

Agenda Item: 3GPP-OMA Cooperation
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Title: Procedure to decide the future OMA – TSG-T cooperation
Document for: discussion and decision

Introduction

At TSG-T#19 the cooperation between OMA and TSG-T was discussed. The discussion was mainly focussed on the identification and prevention of technical overlaps. It was felt that especially T2 Work Items like MMS, GUP, and UEM may have an overlap with OMA activities. Therefore T2 was requested to produce a document containing the scope and status of the T2 WI's and to list interactions and overlaps with groups outside 3GPP.

During T2#21 in San Diego this document was produced and forwarded to TSG-T. Overlaps with external bodies are identified for MMS. Parts of the MMS specification TS 23.140 are seen to be bearer agnostic and would fit into the scope of OMA.

The valuable information of the T2 analysis provides a sufficient basis to continue the discussion about approaches to improve the technical cooperation with OMA.

Discussion

Now the question arises what TSG-T should do with the provided overview. One way would be to forward the document together with equivalent T1 and T3 data to TSG-SA. I wonder if such a procedure would be sufficient to cope with specific aspects of the TSG-T work. In particular, possible technical work splits for MMS should be evaluated by the TSG-T experts. The following points should be considered in this context:

- 1) Always it causes problems to disturb ongoing activities by reorganizations of the processes and contents. We should minimize these problems and avoid any major changes for current releases. This applies to Rel-6 as well as to Rel-7. Therefore the best time for changes is the end of a release.
- 2) OMA needs further time to establish work processes and to optimize the internal organization. Nevertheless the technical work in the different working groups is full in progress. This means that it appears infeasible to wait until eve of Rel-8 before we introduce an appropriate work split with OMA. Accordingly the only practical opportunity seems to be the end of Rel-6 for deciding the OMA – TSG-T cooperation.
- 3) The end of Rel-6 is fast approaching. It will take several meetings to work out possible solutions (for work split and planning of work/specification transfer) and to negotiate these solutions with OMA. Especially the information exchange will consume time. We need to consider this when we calculate the remaining time.
- 4) Decisions on a work split may be moved to the latest end of Rel-6. This allows us to analyze the proposals in more detail and to give OMA a bit more time for internal optimizations. Although we can postpone the final decisions we must agree on the next steps and prepare the potential work split or transfer.

Conclusion

Based on the detailed technical overview about the T2 activities TSG-T should identify the possible approaches for a TSG-T – OMA cooperation. Without approving a particular approach we should start to verify all identified solutions. The verification includes liaisons with OMA in order to make sure that the solutions are feasible from the OMA perspective and how the work transfer can be achieved. In this way we prepare potential work splits or work transfers in a timely manner and prevent delays or gaps in the technical specification work after Rel-6.

Decision

- 1) Take the working assumption that end of Rel-6 is the target date for the introduction of any major OMA – TSG-T work splits or work transfers
- 2) Send an LS to OMA. The LS outlines possible ways of cooperation and asks OMA for their opinion on the feasibility.