

Charter for the DMTF System Management Forum

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MISSION

The System Management Forum (SMF) continues the mission of the SMASH Forum as follows:

The SMF develops and implements procedures, test software and tests that allow member companies and others to verify compliance of software and hardware that implement DMTF system management standard specifications. SMF also promotes adoption of those standards through programs and activities that allow developers to validate and show the interoperability of their implementations. The activities in the scope of the mission of SMF are

- Developing test tools for use by member companies and others in compliance and validation testing.
- Developing and maintaining suites of tests for use by member companies and others.
- Developing and implementing compliance verification procedures and tests for members and non-member vendors.
- Documenting in DMTF records implementations which demonstrate compliance through the compliance verification procedures and tests.
- Determining the nature and form of credentials given to implementations which demonstrate compliance.
- Holding plugfests for members and industry attendees.

2. CHARTER

The SMF charter replaces the earlier SMASH Forum charter. SMF is chartered to perform its compliance and promotion missions for these DMTF initiatives:

1. SMASH
2. DASH

The SMF charter includes the access protocols and management profiles that are part of these initiatives.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the System Management Forum is open to DMTF members who meet the requirements of membership as defined by SMF in the SMF Policies and Procedures guide (http://www.dmtf.org/apps/org/workgroup/smf/download.php/30568/SMF_Policies_and_Procedures%20v13.doc). This may include the paying of membership fees as described in chapter 3 of the Policies and Procedures. Companies which produce and consume systems management technologies are encouraged to join. The activity of SMF is governed by the

working rules adopted by the System Management Forum membership and those generally established for DMTF Industry Forums as defined by the Interoperability Committee and the DMTF Board of Directors.

4. SCOPE OF WORK

SMF and any subgroups which it forms will conduct programs to advance the improvement, acceptance, industry adoption and interoperability of DMTF management standard specifications. Subgroups may be formed to concentrate efforts on particular standard specifications. The mission and focus of subgroups shall be determined by the Forum Chairman and the Forum Membership, with guidance from the Interoperability Committee and/or DMTF Board of Directors where appropriate. The activities of the SMF and subgroups will include, but are not limited to:

- Creating and maintaining specifications which define the tests for SMASH and DASH compliance
- Creating and maintaining SMASH and DASH conformance test cases
- Creating and maintaining SMASH and DASH certification processes
- Defining test tool requirements used to drive test cases engineered by SMF.
- Creating such test tools.
- Defining usage model for all test cases.
- Sponsoring SMASH and DASH plug-fests for members and non-members.

5. WORKING RULES

5.1. Website

The System Management Forum website is located at:
<http://www.dmtf.org/apps/org/workgroup/smash-forum/>

5.2. Budget and Membership Fees

The amount of dues, when they are levied, when they are collected, and how they are used, are determined by the Forum members, or by a subset of the Forum members, subject to the governance of the Interoperability Committee and the Board of Directors. The procedures for invoicing, collecting, budgeting and other financial activities are set by the DMTF Board of Directors.

Membership fees are set out in Chapter 3 of the SMF Policies and Procedures guide (http://www.dmtf.org/apps/org/workgroup/smf/download.php/30568/SMF_Policies_and_Procedures%20v13.doc).

5.3. Adherence to DMTF Rules

All Forum activity will be consistent with the bylaws, mission, policies and procedures of the DMTF. Contracts, press releases, payments of bills, use of website or other DMTF infrastructure will be conducted according to the procedures set by the Interoperability Committee, DMTF Staff, DMTF Committees, and the Board of Directors.

5.4. Reporting

The Forum is a subgroup of the Interoperability Committee to which it will report on a monthly basis. The Forum will also report at the DMTF Board Face-to-face meetings on an ad hoc basis as deemed appropriate, and as requested by the DMTF Board or the Interoperability Committee. The Forum will report to its members on a quarterly basis through an Executive Summary email.

5.5. Coordination with other activities

SMF will work closely with the DMTF working groups that own the initiatives that are in the SMF charter. It will also coordinate with CDM Forum.

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