

Fresh Start for the OASIS Cross-Enterprise Security and Privacy Authorization (XSPA) Technical Committee

The OASIS XSPA Technical Committee is planning to reconvene for a fresh start and new round activities. The TC meeting will hold a meeting early in May to elect new co-chairs and will schedule regular meetings thereafter.

According to its charter, the OASIS XSPA TC is missioned to work on interoperability standards applicable to the use-cases related to exchange of healthcare data, including health records, statements of health care charges, and benefit payments. These use-cases are crucial for healthcare providers, hospitals, pharmacies, and insurance companies. The XSPA TC is active in specifying existing stable open standards as well as developing standards or profiles when needed. Previously, the XSPA TC has developed profiles for a number of OASIS standards: Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML), Extensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML), and WS-Trust.

In this new round of activity, the XSPA TC is determined to focus on:

- Updating the previous profiles in accordance with the new developments in the industry and in harmony with other related standard development organizations such as Health Layer 7 (HL7) and Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE), and with the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Standards and Interoperability Framework.
- Develop new profiles for emerging applications such as data segmentation and healthcare security classification.
- Work on the internationalization of the profiles to cover the non-US use-cases.
- Potential collaboration with IHE on transport protocols.
- Promote the standard profiles to other standard development organizations such ITU.

Participation in the OASIS XSPA TC is open to all interested parties. We invite all OASIS members with an interest in this area, especially those whose business is related to healthcare providers, healthcare regulators, personal health records services, hospitals, pharmacies, and patients to join the XSPA TC for the new round of activities. Please contact member-services@oasis-open.org for more information.