OASIS Members to Develop Web Services Management Protocol

Boston, MA, USA; 10 September 2002 - Members of the OASIS standards consortium have formed a technical committee to facilitate distributed systems management over the Internet. The work of the new OASIS Management Protocol Technical Committee will enable businesses to manage their own Web services and oversee their interaction with services offered by other companies. The OASIS Management Protocol will be designed to manage desktops, services, and networks across an enterprise or Internet environment.

"The widespread need for the integration of systems and network management tools is causing the industry to take a more holistic approach to the management of networks--and Web services provide the ideal vehicle for making that happen," explained Winston Bumpus of Novell, chair of the OASIS Management Protocol Technical Committee. "Our work at OASIS will help level the playing field and allow companies to manage systems regardless of the platform they use."

OASIS is reviewing a number of Web services standards and operations for potential use in the Management Protocol, including XML, SOAP, Open Model Interface (OMI), and the Distributed Management Task Force's Common Information Model (CIM).

The Management Protocol joins several Web services standards currently being developed within OASIS. Other specifications include UDDI for discovery, ebXML for electronic business commerce, WS-Security for secure Web services, WSIA for interactive Web applications, WSRP for remote portals, and others.

Participation in the OASIS Management Protocol Technical Committee remains open to all organizations and individuals. OASIS will host an open mail list for public comment, and completed work will be freely available to the public without licensing or other fees. Information on joining OASIS can be found on http://www.oasis-open.org/join [1].

About OASIS
OASIS (http://www.oasis-open.org [2]) is a not-for-profit, global consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of e-business standards. Members themselves set the OASIS technical agenda, using a lightweight, open process expressly designed to promote industry consensus and unite disparate efforts. OASIS produces worldwide standards for security, Web services, XML conformance, business transactions, electronic publishing, topic maps and interoperability within and between marketplaces. OASIS has more than 500 corporate and individual members in 100 countries around the world.

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