OASIS Publishes XML Exchange Table Model Document Type Definition

**Boston, MA; October 11, 1999**--OASIS, the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards, today announced public availability of the XML Exchange Table Model Document Type Definition. Published as OASIS Technical Memorandum TR 9901:1999 ([http://www.oasis-open.org/html/techpubs.htm](http://www.oasis-open.org/html/techpubs.htm) [1]), the XML Exchange Table Model DTD is an XML expression of the exchange subset of the full CALS Table Model DTD ([http://www.oasis-open.org/html/a502.htm](http://www.oasis-open.org/html/a502.htm) [2]).

"The benefit of the exchange subset is that, if an application's tables are tagged according to this subset, there is a high probability that the table will be interoperable among the great majority of OASIS vendor products," explained Norman Walsh (Arbortext), chair of the OASIS XML Tables Technical Committee. "This memorandum satisfies the growing desire among OASIS member companies to have an official XML version of the Exchange Table Model."

"The XML Table Model is an important step forward," said Norbert Mikula (DataChannel), chief technical officer of OASIS. "For years, the SGML Table Model has been the heart of table interoperability. Now, the XML Table Model will provide the same utility for the XML world."

The OASIS XML Tables Technical Committee includes participants from the following OASIS member companies: Arbortext, Crane Softwrights, DataChannel, ISOGEN, Mulberry Technologies, Sun Microsystems and others.

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