UPDF Meeting Minutes

San Diego, CA

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Attendees

Sandra Matts	Hewlett-Packard
Lee Farrell	Canon
Ben Brezinsky	Hewlett-Packard
Michael Wu	Eastman Kodak Co.
Hugo Parra	Novell
Michael Yeung	Canon
Nick Webb	Auco
Rick Yardumian	Xerox
Robert Herriot	Sun
Ron Bergman	Dataproducts
Don Wright	Lexmark
Laurie Lasslo	Hewlett-Packard
Maulik Desai	Auco
Norbert Schade	Xionics
Charles Kong	Panasonic
Stuart Rowley	Kyocera
Eric Random	Peerless
Michael Yeung	Canon
Abdallah Qaisi	Apple
Bill Wyman	Adobe

Agenda

The current phase of UPDF is in discovery and investigation of other printer description formats and other technologies that we may use in definition of the UPDF. There was a suggestion to split the UPDF group into several subgroups such as User Interface, Localization, Rendering in order to focus on each component fully. We will begin to do this starting in Miami in March. We will determine subgroups in the January meeting.

Adobe Job Tickets

Bill Wyman from Adobe gave a very good presentation of Adobe Job Tickets. A job ticket is used to send device setup information with a PDL stream. The job ticket format is a series of defined objects adhering to the PDF specification. The main target business environment is high-end printing done in print shops. Here's a link to the presentation Bill gave in pdf format: ftp://ftp.pwg.org/pub/pwg/upd/Archive/1998/JobTickPresent.pdf

Also here is Adobe's specification on Job Tickets:
ftp://ftp.pwg.org/pub/pwg/upd/Archive/Specs/JobTicket.pdf

GPD Presentation

Sandra Matts presented on the GPD architecture of NT 5.0 or Windows 2000. Here is a link to the presentation in pdf format:
ftp://ftp.pwg.org/pub/pwg/upd/Archive/1998/GPD_Presentation.pdf

XML

The group is considering using XML to define the format specification for UPDF. XML is a meta-language that is used to specify any language though it is geared mostly for Web based languages. It appears to be a good specification method for us to use in defining UPDF. We are currently gathering information about XML. A couple of web sites were posted at the meeting.
The web site of the World Wide Web Consortium for XML is at:
http://www.w3.org/XML
Microsoft web site for XML is:
http://www.microsoft.com/xml
Sun web site has XML (search for XML from home page):
http://www.sun.com

Links and info

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