Organizations Join OASIS in Record Numbers to Advance Specifications for XML Interoperability


Boston, MA, USA, February 14, 2001 -- Collaboration with the XML community soared as 19 companies from around the globe became the newest sponsors of OASIS, the international not-for-profit consortium dedicated to the application of XML. New sponsors include Aventail, Access360, Baltimore Technologies, Critical Path, Deutsche Post AG, Hewlett-Packard Company, Innodata, Jamcracker, Mediaplex, Netegrity, Netscape/AOL, Planet 7 Technologies, Popkin Software, Securant Technologies, SilverStream Software, Sterling Commerce, Tamalpais Group, U.S. Defense Information Systems Agency and Virtual Access Networks. The Consortium also announced 26 new Contributors and 29 new individual members.

"These new OASIS members--small and large companies, users and vendors, partners and competitors, from the public and private sectors--all have one thing in common," noted Laura Walker, executive director of OASIS. "They share a strong commitment to enabling interoperability through the use of public, open standards such as XML. We look forward to the contributions these new members will make to the OASIS standards portfolio and applaud their commitment to interoperability."

"The open, inclusive OASIS technical process is driving this surge in membership," added Karl Best, director of technical operations for OASIS. "Companies appreciate the advantage of influencing the development of XML vocabularies and schemas for critical applications such as security services and business transactions. These members come to OASIS to collaborate on new XML applications or to unify fragmented development efforts already underway."

The new sponsors join more than 140 OASIS member companies that collaborate to advance industry-standard specifications for interoperability. In addition to the new XML Security Services Technical Committee, OASIS members build and maintain XML schemas for Business Transactions, Customer Information Quality, Entity Resolution, Directory Services, DocBook, Registries and Repositories, XML Conformance and ebXML- the Electronic Business XML Initiative cosponsored by OASIS and the United Nations/CEFACT.

About OASIS
OASIS ([http://www.oasis-open.org](http://www.oasis-open.org)) is the international, not-for-profit consortium that advances electronic business by promoting open, collaborative development of interoperability specifications. With the United Nations, OASIS sponsors ebXML, a global framework for electronic business data exchange. OASIS operates XML.ORG, the non-commercial portal that delivers information on the use of XML in industry. The XML.ORG Registry provides as an open community clearinghouse for distributing and locating XML
application schemas, vocabularies and related documents. OASIS serves as the home for industry groups interested in developing XML specifications. OASIS technical work embraces conformance, security, business transactions, repositories and other interoperability issues.


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New OASIS Sponsors Speak Out

"Access360 is a big proponent of interoperability to allow e-business infrastructures to seamlessly operate within and outside the firewall. We support OASIS as a forum to establish business standards to help make this possible. Our enRole resource provisioning management (RPM) system allows an organization to automatically assign, change, suspend and delete user access based on their business policies. To do this, we must have interoperability across a vast array of enterprise resources and infrastructure technologies."

Jeff Drake, executive vice president of Access360

"OASIS is quickly becoming a critical standards organization that addresses the specific needs of B2B and security as it relates to XML. We hope to make a significant contribution in defining open standards such as S2ML, leveraging our many years of research and development expertise in authentication and authorization for large enterprise customers."

Chris Hopen, chief technology officer of Aventail Corporation

"HP is actively investing in XML. We recognize that XML is a key enabling technology, and look forward to contributing our expertise to OASIS."

Eric Buatois, general manager of strategy and marketing, HP's Software and Solutions Organization
"OASIS provides a great forum for the development of standards-based XML initiatives. We have been working closely with OASIS over the past few months to create a single security standard that will be widely accepted in the industry. We brought S2ML to OASIS with that objective in mind, and we're confident that the Consortium has the critical mass to achieve our goal."

Bill Bartow, vice president of marketing at Netegrity

"Companies want to extend their systems for e-business, but a combination of proprietary technology and custom programming slows down deployment and inflates costs. To address this, Planet 7 provides the XML Network, e-business infrastructure software that allows customers to fully realize the benefits of XML across the enterprise, while maintaining their investment in existing systems. We're sponsoring OASIS because it provides the ideal forum for allowing Planet 7 to help define advancements in XML that will spur its widespread adoption, translating into more efficient business processes and reduced IT costs for customers."

Kim Mackay, president and CEO of Planet 7 Technologies

"OASIS has fast become known as a center of excellence for XML and related issues. It is very important for Popkin to be aware of the latest trends, requirements and developments in structured information standards, as we further develop the tools and practices for web application architecture and deployment. We have many years of experience of delivering solution for business architecture and technology and, therefore, we also believe in turn we can make a significant contribution to the OASIS community."

Jan Popkin, CEO of Popkin Software & Systems, Inc.

"OASIS provides an open forum where representatives from every corner of the industry can join forces to address key interoperability roadblocks on the Web. Securant's sponsor membership within OASIS will enable us to contribute to the development of a unified security standard that moves the market forward and enables seamless single sign-on and secure distributed transactions across multiple Web sites."

Eric Olden, chief technology officer, Securant Technologies

"As the momentum for Internet commerce accelerates, enterprises need comprehensive standards and advanced technologies to support their electronic market strategies. The OASIS community embodies the breadth and depth of expertise necessary to steward important B2B standards. SilverStream's eBusiness Platform complements OASIS by delivering the integration, connectivity and deployment infrastructures required for sophisticated B2B exchanges. We look forward to participating actively in the OASIS community process, and to promoting the acceptance of standards like ebXML by public and private trading exchanges."

Fred Holahan, vice president and general manager of SilverStream Software's eBusiness Integration Products

"The Tamalpais Group supports the emerging ebXML standard in our NEXUSe2e Server; an ebXML compliant messaging solution. We are excited to be a part of OASIS, and the adoption of the ebXML standard for B2B application integration."

Christian Franklin, vice president business development of the Tamalpais Group
"The robust combination of open and pervasive services being offered to B2B, B2C and even C2C infrastructure through XML technologies is amazing. By sponsoring OASIS I believe we are helping to promote open, collaborative development of interoperability specifications, as well as making our own virtual access core technologies compliant with the standard and leading industry vendors."

Marcus Goncalves, CKO of Virtual Access Networks

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