Charter for
The Open Group UDEF Forum

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Name

The UDEF Forum

Description

The UDEF Forum is a Forum of The Open Group, operating under normal Forum procedures.

Vision

The vision of the UDEF Forum is that:

- The UDEF is established as the universally-used classification system for data element concepts;

- The scope of the UDEF trees includes data element concepts commonly encountered in e-commerce and other information domains;

- Mappings are defined to the UDEF from all relevant metadata standards;

- Metadata management products generally support the UDEF; and

- There is a global UDEF registry and repository for the UDEF trees themselves and for mappings to the UDEF from other classification systems.

Mission

The mission of the Forum is to realize that vision, by:

- Ensuring that the appropriate technical, legal, and commercial frameworks are in place for the operation of the registry and repository, including:

  - Technical infrastructure, standards and procedures for making additions to the UDEF trees and for their use, and

  - Legal agreements and (where appropriate) commercial terms for use of the UDEF IP by end-user companies, product vendor companies, and standards bodies;

- Ensuring that the appropriate training programs and materials are available; and

- Ensuring that the appropriate promotional programs are in place.

Role

Its role is to:

- Be the executive decision-making body for the activities required to fulfill the mission;

- Identify sources of funds for the activities required to fulfil the mission, and advise The Open Group on their application; and

- Where appropriate, to carry out some of the activities required to fulfil the mission.

Milestones

The Forum will develop a detailed list of deliverables, with dates, during its initial period of operation. The following are the key milestones that are currently envisaged.

- The Forum aims to achieve its vision by 2010, and to maintain an ongoing steady state thereafter.

- Launch of an initial Global UDEF Registry is anticipated within 12 months after obtaining authorization from the current UDEF IP owner.