PWG WIMS

Conference Call

September 7, 2005

Harry Lewis – PWG Chairman; WIMS w/g Secretary
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Attendees

Rick Landau	Dell
Harry Lewis	IBM
Ira McDonald	High North
Jerry Thrasher	Lexmark
Bill Wagner	Bill Wagner
Pete Zehler	Xerox

General Discussion

We discussed how to handle defining a normative binding. First, HTTP should not be considered the only binding. The protocol spec should be written in abstract with normative bindings defined in appendices. Examples would be SOAP over HTTP, SMTP or BEEP. Any standards track binding for SOAP (of which there are several) should be considered as conformant.

Some time was spent discussing the likelihood of a quorum should the WIMS protocol go to Formal Approval. We can partially gauge this off the size of the voting population for the Counter Spec which is currently out for approval. We also discussed and debated what it means to prototype in the case of a list of standard elements such as the Counter Spec. Some feel that a MIB that compiles is a legitimate prototype of such a list. Others feel a prototype is not legitimate unless exchanged on a wire protocol. The PWG Process, while requiring prototyping, intentionally avoided defining it. The spirit of the PWG Process is to require some form of quasi development activity that would require the spec to be read, interpreted and exercised (not just written and reviewed).

We still need to update the schema associated with Counters and incorporate this schema into the baseline Common Semantic Model. If Counter schemas are written properly they should fit into the SM w/o the need for a version change.

Section 14 of the WIMS Protocol spec contains a list of "to-do" items from where we left off when we shifted major focus to the Counter Spec. To this list we need to add Begin/End Management explicit operations.

There was consensus to move forward and complete the WIMS Protocol Spec at this time.

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