OASIS to Host XML-DEV List

Boston, MA, December 15, 1999-- OASIS, the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards, unveiled plans to host the XML-DEV mail list through its industry portal, XML.org. Since 1997, XML-DEV has served as an open, unmoderated list supporting XML implementation and development. In the closing plenary of the XML 99 conference today, Prof. Peter Murray-Rust of the University of Nottingham (UK) announced that XML-DEV, presently hosted by Imperial College (UK), will soon become an OASIS resource. "We are very excited that XML-DEV has found a permanent home at OASIS," said Murray-Rust, who created XML-DEV with Dr. Henry Rzepa of Imperial College (UK). "We strongly support the role OASIS plays in the industry as a neutral, trusted organization and are confident that XML-DEV will be a natural fit with XML.org. We also wish to express our gratitude to Imperial College for hosting the list for three years."

XML-DEV, which has global membership of approximately 1500, averages more than 1200 postings a month from XML developers around the world. It emphasizes active participation through code development, creation of protocols and specifications, and other material contributions such as reference resources. "OASIS looks forward to hosting XML-DEV," commented Mary McRae (DMSi), chief marketing officer of OASIS. "XML-DEV played a critical role in coordinating software development while the XML specification was in draft, and many important resources have been announced over the years." As the most significant XML-DEV contribution, McRae cited the development of the SAX API for XML parsers, constructed by over 100 members on the list and coordinated by David Megginson. SAX is now universally accepted as a de facto standard. "As the oldest public XML discussion list, XML-DEV has played an essential part in the evolution of structured information standards," said Jon Bosak (Sun Microsystems), organizer of the working group that created XML. "In the early days, XML-DEV was our only avenue for getting public input to the design of the specification. The work of Dr. Rzepa and Prof. Murray-Rust in maintaining this forum over the last three years has contributed immeasurably to XML's adoption and implementation. It is fitting that this vital fixture of the XML community should continue under the sponsorship of the organization that's devoted to the free and open development of standards based on XML." The XML-DEV transition to OASIS will take place over the next few weeks and details will be announced on XML-DEV and the OASIS web sites, http://www.oasis-open.org [1] and http://xml.org [2].

About OASIS


About XML.org
XML.org ([http://xml.org](http://xml.org) [2]) is a self-supporting community resource designed to provide a credible source of accurate, timely information about the application of XML in industrial and commercial settings. Hosted by OASIS, the world's leading independent organization for the standardization of XML applications in electronic commerce, XML.org serves as a reference for XML DTDs, schemas and related information. Sponsors of XML.org include: Commerce One, DataChannel, Documentum, GCA, IBM, Oracle, SAP, SoftQuad and Sun Microsystems.

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