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iCalendar v2.0 Formal Public Identifier

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Abstract

The IETF has defined a standard format for exchanging calendaring and scheduling data, called iCalendar. This format is useful for exchange of personal calendar data across the Internet, as well as in non-Internet environments.

In a number of environments where the iCalendar will be used, the format type and version needs to be identified. For example, when registering the iCalendar as a format for memory-based "clipboard" or "drag/drop" user interface interactions. For these cases, a definitive formal public identifier (FPI) for the iCalendar will be required. This memo defined the FPI to be used when referring to the version 2.0 (the value in the "VERSION" property) of the iCalendar format.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY" and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC 2119](#)].

1. Introduction

This memo defines a FPI for iCalendar. The format corresponds to the version defined by the [[ICAL](#)] specification and identified in an iCalendar object by the "VERSION:2.0" property:value pair. An FPI is

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an identifier that is used to uniquely identify an entity. The syntax for a FPI is defined in [ISO 9070].

The FPI defined by this memo can be used to register the version 2.0 of the iCalendar format in an operating system object registry so that the format can be uniquely referenced within that environment. In addition, this FPI can be used to refer to the iCalendar notation in representation grammars, such as that defined by [[XML](#)].

2. iCalendar v2.0 FPI

The public identifier defined by this memo is a non-registered FPI, as defined by [ISO 9070]. The FPI is defined by the following text string.

"-//IETF//NONSGML iCalendar version 2.0//EN"

This FPI SHOULD be used wherever a reference is needed to the version 2.0 iCalendar format.

3. Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

4. References

[ISO9070] "Information Technology_SGML Support Facilities_Registration Procedures for Public Text Owner Identifiers", ISO/IEC 9070, Second Edition, International Organization for Standardization, April, 1991.

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