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vCard v3.0 Formal Public Identifier

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Abstract

The IETF has defined a standard format for electronic business card data, called vCard. This format is useful for exchange of personal directory data across the Internet, as well as in non-Internet environments.

In a number of environments where the vCard will be used, the format type and version needs to be identified. For example, when registering the vCard as a format for memory-based "clipboard" or "drag/drop" user interface interactions. For these cases, a definitive formal public identifier (FPI) for the vCard will be required. This memo defined the FPI to be used when referring to the version 3.0 of the vCard format.

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described in [[RFC 2119](#)].

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1. Introduction

This memo defines a FPI for the version 3.0 vCard. An FPI is a 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 3.0 of the vCard 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 vCard notation in representation grammars, such as that defined by [[XML](#)].

2. vCard v3.0 FPI

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

"-//IETF//NOTATION [RFC 2426](#)/vCard//EN"

This FPI SHOULD be used where ever a reference is needed to the version 3.0 vCard format. For example, the following shows how it would be used in an XML notation declaration:

```
<!NOTATION vCard PUBLIC "-//IETF//NOTATION RFC 2426/vCard//EN">
```

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.

[RFC 2119] "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement

Levels", [RFC 2119](#), March 1997.

[VCARD] F. Dawson and T. Howes, "vCard MIME Directory Profile", [RFC 2426](#), <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2426.txt>, September 1998.

[XML] "Extensible Markup Language (XML)", Worldwide Web Consortium, <http://www.w3.org/TR/1998/REC-xml-19980210>, February 1998.

5. Author's Address

The following address information is provided in a vCard v3.0, Electronic Business Card, format.

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```
BEGIN:VCARD
VERSION:3.0
FN:Frank Dawson
N:Dawson;Frank
ORG:Lotus Development Corporation
ADR;TYPE=WORK,POSTAL,PARCEL;;;6544 Battleford Drive;Raleigh;
NC;27613-3502;USA
TEL;TYPE=PREF,WORK,MSG:+1-617-693-8728
TEL;TYPE=WORK,MSG:+1-919-676-9515
EMAIL;TYPE=PREF,INTERNET:Frank_Dawson@Lotus.com
EMAIL;TYPE=INTERNET:fdawson@earthlink.net
END:VCARD
```

```
BEGIN:VCARD
VERSION:3.0
FN:Paul Hoffman
N:Hoffman;Paul
ORG:Internet Mail Consortium
ADR;TYPE=WORK,POSTAL,PARCEL;;;127 Segre Place;Santa Cruz;
CA;95060;USA
TEL;TYPE=PREF,WORK,MSG:+1-831-426-9827
TEL;TYPE=WORK,MSG:+1-831-426-7301
EMAIL;TYPE=INTERNET:phoffman@imc.org
END:VCARD
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