

3GPP TSG-T2 #28
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Title: Future of MMS work in T2
Response to: -
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Work Item: -

Source: T2
To: TSG T
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1. Overall Description:

At T2#28 we have had extensive and constructive debated regarding MMS work in T2.

In general the conclusion from a number of companies at T2#28 (Nokia, Infineon, Ericsson, T-Mobile, Vodafone, Orange) was that the future of MMS bearer agnostic work should be continued only in OMA.

This conclusion was in principle endorsed by T2 because for the benefit of the industry, it is logical that bearer agnostic debates on MMS are carried out in one organisation.

The issue of maintenance of existing MMS specifications in 3GPP was also discussed. The numbers of delegate's expert in MMS attending T2 is diminishing. It appears that MMS experts are migrating to OMA.

If MMS work is transferred to OMA and the specifications are not, then 3GPP may receive CRs that are generated outside of 3GPP (i.e. OMA). 3GPP would therefore be faced with the responsibility of either, inserting externally generated MMS CRs into MMS specifications without any MMS expertise OR having to utilise technical expertise in order to carry out a final check on externally generated MMS CR's before they are inserted into 3GPP MMS specifications.

With loss of nearly all MMS experts attending T2, 3GPP TSG T should devise some form of procedure to fulfil its responsibilities regarding maintenance procedures in 3GPP on MMS specifications.

If the MMS work is transferred to OMA and 3GPP/3GPP2 MMS specification ownership are transferred to OMA, then CRs would be inserted into OMA MMS specifications and maintenance of the transferred specifications would potentially be the responsibility of OMA. This whole area will need further discussion.

2. Actions:

To: TSG T.

ACTION:

1. T2 asks TSG T to carefully consider a mechanism / procedure where MMS specifications that can be maintained in 3GPP in the light of diminishing numbers of MMS experts in 3GPP.
2. T2 asks TSG T to consider whether the ownership of future MMS work should be under OMA, except for matters that are confined to be 3GPP bearer specific.
3. Further work on MMS is now imminent; therefore a resolution to these issues is urgently required as 3GPP specifications are likely to be affected.

3. Date of next T2 Meetings:

T2#29	May 2005	TBD
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