



## DMTF Fact Sheet

<p><b>Organization</b></p>	<p>With more than 3,500 active participants representing 39 countries and nearly 200 organizations, the Distributed Management Task Force, Inc. (DMTF) is the industry organization leading the development, adoption and promotion of interoperable management initiatives and standards. DMTF management technologies include the Common Diagnostic Model (CDM), Desktop and mobile Architecture for System Hardware (DASH) and Systems Management Architecture for Server Hardware (SMASH) Initiatives, as well as Web-Based Enterprise Management (WBEM) – including protocols such as CIM-XML and Web Services for Management (WS-Management) - which are all based on the Common Information Model (CIM). Information about the DMTF technologies and activities can be found at <a href="http://www.dmtf.org">www.dmtf.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Initiatives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Common Diagnostic Model (CDM) Initiative</b> – designed to unify the computer industry on a single interoperable, secure, and functionally rich interface to diagnostics programs on multi-vendor computer systems.</li> <li>• <b>Desktop and mobile Architecture for System Hardware (DASH) Initiative</b> – a suite of specifications that takes full advantage of the DMTF’s WS-Management to deliver standards-based Web services management for desktop and mobile client systems.</li> <li>• <b>Systems Management Architecture for Server Hardware (SMASH) Initiative</b> - a suite of specifications, including the Server Management Command Line Protocol (SM CLP), that deliver architectural semantics, industry standard protocols and profiles to unify the management of servers in the data center.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Standards</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Common Information Model (CIM)</b> - allows for the exchange of management information in a platform-independent and technology-neutral way.</li> <li>• <b>Web-Based Enterprise Management (WBEM)</b> - a set of management and Internet standard technologies developed to unify the management of distributed computing environments.</li> <li>• <b>Alert Standard Format (ASF)</b> - defines remote control and alerting interfaces.</li> <li>• <b>System Management BIOS (SMBIOS)</b> - addresses how motherboard and personal computer vendors present management information about their products in a standard format, extending the BIOS interface on x86 architecture systems.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fast Facts</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Founded in 1992, the DMTF brings the technology industry’s customers and top vendors together in a collaborative, working group approach.</li> <li>• With participants from nearly 200 organizations contributing to the organization’s over 25 Work Groups and affiliated sub-teams, the DMTF involves members in all aspects of specification development and refinement.</li> <li>• In 1994, DMTF delivered the industry’s first desktop management standard, DMI, which gave component vendors – for the first time – a</li> </ul>

	<p>consistent and non-proprietary way to make their products manageable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 1999, DMTF's CIM has served as the basis for the Storage Networking Industry Association's (SNIA) Storage Management Initiative Specification (SMI-S).</li> <li>• The 14 Alliance Partners of the DMTF include Blade Systems Alliance (BladeS), CompTIA, Consortium for Service Innovation, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Network Applications Consortium (NAC), Open Grid Forum (OGF), Object Management Group (OMG), The Open Group, Organization for the Advancement Of Structured Information Standards (OASIS) Web Services Distributed Management (WSDM) Technical Committee, Printer Working Group (PWG), Service Availability Forum (SA Forum), Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA), TeleManagement Forum (TM Forum) and the Trusted Computing Group (TCG).</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Directors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Broadcom</li> <li>• Cisco Systems</li> <li>• Dell</li> <li>• EMC</li> <li>• Fujitsu</li> <li>• Hitachi</li> <li>• HP</li> <li>• IBM</li> <li>• Intel</li> <li>• Microsoft</li> <li>• Novell</li> <li>• Sun Microsystems</li> <li>• Symantec</li> <li>• WBEM Solutions</li> </ul>
<b>Membership/ Partnership</b>	<p>The DMTF offers a variety of membership levels designed to encourage participation from all those interested in distributed management. End users, government organizations, vendors and Systems Integrators/ Value Added Resellers are all encouraged to join the DMTF for front line access to standards and opportunity to participate in the process of defining them. The DMTF also partners with other standards bodies through its highly successful Alliance Partner program, and encourages university research through its more than 65 Academic Alliance Partners.</p>
<b>For More Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the DMTF Web site at <a href="http://www.dmtf.org">http://www.dmtf.org</a>.</li> <li>• DMTF press releases can be viewed at <a href="http://www.dmtf.org/newsroom">http://www.dmtf.org/newsroom</a>.</li> <li>• For examples and descriptions of how DMTF technologies are being implemented by members and deployed in many IT operations worldwide, view the DMTF Marketplace at <a href="http://www.dmtf.org/marketplace">http://www.dmtf.org/marketplace</a>.</li> </ul>

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