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ATOM/RSS

- The IETF Atom Publishing Format and Protocol (atompub) Working Group has published a sixth working draft of "The Atom Publishing Protocol," companion specification to "The Atom Syndication Format." The Internet Draft presents a protocol for using XML (Extensible Markup Language) and HTTP (HyperText Transport Protocol) to edit content. The Atom Publishing Protocol (APP) is an application-level protocol for publishing and editing Web resources.

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RDF

- Dan Connolly and Libby Miller of the Semantic Web Interest Group have published "RDF Calendar - an application of the Resource Description Framework to iCalendar Data" as an Interest Group Note. The Note is a report on the state of the art for integrating calendar data with other Semantic Web data used in social networking, syndicated content, and multimedia.

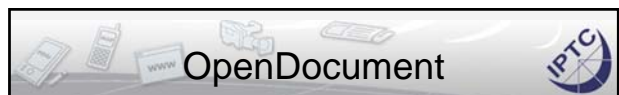
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PRISM

- PRISM DIM2 (Publishing Requirements for Industry Standard Metadata, Digital Image Management Metadata), an IDEAlliance Working Group, has announced the availability of the first draft version of the PRISM Digital Image Management Metadata Encoding Guidelines Specification for public comment.
- PRISM V1.3 Released for Comment.


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OpenDocument

- OASIS has submitted the OpenDocument Format OASIS Standard to the ISO/IEC JTC1 (International Organization for Standardization International Electrotechnical Commission's Joint Technical Committee) for further approval as a de jure standard. OpenDocument is an XML-based file format specification for office applications.
- Used in OpenOffice 2.0 and StarOffice 8


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XML Core

- The World Wide Web Consortium released "xml:id Version 1.0" as a W3C Recommendation. The specification defines an attribute name, xml:id, that can always be treated as an identifier and hence can always be recognized, without fetching external resources, and without relying on an internal subset.
- A small software developer plans to seek royalties from companies that use XML, the latest example of patent claims embroiling the tech industry. Charlotte, N.C.-based Scientigo owns two patents (No. 5,842,213 and No. 6,393,426) covering the transfer of "data in neutral forms". These patents, one of which was applied for in 1997, are infringed upon by the data-formatting standard XML, Scientigo executives assert.
- Based on discussions with the XQuery and XSL Working Groups, the W3C Internationalization Core Working Group has released Working with Time Zones as a W3C Working Group Note. Time-related data is a common requirement for many applications. W3C XML Schema provides a variety of data types for dates and times, such as date, time, and dateTime. These data types follow internationally friendly formats defined by ISO 8601 and can be used to address a variety of differing date or time Applications.


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XHTML, XFrames

- The HTML Working Group has released an updated Working Draft of "XFrames." Replacing HTML frames, XFrames is an XML application for composing documents together in a view. Solving usability, search and security problems associated with HTML frames, XFrames are designed for content negotiation and to allow bookmarking.


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XQuery, XSL, XPath

- The XML Query and XSL Working Groups have released the following Working Drafts of XML Query 1.0, XSL 2.0, XPath 2.0 and supporting documents.

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Other stuff

- XLIFF = XML Localization Interchange File Format. OASIS standard. It has emerged as a standard interchange file format for localization-related data and metadata.
- Calsify, IETF initiative, Calendaring and Scheduling Standards Simplification.

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CONFERENCES

- 6-10 Nov, Fourth International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2005), Galway, Ireland
- 14-18 Nov, XML 2005 Conference and Exposition, Atlanta, GA, USA
- 27-29 March 2006, IPTC Spring Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 31 March 2006, News Standard Summit, Chicago, USA
- 1-4 April 2006, NEXPO 2006, Chicago, USA
- 16-19 May 2006, XTECH 2006, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2-6 July 2006, IPTC AGM 2006, Vienna, Austria
- 9-12 October 2006, IFRA Expo 2006, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 16-18 October 2006, IPTC Autumn meeting, Madrid, Spain

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Happening right now !

- **Flock**, a firefox-based browser with tighter integration with Blogging, Feeds and Favorites.
- **Google Reader**, a web-based feed-reader.
- The software development team of buldocs Ltd. has announced the version 1.0 release of **xnsdoc**, a professional tool to generate documentation of W3C XML Schema in a JavaDoc like visualisation. Xnsdoc supports all common schema design practices like chameleon, russian doll, salami slice, venetian blind schemas or circular schema references. xnsdoc can be used from the command line, as an Apache Ant task, as an Apache Maven plugin, as an Eclipse plugin or integrated as a custom tool in many XML development tools, for example: Task for Apache Ant; Plugin for Apache Maven; Eclipse Plugin; Stylus Studio (DataDirect Technologies); XMLSpy (Altova); Oxygen XML Editor (SyncRO Soft); XML Writer (Wattle Software); JBuilder (Borland).
- **Google Moon**

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