

Charter for the Specification Management Subcommittee

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The Specification Management Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Architecture Board. Its primary purpose is to advise the AB and the membership at large on issues related to the management of packaging and publication of standards.

One of the "public faces" of the OMG is its specifications; they comprise a set of specifications for product developers and a set of expectations for users. It is a natural consequence of the OMG process that specifications are developed at different times and are amended. In addition, all OMG specifications are actively maintained to resolve conflicts or misinterpretations or to clarify them. Thus, it is sometimes difficult to come to a coherent comprehension of the set of OMG standards.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Specification Manager Subcommittee is to help manage the processes necessary to package, present, and publish the standards of the OMG. This will include:

- Providing membership coordination with the OMG staff charged with packaging and publication of the OMG standards.
- Specifying target dates for synchronizing sets of specifications to present a coherent view.
- Reviewing conformance statements of specifications for conflicts and other mismatches.

Concept of Operation

In order to achieve these goals this subcommittee will produce draft AB position papers for adoption by the AB, articulating packaging, presentation, synchronization and publication plans and road-maps to guide the AB and the OMG membership at large in planning and production of coherent set of formally published specifications using the normal processes available through the OMG P&P.