

May 1, 2008

Re: Liaison Statement "LS\_to\_IETF\_XCON\_on\_status\_of\_XCON"

Mr. Lee:

The XCON working group has recently evaluated its progress, and revised our milestones to reflect the current state of affairs. Our current status and goals for the deliverables you cite are as follows:

- **XCON Framework**: This work has been finalized by the XCON working group, and is in the final stages of IESG evaluation. I anticipate that it will be provided to the RFC Editor for publication in a small number of days.
- **XCON Common Data Model**: This work is believed to be largely complete, and has entered an evaluation by the XCON working group. This period ends on May 15th. This document will not be published until the conference control protocol has been completed, to allow for the potential for late changes that may be necessitated by design decisions made during finalization of the protocol. However, unless such changes are required, then the document, as it exists at the end of May, should largely represent the final form of the specification for which XCON will request publication.
- **XCON Event Package Modifications**: The working group's current goal is to submit this document to the IESG in September of 2008.
- **Conference Control Protocol**: The working group's current goal is to submit this document to the IESG for publication in December of 2008 (along with the Common Data Model; see notes above).

OMA should take note that the Conference Control Protocol will not define which operations are allowed to be performed by which parties; nor does it provide a mechanism for specifying such permissions. XCON has one final known deliverable after the conference control protocol is finalized; it will define this policy model and the mechanism for specifying permissions. This document is currently planned for submission to the IESG in April of 2009.

Finally, to ensure a proper set of expectations have been set, please note that the timelines I discuss above are those set for the XCON working group. Once an IETF working group has finished a specification, it undergoes a final evaluation by the IETF community at large, and by the IESG. These steps can introduce a variable delay in a document's publication lifecycle. Once these final evaluations outside of the XCON working group have been completed, documents are provided to the RFC Editor for final editorial review and publication. The RFC Editor publishes documents in roughly the order they are received (subject to process-imposed delays, such as waiting for normative references to be finalized). Typically, the time between submission to the RFC Editor and publication as an RFC is on the order of three months.

Regards,

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