

vCard Issues

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Background

- vCard 3.0 2426 has been around for a while, but
- Many mobile devices still use vCard 2.1.
- OMA has its own extensions for vCard 2.1.
- Several (many) interoperability issues.
- Some extensions have been added for new properties.

Issues

- i18n - UTF-8 preferred
- Too many combinations of parameters for things like TEL:.
- How to indicate localization for address formats.
- Create X-`<vendor-id>` namespace for private extensions.
- Review definition of each property.

Proposals

- Produce one new document (merge 2425 and 2426 into one).
- New MIME type: text/vcard - defaults to UTF-8 data.
- Merge existing extensions into new document.
- Clarify allowed parameter combinations.
- Provide UID on each multi-occurring property to aid synchronization.

Proposals

- Geographic properties should be parameters on ADR and we should add a MAP parameter.
- Define “formal” IANA process rather than ietf-mime-direct@imc.org mechanism.
- XML-based variant of vCard syntax, e.g.:
 - <http://www.xmlpp.org/extensions/xep-0054.html>

Proposals

- New properties:
 - date of death
 - gender
 - place of birth/death

Other Stuff

- Calconnect vCard workshop, September 18th 2007, Boston, MA, USA.
- <http://www.calconnect.org/vcardworkshop.shtml>