Developing a New XML Standard for the Admissions Application

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XML Standard for Admissions Applications

Why?

How?

What?
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Why?
Developing a Standard

- **Interoperability**
  - Allows entities who deal directly with student applications to provide a standardized data set to colleges and universities
  - Internal exchange of admissions data
  - Provides opportunity for longitudinal analysis of admissions data
Adoption of the Standards

• Comprehensive Data Set
  - Goal of the workgroup is to accommodate many different needs of all the entities who use application data
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How?
PESC Standards Forum

• Includes all stakeholders in XML standardization

• Focuses on:
  - the XML needs of the higher education community
  - the development of XML products needed by the community
  - The evaluation of other XML initiatives and their impacts on the community
Admission Application Workgroup

Responsible for the development of a national XML standard for the application for admission

- Weekly conference calls
- Workgroup members include:
  - Admissions Staff (and specific ‘experts’ from functional areas as needed)
  - Consortia of institutions with ‘common’ applications
  - Online Admissions Application Providers
  - SIS Vendors
  - Other interested parties

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What?
The Schema

- Transmission Data
- Applicant Data
- Notes
- User Defined Extensions
Transmission Data

- Indicates the source and destination of the application data
- Like an ‘envelope’ telling where it’s going and who it’s from
Applicant Data

- Person
- Family
- Residency
- Application
- Health
- Government/Military
- Tests
Let’s take a look at the Schema!
How to Get Involved

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