desktop systems, mobile devices and collaborative tools. This is very important to our customers as they integrate enterprise content management systems in key business processes that cross business unit and vendor implementations. We strongly support this standard and are pleased to see the broad industry support it has received." -- Karla Norsworthy, VP Software Standards

ISIS Papyrus
"The OASIS CMIS 1.0 ratification is an important first step to enable businesses to freely make important solution choices for ECM, BPM and CRM applications without being limited to the functionality of the underlying archive system vendor. We hope that subsequent releases will reach beyond access to content and metadata, and we are positive that this emerging standard - which Papyrus Platform already supports - will be widely adopted and increase motivation for continuous expansion to full content interoperability in process-oriented environments." -- Max J. Pucher, Chief Architect

Microsoft
"Microsoft has been involved with the CMIS specification since inception, and we are excited that the specification has been accepted as an OASIS Standard. CMIS provides an effective solution for connecting disparate repositories and will usher in a new era of Composite Content Applications that can be built to the CMIS specification independent of the underlying content repository. Microsoft recently announced that we will be shipping the CMIS Connector for SharePoint by the end of June 2010, delivering CMIS support in SharePoint Server 2010. We are committed to driving interoperability in the ECM industry and will continue to be actively involved in the development of the CMIS specification." - Eric Swift, General Manager, SharePoint

Oracle
"Continuing our strong support for open standards, as a participant in the OASIS CMIS Technical Committee Oracle has already begun implementing CMIS support in our Enterprise 2.0, portal, and content management products. Now that the standard has been finalized, we look forward to expanding this support to help customers and partners benefit from the integrated and open content architectures the CMIS standard helps enable." -- Don Deutsch, Vice President Standards Strategy and Architecture

Adobe
"OASIS CMIS is very important to Adobe. Many of our customers need to realize greater reuse of content in their business processes and creative workflows. OASIS CMIS enables content management vendors to interoperate in a standard manner, unlocking enterprise content and increasing its reuse." -- Craig Randall, Principal Scientist

Active Endpoints
"Active Endpoints is excited about the approval of CMIS 1.0 and has already demonstrated how CMIS can be used to integrate business process management systems (BPMSs) and ECMs. CMIS is an important watershed in allowing these two crucial systems to easily interoperate in ways that protect users' investments." -- Michael Rowley, CTO

Alfresco
"We have been waiting for nearly the entire life of Alfresco for this standard and now that it is here, it's fantastic! CMIS will have a profound impact on organizations using content applications and, as an open standard, has the ability to future-proof IT investments. We have made CMIS 1.0 available in the Alfresco Community 3.3 release. We intend to develop an ecosystem of applications and partners with the new standard." -- John Newton, CTO & Co-founder

ASG
"ASG Software Solutions is honored to be a voting member of the OASIS CMIS TC and an active participant in developing CMIS 1.0. By working with OASIS to develop technologies to create a CMIS standard, ASG can ensure its current and future customers take advantage of seamless interoperability of ECM systems and solutions." -- Theresa Kollath, Senior Director of Product Management-Information Management Solutions

Day Software
"Content repositories need to become commodity infrastructure to power the next generation of Web-based composite content applications. Standards and interoperability are critical to drive repository commoditization. We are pleased with the joint effort by all vendors to collaborate on this important new CMIS standard and drive adoption of CMIS through the open source community." -- David Nuescheler, CTO

EMC
"CMIS-based code allows applications to access any compliant repository making it easier to develop applications for the cloud and other multi-repository environments. This maximizes enterprise effectiveness by reducing application development costs and improving user access to content. As a long time proponent of open standards, we're pleased to be supporting the CMIS standard." -- John McCormick, VP Product Management, Content Management and Archiving Division

FatWire
"Content integration and interoperability are critical to our customers' success in all of their web initiatives. The release of CMIS 1.0 is a major milestone for content integration in the industry. FatWire is proud to help guide the development of CMIS, and to support openness and interoperability in our Web Experience Management product suite. Interoperability initiatives including CMIS are central to our strategy for delivering value to our customers." -- Hareesh Kadlabalu, Chief Software Architect

Nuxeo
"Nuxeo has been committed to CMIS since its inception and is very pleased to see its successful ratification. Open standards are essential to the evolution of the content management space, and we view this as a tremendous opportunity for customers to at last develop and deploy the content management applications that span a broad range of requirements. Innovation is driven by flexibility, openness and consumer choice." -- Eric Barroca, CEO

Open Text
"The approval of CMIS 1.0 is a key milestone for the industry, and congratulations go to the many individuals who worked together to make it a reality. We're now looking forward to adding CMIS to our upcoming software releases. Global enterprises are struggling with siloed deployments of diverse, unstructured information repositories. CMIS is going to be a significant accelerator in executing our vision to take away the end user pain of working around a disjointed environment of legacy ECM point solutions. In the end, this is good for customers because they will see much more powerful content applications that will help them gain value from their content across more of their systems." -- Richard Anstey, VP, Technology and Product Strategy

SAP
"As a key participant in the OASIS CMIS Technical Committee, SAP is pleased to see CMIS being ratified as an OASIS Standard. Our customers have always asked for interoperable content management services, particularly in heterogeneous landscapes of business applications and ECMs. Initial prototyping and interoperability tests indicate that CMIS can address this very demand, and we are therefore looking forward to seeing broad industry adoption of this important standard." -- Claus von Riegen, Director, Technology Standards and Open Source

SAPERION
"Today, providing access to and allowing interaction with information objects is one of the most challenging tasks for ECM and other enterprise software vendors. CMIS addresses these tasks for many use cases, and we are happy that we were able to support development of CMIS as an OASIS Standard. We look forward to integrate CMIS in our upcoming product releases because we feel that the current community building around CMIS has enough momentum to carry it forward beyond its initial release. SAPERION will continue to take an active role in the shaping of open standards." -- Volker John, Director Product Management

WeWebU

"We are very happy that CMIS has been approved because it will enable independent software vendors like WeWebU to offer content-centric applications that run on top of different ECM platforms. This will enlarge the market for Composite Content Applications like WeWebU OpenWorkdesk drastically and lead to a lot of innovation. I am sure CMIS will change the ECM industry and boost our business as well." -- Stefan Waldhauser, CEO and co-founder

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