



Press announcement

Open Mobile Alliance Continues to Drive Global Interoperability with Debut of New Service Enablers

From DRM to Web Services, technical specifications help companies meet market needs

Singapore, June 15, 2004 – The Open Mobile Alliance (OMA) announced today at CommunicAsia the public availability of new and up-leveled mobile specifications. These specifications, developed collaboratively by OMA member companies around the world, enable wireless data services to be shared across operators, terminals and geographies. The OMA is a global industry association comprised of more than 350 member companies committed to driving open standards for interoperable mobile services.

Issued today are new Phase 1 candidate enabler releases, which are sets of technical specifications that can be implemented in products and solutions and tested for interoperability:

- OMA Web Services 1.0 -- Defines the means by which applications can be exposed, discovered and consumed using Web Services technologies.
- OMA Mobile Locations Protocol 3.1 – Defines a core set of operations that a Location Server should be able to perform.
- OMA Online Certificate Status Protocol 1.0 – Defines a protocol for easy and trusted certificate validation.

OMA has also added new functionality to the following existing candidate enablers: OMA Digital Rights Management 2.0, OMA Browsing 2.0, and Data Synchronization 1.2. Additionally, OMA has announced that OMA Device Management 1.1.2 has passed interoperability testing to become a Phase 2 approved enabler release.

“OMA helps its member companies bring new services to market faster and more cost-effectively,” affirms Jari Alvinen, Chairman of the OMA Board. “Already, our member companies have launched hundreds of products implementing the OMA specifications. We expect OMA specifications featured in a significant number of new products and services to be unveiled by member companies in the near future.”

Test Fests Ensure Quality and Interoperability

OMA has also announced more than 250 client and servers have been tested for interoperability during seven of the organization’s global “Test Fests” since the announcement of the first OMA

Enabler Releases in November 2002. OMA Test Fests are designed to ensure the quality of OMA specifications and enable vendors to verify and test the interoperability of their product implementations. The following numbers of implementations of OMA's Enabler Releases have been tested to date:

- Data Synchronization: 43 clients / 23 servers
- IMPS: 33 clients / 25 servers
- MMS: 32 clients / 23 servers
- DRM: 17 clients / 12 servers
- Device Management: 13 clients / 11 servers
- Download: 5 clients / 2 servers

"OMA Test Fests provide an independent venue for resolving technical issues before bringing new products and services to market," states Mark Cataldo, Chair of the OMA Technical Plenary. "This is a critical step in removing barriers to global user adoption by ensuring seamless interoperability among implementations."

About the OMA Release Program

OMA is committed to deliver enabler releases with proven interoperability that fulfills the needs of the marketplace. In doing so, OMA has instituted a clear working process to develop open technical specifications that when combined, produce a Service Enabler allowing the of interoperable mobile services useful mobile services. The working process is a continuous program designed to deliver three key milestones for each enabler. The OMA Release Program consists of three phases:

- Phase 1 (Candidate Enabler Release) delivers an approved set of open technical specifications that can be implemented in products and solutions and tested for interoperability in OMA interoperability testing.
- Phase 2 (Approved Enabler Release) represents Candidate Enabler Releases that have passed OMA interoperability testing, and companies can implement to create interoperable products.
- Phase 3 (OMA Interoperability Release) include multiple Approved Enabler Releases that have passed phase 2 with end-to-end interoperability test reports, and information about use cases.

About the Open Mobile Alliance (OMA)

The Open Mobile Alliance (OMA) delivers open standards for the mobile industry, helping to create interoperable services which work across countries, operators and mobile terminals and are driven by users' needs. To expand the mobile market, companies supporting the Open Mobile Alliance

will work to stimulate the fast and wide adoption of a variety of new, enhanced mobile information, communication and entertainment services. The Open Mobile Alliance includes all key elements of the wireless value chain, and contributes to the timely and efficient introduction of services and applications. For more information, please visit www.openmobilealliance.org

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