IMS Forum
The Voice of IP Convergence
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IMS Forum Mission

The Voice of IMS service rollouts for VoIP and multimedia applications over wireless, wireline, and cable broadband

The IMS Forum (IP Multimedia Subsystem) is a global, non-profit industry telecom association devoted to Service Creation and Applications for IMS Architecture Frameworks in addition to interoperability and certifications of IMS services and solutions. The mission of the Forum is to accelerate the adoption of IP Multimedia Subsystems by providing an environment for discussion and resolution of real world implementation issues relating to interoperability, best practices, and standards-based architectures in the application layer. In addition, the Forum will provide consultancy to the industry, service providers, and vendors on best practices and approaches for IMS rollouts and interconnectivity.

The Forum is comprised of service providers, solutions providers, integrators and government agencies translating industry standards into revenue generating services. Our members develop cost effective technical frameworks for converged IP services over wireline, cable, 3G, GSM, WiFi, and WiMAX networks.

The IMS Forum will build on the groundbreaking work of the International Packet Communications Consortium (IPCC) founded in 2003, the International Softswitch Consortium (ISC) founded in 1998, and the IP and Multimedia Carrier Coalition created in 1996.

IMS Forum Implementation Plan

The IMS Forum delivers service rollout best practices for IP-based voice and multimedia across broadband, wireless, wireline, and cable. The Forum delivers cost effective IMS interoperability and interconnectivity to service providers and vendors. The IMS Forum will focus on validation and certification for IMS core and interfaces. Activities include:

- Organizing plugfest events for early adopters' validation
- Developing a certification program for IMS interfaces including pre-certification in qualified labs
- Promoting best practices for technology, business, and product requirements specs
- Developing implementation models and reference architectures
- Providing consultancy and advisory activities for service providers and vendors

The IMS Forum accelerates the adoption of real-time packet communications by:

- Converting standards and technologies into interoperable solutions
- Organizing IMS test and interoperability opportunities
- Reducing service providers' solution acquisition cost by providing a "seal of approval" for various interfaces
- Simplifying architectures, interconnectivity rules, and management systems to meet real life service deployment
- Driving alliances among industry forums, establishing joint working groups, and steering major industry events

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IMS Forum Working Groups

- ***The IMS Forum Technical Working Group:*** Defines rules and procedures for IMS interoperability and interworking. Defines frameworks that would provide feature transparency and seamless mobility across broadband wireline (DSL, FTTH, Cable) and wireless (3G, GSM, WiFi, WiMAX) networks. Includes the IP Multimedia Subsystem Study Group, focusing on the implementation of next generation network convergence.
- ***Service Provider Advisory Council:*** Engages seasoned carrier executives to help define, drive, and align new services rollout.
- ***Analyst Community Development Group:*** Promotes thought leadership by engaging the analyst community in the initiatives of the IMS Forum.
- ***Government and Regulatory Group:*** Provides opinions and education to IMS Forum members and regulatory bodies such as the FCC, the FBI, and the CIS/CALEA initiative.
- ***The Global Marketing and Education Group:*** Drives the IMS Forum's marketing, PR, and educational activities. Works with the media, Wall Street financial and telecom analysts, and the industry at large.

Benefits Of Membership

- Verify and certify interoperability, reduce interoperability costs, and accelerate time to market
- Participate in technical working groups focusing on service creation and applications for IMS architecture framework as well as IMS deployment issues
- Gain additional visibility through the IMS Forum's speakers' bureau, PR, and marketing programs
- Member companies showcased at major telecom, cable, and wireless events in North America, Asia, and Europe
- Receive current market and technology information through newsletters, reports, and conferences
- Gain access to a professional network of industry consultants and accredited experts

How To Join

For information on becoming an IMS Forum member, please visit our website at www.IMSForum.org or contact Debbie Hetland at dhetland@IMSForum.org.

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