WAP Forum - Vancouver Event

Welcome and Introduction

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Objectives of WAP Forum

- Bring Internet content and advanced services to digital cellular phones and other wireless terminals
- Create a global wireless protocol specification to work across differing wireless network technologies
- Submit specifications for adoption by appropriate industry and standards bodies
- Enable applications to scale across a variety of transport options and device types

WAP Forum history

26 Jun 1997	WAP effort launched by founders
15 Sep 1997	WAP architecture published, website up
30 Dec 1997	WAP Forum Limited legally registered
30 Jan 1998	Draft spec available for members to review
12 Feb 1998	Draft WAP specifications publicly available
13 Feb 1998	1st members' review & briefing - London
13 Mar 1998	2nd members review & briefing - Miami
30 April 1998	v1.0 of WAP specs published
3 June 1998	New working groups for future evolution - Vancouver
July 1998	Expanded board with 8 new directors

Members of WAP Forum

- Alcatel
- Ericsson
- Matsushita
- Motorola
- Nokia
- Nortel
- Philips (PCC)
- Qualcomm
- Samsung
- Uniden
- DeLaRue Card Systems
- Gemplus
- Schlumberger

- AT&T Wireless
- BellSouth Cellular
- Dolphin Telecom
- DDI
- Hong Kong Telecom
- SBC TRI
- SFR
- Sonera (Telecom Finland)
- Telia
- Telstra
- Telecom Italia Mobile
- T-Mobil (D1)
- Telenor
- Vodafone

- Apion
- Certicom
- Fujitsu Software
- Geoworks
- IBM
- MD-Co
- Psion Software
- Sema Group
- Sendit
- Spyglass
- ScandinavianSoftline
- Starfish
- Unwired Planet
- VTT Info Tech

- General session: 2 June: 1300-1700
 - > Introduction
 - Specifications Status and Plans
 - Summary of WAP v1.0 and future work items
 - > Organization and Process
 - WAP Forum work processes
 - New working group structures
 - Introducing the chairpersons
 - > Compliance and Interoperability
 - WAP v1.0 compliance definition
 - Approaches to interoperability and current status
 - > Audience input on future work items & process
 - > Election process for Board of Directors
 - > Future meetings plan
 - > Open discussion

General plenary (members only)

3 June: 0830-1000

- > Working processes more detail + Q&A
- > IPR status and process
 - copyright
 - obligations on Essential IPR
- > New working groups
 - structure & chairpersons
 - objectives for Vancouver

Specification Working Groups (members only)
 in parallel tracks

3 June : 1000 - 1700

4 & 5 June : 0900 - 1700

> Protocols

> Security

> Applications

Input papers (members only)

4 June evening: 1900 - 2100

Workshops

- > Interoperability / Testing
 - 4 June: 0900 -1200: Burrard Room
- > Smart Card / SIM
 - 4 June: 1300 1700: Burrard Room
- > Telematics
 - 5 June: 0900 1200: Beluga Room

WAP Status Overview

Hans H H Hansen

Chairman WAP Architecture Group

WAP R&D Nokia

WAP v1.0

- WAP 1.0 Specifications
 - > April 30th: Published at www.wapforum.org
- Wireless Application Environment
 - > WML Microbrowser
 - > WMLScript Virtual Machine
 - > WMLScript Standard Library
 - Wireless Telephony Application Interface
 - > WAP Content Types
- Wireless Protocols
 - > Wireless Session Protocol (WSP)
 - > Wireless Transport Layer Security (WTLS)
 - > Wireless Transaction Protocol (WTP)
 - Wireless Datagram Protocol (WDP)
 - > Wireless network interface definitions

WAE 1.0 Contents

Specifications:

- > WAE Specification
 - architecture and "browser" semantics
 - Image, Phone book & Calendar content types
- > WML
 - display mark-up language
- > WMLScript
 - scripting language
- > WMLScript Standard Libraries
 - standard scripting support libraries
- > WTAI
 - telephony API

WAE Ongoing Work Items

- PICS
 - > Interoperability and conformance
- Errata/corrigendum on specifications
- Draft Specifications:
 - > WTA
- Proposed draft Specifications:
 - > Phone Book API & Encoding
 - > Calendar item API & Encoding

WAE Possible Future Directions

Examples (not a complete list):

- > New content types
- > Extensions to current content types
- > Better encoding of content types
- > Advanced internationalization
- > Additional network-specific telephony API
- > Intelligent network integration

Need new member input on directions

> Goals & Requirements

WSP Specification Scope

- Provides shared state between client and server used to optimize content transfer
- Provides semantics and mechanisms based on HTTP 1.1
- Enhancements for WAE, wireless networks and "low-end" devices

WSP 1.0 Contents

- Based on HTTP 1.1
 - > Extensible request/reply methods
 - > Extensible request/reply headers
 - > Content typing
 - > Composite objects
 - > Asynchronous requests

WSP 1.0 Contents

- Enhancements to HTTP 1.1
 - > Binary encodings
 - > Session headers
 - > Confirmed and non-confirmed data push
 - > Capability negotiation
 - > Suspend and resume
 - > Fully asynchronous requests
 - > Connectionless service

WSP Future Directions

- Support for Quality of Service parameters
- Multicast data
- Ordered pipelining
- Chunked data transfer
- WSP Management entity
- Support for isochronous multimedia objects
- Need new member input on directions
 - > Goals & Requirements

WTLS specification scope

- Connection security for two communicating applications
 - > privacy
 - > integrity
 - > authentication
- End-to-end security between protocol end points

WTLS 1.0 Contents

- Based on TLS 1.0
- Very efficient usage of bandwidth
- Optimised handshaking
- Long-living secure sessions (i.e. reduced frequency of handshakes)
- Supports datagram-oriented bearers
- Lightweight public-key certificate format
- Elaborate choice of algorithms

WTLS Future Directions

- Smart Card and SIM support will be incorporated
- Consistent support for application level security (e.g. digital signatures)
- Need new member input on directions
 - > Goals & Requirements

WTP 1.0 Contents

- Common interface to physical layers
- Port-based abstract interface to upper layers
- extensible to a variety of networks and future transports
- transaction and datagram modes
- narrow to medium bandwidth channels
- multi-vendor interoperability
- peer-to-peer, client/server and one-to-many
- low memory footprint for "standard" handsets

WTP Ongoing Work Items

- Reliable connection-oriented transport service
- PICS document drafting & review
- Complete protocol definition for WTP/T
- Include architecture for IS-136, CDMA, PDC
- Service primitive definition finalization
- Quality of service

WTP Future Directions

- Protocol verification
 - > Reference implementation
- Complete protocol definition for WTP/C
- Management entity definition (functions and interface)
- Tuning/performance data required (timer default settings)
- API for WTP

WAP Work Processes

- WAP 1.0 specifications published
- WAP architecture specified
- Definition of Work Processes completed
 - > creation
 - > termination
 - > proposal for charters
 - > specifications lifecycle
 - > Activity creation process management

Role of the Architecture Group

WAP technical architecture owner

- > Maintaining/monitoring architectural consistency
- > Advising the Board on technical decisions

Expert technical consultation

- > Expert knowledge of WAP architecture
- Track unresolved and future WG work items
 - Collecting unsolicited input to WAP work
 - > Following/communicating technology trends
 - Assuring that no work items "fall between the cracks" of other Working Groups

Architecture Group WAP Deliverables

- Process definitions
 - > WAP Work Processes Definition
- Specifications
 - > WAP Architecture Overview Specification
 - > WAP Conformance Specification

Architecture Group, Ongoing Work Items

WAP feature roadmap

> Collection of member/external requirements

Draft Specifications

- > Interoperability and conformance statement
- > WAP PICS Compendium
- > WAP Working Group Charters

Architecture Group, Possible Future Directions

- Examples (not a complete list):
 - > Interfacing to Standardisation Organisations
 - > Managing interfaces between Working Groups
 - Managing external technical interfaces
 - e.g. Intelligent network integration
 - > Improving and documenting the WAP architecture
- Need new member input on directions
 - > Goals & Requirements

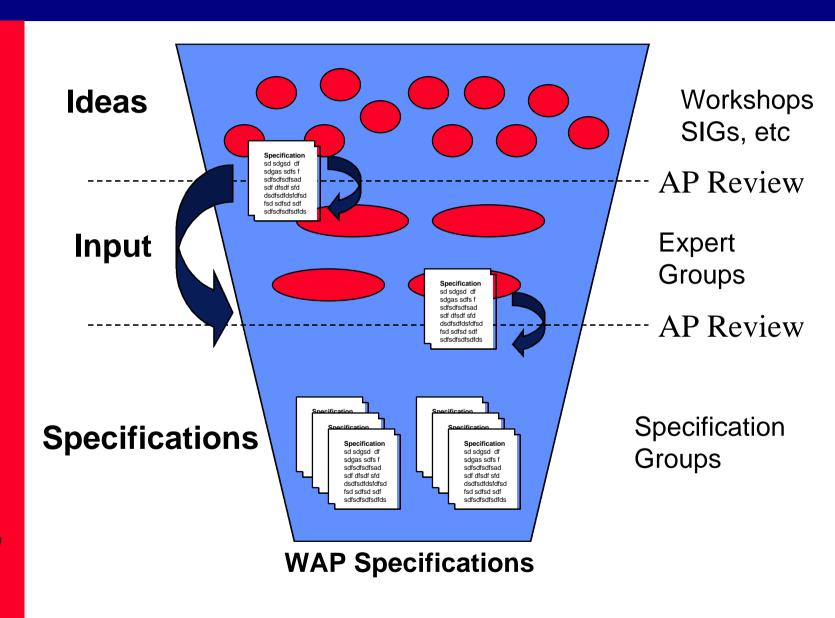
WAP Process Overview

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WAP Management Board
EVP Unwired Planet

WAP Organisation

- Board of Directors
 - > Specification Committee
- Specification Working Groups
 - > Wireless Protocols Group
 - > Wireless Security Group
 - > Wireless Application Group
 - > Architecture Group
- Expert Working Groups
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs), Workshops, etc.

WAP Input Process



WAP Working Groups

All groups

- > Hold regularly scheduled meetings
- > Require support from WAP Forum, e.g. mailing lists

Expert Working Groups (EWG)

- > Maintain Domains of Expertise
- Explore new areas of technology
- > Address industry or market issues
- > Provide expert advice
- > Require active participation

Specification Working Groups (SWG)

- > Draft technical specifications
- > Require active participation

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

> Active discussion of the interest area, e.g. e-mail, meetings

WAP Role Definitions

Working Group Chair

- Manage the process and work within the working group
- Organise and conduct working group meetings and events
- Liaison to the Board, WGs, and external groups
- Manage and enact all WG processes and procedures
- Manage voting: attendance and voting rights
- Ensure conformance to Board-approved charter
- Publish detailed and accurate minutes
- Track working group open issues and work items
- Appoint specification editors

Specification Editor

- Create a specific draft specification
- Track issues and open work items with a draft specification
- Ensure conformance to the WAP Forum documentation format and processes
- Publish regular updates of the draft specification

Meeting Procedures

Meeting Attendance

- > Chairman must record/acknowledge attendance
- > Attendance template must be used

Meeting Minutes

- > Detailed and accurate minutes must be recorded
- > Chairman must circulate minutes for review
- > Minutes must be published on member web site

Voting Rules

Individual voting privileges

- Initial members
- Grant: active participation of 75% of 3 consecutive meetings
- Revocation: 3 consecutive meetings or 6 months of inactivity
- Revocation/granting by chairman under extraordinary circumstances

Company voting privileges

Members with one or more individual votes present in group

Quorum

- 50 % of companies with voting privileges

Activities

- Activities
 - > Authorised and endorsed work
 - > Approved by the WAP Forum Board
- Activity Proposal
 - > WAP Template document
 - Proposed charter
 - Requirements
 - Motivation
- Implementation of the activity proposal
 - > Amendments to a Work Group charter
 - > Creation of a new forum
 - Work Group
 - E-mail list
 - > Workshop
- Published Activity Statement

Activity Proposal Template

- Market requirements
- WAP Forum / member resource requirements
- Scope of the work
- Timetables for the activity
- IPR issues, licensing rights
- Overlap with pre-existing standards
- Overlap with Working Group, new Working Group
- Deliverables / Charter amendments

Work Group Charters

- Charter creation and amendment process
 - > 1. Requirements from Activity Proposal
 - > 2. Expert evaluation by Architecture Group a.o.
 - > 3. Authorisation by board of directors
 - Modification of existing WG charter(s)
 - Creation of new WG
 - Rejection of proposal
 - Termination of an existing WG

WAP Document Types

Specifications

- Specifies a technical or procedural area of importance to WAP
- > Part of the WAP specification lifecycle

Input documents

- Documents submitted to WAP
 - ideas, opinions or commentary
- Not part of WAP specification lifecycle

Other documents

- > Framework/process document
- > Products of WAP process
- > White papers, "best practices"

Specification Lifecycle

Proposal

- > Initial proposal for a technical document
- > Immature technical specifications

Draft Specification

Technical document considered for inclusion in the WAP Specification Suite

Proposed Specification

- Under active review and validation
- Considered stable and complete

Approved Specification

- > Published with the WAP Specification Suite
- Copyright of WAP Forum Limited

Specification Review Schedule

	<u>Proposal</u>	Draft Specification	Proposed Specification	Approved Specification
Expiration Period	6 months	6 months	N/A	N/A
Promotion Process (to next stage)	Simple majority vote of the authoring working group and the Specifications Committee	Two-thirds majority vote by authoring working group	Two-thirds majority vote by the authoring working group and the Specifications Committee (also, <i>last call</i> process)	N/A
Minimum Period before promotion	N/A	N/A	3 months	N/A
Demotion Process	None - simply expires	None - simply expires	Specification Committee may demote to Draft or Proposal status (simple majority vote)	N/A

Working Group Chairs

- Specification Working Groups
 - > Wireless Protocols Group
 - Nick Alfano Motorola
 - > Wireless Security Group
 - Espen Kristensen Ericsson
 - > Wireless Application Group
 - Bruce Martin Unwired Planet
 - > Architecture Group
 - Hans H H Hansen Nokia

New Member Presentations

- Topics of general interest
 - > Plenary meeting 7-9 p.m. on Thursday
 - > Arranged by the Architecture Group
 - > Registration to Hans Hansen, Architecture Chair
- Topics covered by existing WAP specifications
 - > Presentation to a Working Group
 - > Arranged by the WG Chairman
 - WAG: Bruce Martin
 - WPG: Nick Alfano
 - WSEC : Espen Kristensen

Workshops

First stage in WAP input review process

- > Presentations of informal input paper
- > Discussions of relevance to WAP architecture
- > Proposal for next stage of work
- > Arranged and chaired by Architecture group

Three meetings scheduled:

- > June 4th 09.00-12.00 : Interoperability & Testing
- > June 4th 14.00-17.00 : Smart Cards & SIM
- > June 5th 09.00-12.00 : Telematics

Interoperability Testing

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WAP Interoperability

- **Objective:** ensure to a high degree of confidence, that WAP devices (mobiles and servers) from multiple vendors will correctly interoperate.
- Successful interoperability can only be achieved by testing the product
- Types of Testing
 - Static testing using a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS)
 - Broad (macro) measurement of conformance
 - Dynamic Testing
 - Exercise the products' real behaviour in a live environment

WAP Interoperability

- Approaches to dynamic testing
 - Pair-wise testing (bake-off)
 - Reference Implementation
 - Formal test suites

WAP Forum

WAP Board Election Process

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Board Member

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Board Structure

- 12 member Board of Directors
- Categories
 - > Founding members (4 seats)
 - > CDMA Operator
 - SSM Operator, European
 - > GSM Operator, Non-European
 - > Japanese Operator
 - > TDMA (IS-136) Operator
 - Industry Suppliers (3 seats)

Board Election Schedule

Mar 30 Nominations opened

April 30 Nominations Closed

May 29 Ballots mailed

June 29 Ballots returned (No later than)

July Lottery for 1yr and 2yr terms

July Results announced

Election Process

- Each member votes in their category
- Ballots distributed by email
- Email or FAX by June 29th
- Another Election this time next year

IPR considerations

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Smart Phones & Data Products
Cellular Subscriber Sector
Motorola Inc.

IPR - Patents

- Similar rules to ETSI & other standards bodies
- By joining WAP members must :
 - > agree to license any Technically Essential IPR to other members on "fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory terms" (probably not free)
 - license allows manufacture & sale of Equipment fully conforming to both WAP specifications & one of the following:
- Technologies included so far :
 - > GSM, CDMA (IS-95/707), TDMA (IS-136), PDC, PHS, iDEN, FLEX, ReFLEX, Mobitex, DataTAC
 - > Under review : TETRA, Iridium
- No IPR royalties for content/app developers
 - > to promote usage

IPR - Patents

- Requirement to declare Essential IPR on a timely basis when aware of it
 - for example if a member has filed for a patent on material which is brought as input to a specification
- No requirement to conduct IPR searches
- No requirement to notify in the pre-filing stage
 - but once in a WAP Specification its Public Domain and may not be able to file a patent in many jurisdictions
- Must immediately notify WAP Forum Board if not prepared to license Essential IPR
 - > provide valid reason e.g. believe not Essential
 - > gives an opportunity to design specs around the IPR
 - disputes go to binding independent Arbitration

IPR - Copyright

Copyright

- > All Official WAP Specifications are copyright WAP Forum Ltd.
 - input papers etc. remain copyright of originator unless they become WAP Specifications
- > May be photocopied / reproduced
- May not be altered/modified
- May not be fully or partially incorporated in non-WAP Forum documents without permission
- > May not remove copyright statement
- Members must notify WAP Forum Board if they discover copyright infringement

Future meeting schedule

Week of July 20 - July 24 Helsinki

 Week of Oct 5 - Oct 9 Copenhagen (WAP Forum AGM)

Week of Nov 30 - Dec 4 Tokyo

Discussion and Q&A

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