

ICG meeting Minutes

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2 Monday, 13th of September 2004

2.1 Welcome and opening remarks by the ICG Convener

M. Conroy welcomed everyone to the Fifth plenary meeting of the ICG. He apologized for D. Dobbing being unable to attend the opening of the meeting but indicated that he would be present on Wednesday morning.

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He reminded everyone that we had a very busy agenda with both the revision of the RSM and the development of the architecture for the UN/CEFACT repository. He also indicated before attacking this subject it would be necessary to elect the chair and vice chair of the group since the current mandates had expired.

2.2 Approval of agenda

1. The agenda was approved as published.

2.3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved without change.

2.4 Election of the Chair and vice chair

M. Conroy indicated that both himself and D. Dobbing had already informed the ICG membership that they were standing for reelection. He informed everyone that he had received no other nominations prior to the meeting. Consequently he asked the membership if there were candidates proposed from the floor. No other candidates came forward.

Seeing that there was no other nominations M. Conroy asked the group whether there was a requirement for a secret ballot. No abstentions or objections were received. As a consequence, the group approved the nomination of M. Conroy as Chair and D. Dobbing as vice chair of the ICG.

2.5 Report from the March UN/CEFACT directory audit

M. Conroy reported that the production of the D.04A directory had been produced on time. He indicated that there was still a high level of errors, some 10% that he felt was due to the data capture. He reminded everyone that the full report was available from the UN/CEFACT website.

2.6 Review of BRS implementation issues

M. Conroy introduced the subject by indicating that H. Enjo had worked on an e-tendering project and had prepared a presentation on the subject. He therefore handed over the floor to H. Enjo for his presentation. H. Enjo presented the project and the business requirements specification that had been developed.

A long discussion ensued on the document structure and in some cases the content. Two interesting points came out from the discussions; firstly it appeared that when following closely the UMM structure there was a very heavy duplication and redundancy of the content. This was confirmed by the experiences of E. Buchinski and Y. Yeh who had attempted to implement a UMM compliant documentation. The BRS layout, that was business orientated, enabled one to significantly reduce this overhead. The second point was that certain UML diagrams made use of artifacts that might need profiling.

The meeting concluded with the recommendation to align the document structure with that of the BRS and perhaps to eliminate some of the duplication.

The meeting broke up at 18h00.

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3 Tuesday, 14th of September 2004

3.1 Review of RSM mapping comments

M. Conroy introduced the meeting by indicating that the whole day would be spent on the analysis of the comments that had been received concerning the RSM. He welcomed M. Pemberton from the ATG and J. Chiang for the TMG who had joined the meeting in order to assist in the disposition of comments.

The comments were analyzed all day and all the comments were processed. The disposition of comments will be available on the ICG website (www.disa.org/cefact-groups/icg) along with the new revision of the RSM (V0R3).

M. Pemberton requested that she review the document with ATG before it was reissued. This was agreed.

The meeting broke up at 18h00.

4 Wednesday, 15th of September 2004

M. Conroy introduced the morning by indicating that the group was going to focus all day Wednesday and most of Thursday on the definition of the UN/CEFACT Registry/repository architectural blueprint. Beforehand he indicated that F. Berthomieu would give a presentation of a pilot implementation that they had carried out implementing the CCTS UML model in a Registry/Repository.

F. Berthomieu and F. Bourge went on to give a very interesting and complete presentation and demonstration, based on the EDIFRANCE RepXML project, that raised numerous questions from the members of the group. They were commended for their excellent presentation and the quality of their demonstration.

At the lunch break M Conroy gave a Lunch and Learn presentation on the UMM UML artifacts that are to be used for class diagram development. This session was held in collaboration with the TMG who gave a presentation on UMM use.

After lunch the group welcomed F. Najmi, an Oasis ebXML Registry/Repository project leader who had come to provide the group with an insight into the ebXML repository evolutions. He provided an excellent introductory presentation on the subject.

The group then went into a brainstorming mode to work on the development of the UN/CEFACT architectural blueprint.

The meeting broke up at 19h00.

5 Thursday, 16th of September 2004

The meeting started at 8h30 to continue the architectural brainstorming. A blueprint was finalized and a presentation was developed.

At lunch and learn session was given to present the architectural blueprint. M. Conroy introduced the subject, then F. Najmi, F. Berthomieu and F. Bourge presented the detail of the blueprint.

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After the lunch and learn the group reconvened to discuss the questions raised during the presentation and to establish a basic work plan for the project. The group agreed to commence the development of the UN/CEFACT Registry/Repository based on the ebXML standard. One of the initial tasks will be to confirm the architecture requirements and to map the CCTS UML model and the supplementary UN/CEFACT artefacts to the Registry UML model. They proposed that the ICG invite all stakeholders and interested parties to participate in this work. D. Dobbing proposed to finalise the project plan for the closing meeting on Friday.

A joint meeting was held with TMG to present the work being carried out on behalf of the TWG and to prepare for the future takeover of the project by the TMG. In the short term it was agreed that the ICG would bring the initial specification of the UMM profile to fruition. This included the establishment of the UMM profile for XMI. J. Dietrich from TMG proposed to participate with the ICG on the XMI profile development. Both groups agreed on the use of XMI as the vehicle for UML model interchange.

M. Conroy indicated that the initial proposal for a subset of the OCL language should be studied by the TMG and they should provide input on the acceptability of the subset in question.

D. Dobbing led a meeting on the subject of Recommendation 20 with F. Vuilleumier and other members of the group. They finalized all outstanding issues and it was agreed to submit this recommendation for ODP by the end of September 2004.

M. Conroy reported that the DISA website would remain operational for the coming future. D. Dobbing invited comments from the group on areas for improvement of ICG website (www.disa.org/cefact-groups/icg).

Due to the lack of time the UNCL migration plan has once more to be postponed to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 18h00

6 Friday, 17th of September 2004

M. Conroy opened the meeting by reviewing the minutes to date. There were some modifications and the minutes were approved to Friday.

The ICG work programme was reviewed and updated.

The ICG action list (see next point) was agreed. Two important actions that have been introduced at this meeting concern the work to be carried out on the Repository mapping and the development of the XMI UML profile.

The presentation to the closing plenary was finalised and agreed. The most important point to underline during this presentation was the decision by the ICG to make use of the ebXML Registry/Repository technical specification as the basis of its repository development.

The meeting closed at 10h30.

6.1 Work to be completed for the next meeting

XMI profile development

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RSM examples	H. Enjo
UNCL migration	D. Dobbing
ICG repository architecture development	F Berthomieu, F. Bourge, Y. Yeh, D. Dobbing
D.04B directory audit (2 nd to 5 th of November 2004)	M. Conroy /A. Dechamps
Recommendation 20 publication	D. Dobbing