

## NAC / DMTF Work Register Version 1.1

### Alliance Organizations

The [Network Applications Consortium](#) (NAC) and the [Distributed Management Task Force](#) (DMTF)

### Background and Mission

**NAC:** To promote member collaboration and influence the strategic direction of vendors developing virtual-enterprise application and infrastructure technologies.

**DMTF:** To lead the development of management standards for distributed desktop, network, enterprise and Internet environments

The DMTF membership is primarily technology companies addressing the creation of interoperable management technologies and standards. The NAC is an enterprise customer organization focused on defining the real-life requirements of future products.

### Alliance Benefits

- Injection of broader perspectives, fresh ideas, and resources in both the DMTF and NAC working groups.
- Ensure the DMTF standards address long and short-term needs of large organizations and enterprise customers.
- Provide a platform for NAC member organizations to voice technology needs and considerations.
- Accelerate the DMTF standards processes by providing "consumer" views and sense of urgency to get things done... even on an incremental basis.
- Promote standards to technology companies not affiliated with the DMTF through NAC conferences.
- NAC participation at DMTF Developers Conference / DMTF participation at NAC conferences.
- Reciprocal communications and marketing of DMTF and NAC activities.

### Alliance Scope

The purpose of this Work Agreement is to provide a channel for the DMTF to receive requirements input and standards review feedback from the NAC. The NAC is a smaller organization than the DMTF. NAC areas of focus are determined by the NAC member organizations, and change over time, depending on the interests and needs of the member organizations.

Most recently, the NAC has been focusing on identity and security related technologies and associated business considerations. Recent conferences have been dedicated to enterprise

single sign-on in a heterogeneous environment and data classification. A dedicated effort is ongoing to develop and maintain an Enterprise Security Architecture framework.

The DMTF has established models in a variety of security areas: organization, person, group & role, authentication services, authorization services, account management services, authorization, identity, storage identity, account, credential, Kerberos, public key, shared secret, and security events/indications. The DMTF should collaborate with the NAC as a user organization to validate, modify, and extend these models as well as define the creation of new models as necessary to reflect user trends.

The highest value of DMTF-NAC collaboration activities are in the scoping (problem definition and requirements) and review phases of working group activities.

## **Milestones / Dates**

- Solicit feedback from NAC on 2 URI charts (November 2006).
- Identify those DMTF working groups that are most aligned to NAC interest areas. (January 2007)
- Define areas of collaboration using SMASH model as an example. (January 2007)
- Establish DMTF – NAC dialogs to align areas of common interest, with a defined set of follow-up actions. (1Q2007)
- Other activities to be defined after the initial dialog and exchange of information to update each organization on the other's current activities and directions (Dec 2006)

## **Work Register Review Date**

The work register should be formally reviewed and updated at least every year. Given the fluidity of the relationship and additional milestones that will be defined, this document may be updated more frequently.

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