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## Introduction

76 This document outlines the process for developing and approving DMTF press releases, digital media, and  
77 securing and approving supporting quotes from DMTF for press releases and marketing efforts by third  
78 parties such as members, alliance partners and partner organizations.

79 Press releases typically require a quick turn-around and are publicly visible for a limited period of time.

80 Other third-party marketing requests are typically requests for support for items that will be publicly visible for  
81 a significant period of time. Examples of this type of request include:

82     • Quote from DMTF in marketing materials (Web sites, product collateral, etc.)

83     • Book foreword

84 Digital Media content typically requires a quick turn-around and is publicly visible for a significant period of  
85 time. Examples of this type of request include:

86     • DMTF-generated marketing content on the DMTF website

87     • Third-party upcoming events and coverage of DMTF and its standards

88     • Social media content

89 All requests must adhere to the following outlined requirements.

90 This document was prepared by the Executive Committee.

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92 management and interoperability. For information about the DMTF, see <http://www.dmtf.org>.

## DMTF Policy for Developing DMTF Press Releases, Digital Media, and Supporting Third-Party Marketing and PR Efforts

### 1 Roles and responsibilities

This clause of the document defines the roles and responsibilities for the Policy for Developing DMTF Press Releases, Digital Media, and Supporting Third-Party Marketing and PR Efforts.

In the event that the VP of Marketing is unavailable, the vice chair of the Marketing Task Force may temporarily act in their stead with respect to the processes defined in this document provided at least three other DMTF Executives have given their approval.

In the event that the person selected to fulfill the role of either Spokesperson or Approver is unavailable for a significant period of time, another may be selected according to the selection process defined in this document.

This document is also subject to the rules and responsibilities specified in DSP4014.

### 2 DMTF policy for developing DMTF press releases

DMTF press releases are developed by DMTF PR and approved by the VP of Marketing, Executive Committee and the Board before distribution.

#### 2.1 General process for DMTF press releases

All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Potential topics for DMTF press releases will be discussed and determined within DMTF's weekly Marketing Task Force meetings, based on DMTF's current goals. Once a subject and desired distribution date is determined, the press release approval process is as follows:

1. DMTF PR drafts press release and sends to VP of Marketing.
2. VP of Marketing reviews press release.
3. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from VP of Marketing.
4. Marketing Task Force reviews press release.
5. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from the Marketing Task Force and forwards to the Executive Committee for review and approval.
6. Executive Committee reviews and approves revised press release.
7. The Board approves the press release by either (a) board meeting vote (if timing allows) or (b) electronic ballot. All board members must approve the press release before distribution.
8. DMTF PR provides approved press release to Regional Subcommittee(s) for translation, if applicable. \*
9. Once materials are completed and distributed, DMTF PR will send final press release to Executive Committee and Board as an FYI and post the news to the DMTF website.

\* The DMTF Marketing Task Force regularly reviews its PR calendar with the Regional Task Force and Chapters to determine which announcements should be translated and/or distributed in regions other than the U.S.

## 3 DMTF policy for supporting third-party marketing and PR efforts

### 3.1 General requirements for marketing requests

The following requirements apply to marketing requests from third parties, including alliance partners, consortia partners, and DMTF members:

- Each request must outline a specific press release or public relations/marketing activity, including digital media, for which a DMTF quotation may be desired to support the request.
- All requests must contain a draft of the press release or other materials, the suggested quote (if applicable) and the expected announcement or completion date.
- Each request must be directed to DMTF's public relations firm at [press@dmtf.org](mailto:press@dmtf.org).

All requests will be considered confidential by DMTF and its PR agency.

Please note that due to DMTF's member and member product/services neutrality policies, DMTF cannot:

- provide supporting quotes that endorse specific companies
- provide supporting quotes that specifically endorse products or services
- be part of a release or materials that compare member companies

See ANNEX A for examples of acceptable DMTF supporting quotes.

### 3.2 Approval process for member company press releases

The process for obtaining DMTF approval for supporting press release quotes is as follows:

1. Member submits suggested quote and draft press release to DMTF PR and may recommend a DMTF officer to serve as Spokesperson to whom the quote will be attributed. If the member does not suggest a quote or recommend a Spokesperson, DMTF PR will do so.
2. DMTF PR confirms selection of an appropriate DMTF *Spokesperson* to whom the quote will be attributed and, one person to act as *Approver*, with the requesting member company. To ensure confidentiality, DMTF PR will attempt to select a Spokesperson and an Approver who is acceptable to the member company. The Spokesperson and Approver selected cannot be from the requesting company, nor can they both be from the same company. Otherwise, all DMTF executive officers are considered qualified Spokespeople:
  - DMTF President
  - DMTF Chair
  - DMTF Vice-Chair
  - DMTF VP of Marketing
  - DMTF VP of Finance
  - DMTF VP of Technology
  - DMTF VP of Membership
  - DMTF VP of Alliances

Please click [here](#) for a list of current DMTF officers.

3. DMTF PR reviews and revises quote as appropriate and submits to the Approver for review and approval. Full release will be provided for context.
4. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from the Approver and submits quote to Spokesperson for approval. Full release will be provided for context.
5. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from Spokesperson and returns approved quote to member company.
6. Once release has been publicly distributed, DMTF PR sends the release with the DMTF quote to Executive Committee and Board as an FYI and post the news to the DMTF website.

171 NOTE Approval of third-party requests from members of Regional Marketing Subcommittees will be handled  
172 by the subcommittee. The Subcommittee will notify the DMTF Marketing Task Force of the request  
173 upon receipt so that the Board and Executive Committee may be informed.

174 \* If the selected Approver or Spokesperson is unavailable, DMTF PR will select an alternate from the list of  
175 DMTF executive officers. Handling confidentiality issues between DMTF spokesperson and requesting  
176 member company.

177 The member company requesting a quote can indicate when there are confidentiality issues between the  
178 DMTF spokesperson's company and the requesting company. In this case, the process would be modified as  
179 follows:

- 180 1. Member submits quote and draft press release to DMTF PR.
- 181 2. DMTF PR will select an appropriate DMTF 'Spokesperson' to whom the quote will be attributed and  
182 confirm two appropriate DMTF 'Approvers' with the requesting member company to ensure  
183 confidentiality. The approving officer(s) selected cannot be from the requesting company, nor can  
184 both DMTF "Approvers" be from the same company. All DMTF executive officers are considered  
185 qualified approvers:
  - 186 • DMTF President
  - 187 • DMTF Chair
  - 188 • DMTF Vice-Chair
  - 189 • DMTF VP of Marketing
  - 190 • DMTF VP of Finance
  - 191 • DMTF VP of Technology
  - 192 • DMTF VP of Membership
  - 193 • DMTF VP of Alliances

194 Please click [here](#) for a list of current DMTF officers.

- 195 3. DMTF PR reviews and revises quote as appropriate and submits to the Approvers for review and  
196 approval. Full release will be provided for context.
- 197 4. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from the Approvers.
- 198 5. DMTF PR returns approved quote to member company.
- 199 6. 24 hours before the press release is released DMTF PR sends full quote to the Spokesperson.
- 200 7. Once release has been publicly distributed, DMTF PR sends to Executive Committee and Board as  
201 an FYI and post the news to the DMTF website.

202 \* If the selected Approver or Spokesperson is unavailable, DMTF PR will select an alternate from the list of  
203 DMTF executive officers.

### 204 3.3 Approval process for member company digital media and other marketing 205 (non-PR) requests

206 The process for obtaining DMTF approval for supporting general marketing activity (content may be used on  
207 social media, blog posting, events, and other outlets) is as follows:

- 208 1. Member submits suggested marketing and if applicable a suggested quote to DMTF PR. Member  
209 may recommend a DMTF officer to serve as Spokesperson to whom the quote will be attributed.
- 210 2. If a quote is requested, DMTF PR confirms selection of an appropriate DMTF 'Spokesperson' to  
211 whom the quote will be attributed with the requesting member company. To ensure confidentiality,  
212 DMTF PR will attempt to select a Spokesperson who is acceptable to the member company. The  
213 Spokesperson selected can be from the requesting company, however this will require approval from  
214 the DMTF Executive Committee. Otherwise, all DMTF executive officers are considered qualified  
215 Spokespeople:
  - 216 • DMTF President
  - 217 • DMTF Chair

- 218        • DMTF Vice-Chair  
219        • DMTF VP of Marketing  
220        • DMTF VP of Finance  
221        • DMTF VP of Technology  
222        • DMTF VP of Membership  
223        • DMTF VP of Alliances

224        Please click [here](#) for a list of current DMTF officers.

- 225        3. DMTF PR reviews and revises content & quote as appropriate and returns suggested material to  
226        member company.  
227        4. Once agreed to by the member company, DMTF PR submits marketing material and quote (if  
228        included) to the Executive Committee for approval.  
229        5. DMTF PR informs member company of Executive Committee approval to distribute content publicly.  
230        6. Once content has been publicly distributed, DMTF PR sends the material to the Executive Committee  
231        and Board as an FYI and post the news to the DMTF website.

232        \* If the selected Spokesperson is unavailable, DMTF PR will select an alternate from the list of DMTF  
233        executive officers.

### 234        **3.4 Approval process for alliance partner press releases**

235        All alliance partner press release requests, including requests for joint press releases (on behalf of DMTF and  
236        an alliance partner) or for supporting quotes, require Board approval. If an alliance partner requests a DMTF  
237        quote for their press release, the process is as follows:

- 238        1. Alliance partner submits suggested quote and draft press release to DMTF PR, who edits messaging  
239        as appropriate and assigns a Spokesperson.  
240        2. DMTF PR reviews press release and sends to VP of Marketing for review.  
241        3. VP of Marketing reviews press release.  
242        4. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from VP of Marketing and sends quote to Spokesperson for  
243        review.  
244        5. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from Spokesperson.  
245        6. Executive Committee reviews press release.  
246        7. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from Executive Committee.  
247        8. Executive Committee reviews and approves revised press release.  
248        9. DMTF PR provides approved press release to Regional Subcommittee(s) for translation, if applicable  
249        10. Once materials are completed and distributed, DMTF PR will send final press release to Executive  
250        Committee and Board as an FYI, and post the news to the DMTF website.

251        \* If the selected Approver or Spokesperson is unavailable, DMTF PR will select an alternate from the list of  
252        DMTF executive officers.

## 253        **4 DMTF policy for digital media**

### 254        **4.1 Digital media definition**

255        Any marketing coverage available online, excluding press releases, which is created from the following  
256        sources

- 257        • DMTF-generated media  
258        • DMTF affiliate-generated media  
259        • Member companies, alliance partners, consortia partners  
260        • External third-party-generated media

261 **4.2 General process for DMTF-generated digital media**

262 DMTF-generated media includes all marketing requests for online content, except press releases, from any  
263 DMTF body.

264 **4.2.1 Promoting DMTF-generated digital media on the DMTF website**

265 All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Potential topics for DMTF-generated digital media content  
266 on the DMTF website will be discussed and determined within DMTF's weekly Marketing Task Force  
267 meetings, based on DMTF's current goals. Once a subject and desired distribution date is determined, the  
268 digital media release to DMTF's website approval process is as follows:

- 269 1. Digital media is proposed within any DMTF body and informs DMTF PR.
- 270 2. DMTF PR works with the DMTF body to create a draft of the digital media content and sends to  
271 Marketing Task Force.
- 272 3. Marketing Task Force reviews digital media content.
- 273 4. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from the Marketing Task Force and forwards to the Executive  
274 Committee for review and approval.
- 275 5. Executive Committee reviews and approves digital media content.
- 276 6. Digital media content is posted to the DMTF website.
- 277 7. Digital media posting is specifically highlighted to the Board in the monthly marketing report.

278 **4.2.2 Promoting DMTF-generated digital media on social media**

279 All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Potential topics for promoting digital media on social media  
280 will be discussed and determined within DMTF PR, based on DMTF's current goals. Once a subject and  
281 desired distribution date is determined, the digital media release to social media process is as follows:

- 282 1. DMTF PR initiates and creates the digital media content.
- 283 2. DMTF PR publishes digital media on social media.
- 284 3. DMTF PR provides a recap of social media publications in Marketing Task Force and Executive  
285 Committee meetings.
- 286 4. A general recap of digital media publications is provided to the Board in the monthly marketing report.

287 **4.3 General process for third-party-generated digital media**

288 All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Any DMTF member, alliance partner, or body can identify  
289 third-party digital media by notifying DMTF PR. The source of the third-party digital media can be from one of  
290 the following (this list is recommended, but not exclusive):

- 291 • Member companies
- 292 • Alliance partners
- 293 • Consortia partners
- 294 • Other DMTF partners
- 295 • References to DMTF and its standards in other publications such as in newsfeeds, blogs, and so on

296 Please note that due to DMTF's member and member product/services neutrality policies, DMTF is unable to:

- 297 • provide supporting quotes that endorse specific companies
- 298 • provide supporting quotes that specifically endorse products or services
- 299 • be part of a release or materials that compare member companies

300 See ANNEX A for examples of acceptable DMTF supporting quotes.

301 **4.3.1 Promoting third-party upcoming events on the DMTF website**

302 All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Potential topics for third-party upcoming events content on  
303 the DMTF website will be discussed and determined within DMTF's weekly Marketing Task Force meetings,  
304 based on DMTF's current goals. Once a subject and desired distribution date is determined, the third-party  
305 upcoming events release process is as follows:

- 306 1. DMTF PR drafts digital media content and sends to Marketing Task Force.
- 307 2. Marketing Task Force reviews digital media content.
- 308 3. DMTF PR incorporates any feedback from the Marketing Task Force and forwards to the Executive
- 309 Committee for review and approval.
- 310 4. Executive Committee reviews and approves digital media content.
- 311 5. Digital media content for the third-party upcoming event is posted to the DMTF website.
- 312 6. Digital media posting is specifically highlighted to the Board in the monthly marketing report.

313 **4.3.2 Promoting third-party digital media on social media and DMTF 'in the news'**

314 All requests will be considered DMTF confidential. Promoting third-party digital media on social media will be  
315 determined within DMTF PR, based on DMTF's current goals. The third-party digital media release process is  
316 as follows:

317 NOTE If DMTF PR has any doubt of conflict at any step in the release process, approval through the Executive  
318 Committee shall be required.

- 319 1. DMTF PR initiates and creates the digital media content.
- 320 2. DMTF PR publishes digital media on social media and/or DMTF 'in the news.'
- 321 3. DMTF PR provides a recap of social media publications in Marketing Task Force and Executive
- 322 Committee meetings.
- 323 4. A general recap of digital media publications is provided to the Board in the monthly marketing report.

324 **4.4 Digital media escalation policy**

325 If any member company disagrees with a digital media publication the following process, a notification is  
326 made to both the DMTF VP of Marketing and the DMTF President. Upon receipt of this notification, the  
327 escalation process is as follows:

- 328 1. The Executive Committee with the DMTF President as Chair contacts all DMTF officers on a motion  
329 to determine the following (a single question of which the officer can respond yes or no):
  - 330 • Does the publication of digital media fall within the definition and policy for publication?
  - 331 • The Executive Committee voting policy per DSP4014 applies.
  - 332 • Ballot can be taken and declared outside of scheduled Executive Committee meeting.
- 333 2. If publication is deemed out of scope, this will result in the immediate removal of the digital media  
334 content.
- 335 3. Further discussion of the removed content and recording of the vote will occur at the next scheduled  
336 Executive Committee meeting.
- 337 4. The member company who raised the original disagreement is notified of the decision.
- 338 5. The Board is notified of the escalation and outcome.
- 339 6. The digital media content is specifically highlighted to the Board in the monthly marketing report.
  - 340 • The Board can determine whether to take further action on the issue.

## **ANNEX A**

### **(informative)**

## **Examples of acceptable DMTF supporting quotes**

*Jeff Hilland, President of the Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF), the organization behind the Redfish standard, commented that, "The Redfish standard continues to gain adoption and interest, and is equally suited for managing large, scale-out environments and single stand-alone platform management. Demonstrations from DMTF member companies are a testament to the public availability and true interoperability of the standard, and we applaud AMI for showcasing its demonstration at this year's Intel Developer Forum."*

- From American Megatrends, Inc., “American Megatrends to Demo MegaRAC Composer Pod Management Software at Intel Developer Forum 2016 in San Francisco”

*"We are happy to have Insyde Software support the Redfish standard," said Jeff Hilland, president of the DMTF. "As demonstrations from DMTF member companies are a testament to the public availability and true interoperability of the standard, we applaud Insyde Software for showcasing its demonstration at this year's Intel Developer Forum."*

- From Insyde Software Announcement, "Insyde Software Demonstrates Its DMTF Redfish Product Advancements"

*“DMTF is pleased to be collaborating with the ODCA to accelerate industry adoption of interoperable cloud standards,” said Winston Bumpus, DMTF President. “We believe this collaboration will help define customer requirements in the cloud space and ensure that our key standards, such as OVF, are widely accepted throughout the IT industry. By combining DMTF’s knowledge in systems management standards with ODCA’s expertise in customer-driven usage models, we have a unique opportunity to ensure that the standards we develop, like our work-in-progress cloud infrastructure management interface (CIMI) specifications, will meet customer needs.”*

- From ODCA Announcement, “Open Data Center Alliance and Distributed Management Task Force to Collaborate on Interoperable Cloud Management.”

*"We're thrilled to welcome Flexera Software to DMTF," said Winston Bumpus, DMTF president. "Having an industry leader with Flexera Software's depth and breadth of understanding around software licensing and usage management –across producers and consumers – will help us establish practical standards that take into account the needs of both groups. These standards will have an impact on cloud computing for years to come."*

- From Flexera Software Announcement, “Flexera Software Joins Distributed Management Task Force to Help Develop Cloud Licensing Standards.”

375        “DMTF is committed to enabling interoperable management of IT systems worldwide by bringing the IT  
376        industry together to collaborate on the development, validation and promotion of systems management  
377        standards,” said Mike Baskey, DMTF Chairman. “As the use of cloud environments accelerates, the  
378        industry needs to consolidate on a set of accepted standards. Contributions like the Oracle Cloud  
379        Elemental Model subset of the API will help speed development and adoption of cloud-related  
380        standards.”

- 381        • From Oracle Announcement, “Oracle Announces Oracle Cloud Resource Model Application  
382        Programming Interface”

383        “As companies become increasingly distributed across geographies, the need for remote management  
384        capabilities increases,” said Winston Bumpus, DMTF president. “Products implementing DASH enable  
385        interoperable management solutions that allow for low-cost management across networks, offering  
386        increased efficiency while maximizing availability. We’re very pleased to have Realtek join us to  
387        demonstrate their DASH products at MMS.”

- 388        • From Realtek Announcement, “Realtek to Demonstrate DASH Implementation at Microsoft  
389        Management Summit 2009”

390        “For ISVs who want to enable customers to quickly and easily deploy solutions in a heterogeneous  
391        environment, the DMTF OVF standard provides an open, secure, portable, efficient and extensible  
392        format for the packaging and distribution of virtual appliances,” said Winston Bumpus, DMTF president.  
393        “To help facilitate this, we rely on contributions from member companies like Citrix during the standard  
394        development process – and we welcome the Citrix open source implementation to help speed adoption  
395        of the newest DMTF standard.”

- 396        • From Citrix Announcement, “Citrix Drives Adoption of Virtual Appliance Portability Standard for  
397        Enterprises and Clouds”

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## **ANNEX B (informative)**

### **Change log**

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1.0.0	2010-04-15	
2.0.0	2012-01-12	Updated press release process
3.0.0	2016-08-09	Updated press release process Updated Marketing Committee to Marketing Task Force
3.1.0	2016-11-21	Updated roles and responsibilities Cleaned up introduction for consistency
4.0.0	2017-09-19	Added digital media process Changed title to include digital media
4.1.0	2022-02-23	Publication scrub Updated to DMTF Informational

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