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Meeting about Meetings\OGF

 Project
 DFDL 1.0

 Meeting Date
 05-Nov-12 (Mon)

 Meeting Time
 16:00 - 17:00

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#### OGF DFDL Working Group Call , 5 November 2012

#### Agenda

Prepare for your meeting by describing the objectives (both immediate and long-term, if appropriate) of the meeting; and describe key plan details.

#### 1. Daffodil Open Source Project

Status.

#### 2. Clarify timing of escape scheme application and pad character trimming

See emails. Mike thinks that there is a Catch 22 scenario with delimited text when applying escape schemes .

## 3. Should DFDL use a URN instead of a URL for its namespace and /or source attribute ?

See emails. Sounds like DFDL should adopt URNs and deprecate URLs.

#### 4. Review the schema constraints that dfdl :checkConstraints () uses

Currently spec implies that minOccurs, maxOccurs, default, fixed and all facets are used. Does checking against a default mean anything? What does checking against minOccurs and maxOccurs mean when the target is the current object?

#### 5. Any extra rules needed for assert /discriminator with testKind 'pattern'?

We have previously decided that the pattern' is applied to the start of the representation. Are there any incompatibilities with framing properties, such as the presence of alignment, leadingSkip, or prefix length?

#### 6. AOB

#### Minutes

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**Reflect** on your meeting as you record all topics and issues discussed, and any tabled conversations. What went well, or what would you do differently next time? Document those so others can take advantage of your learning.

Attendees Mike Beckerle Steve Hanson

#### **IBM TeamRoo**

Tim Kimber

Apologies Suman Kalia

Minutes

## 1. Daffodil Open Source Project No update.

#### 2. Clarify timing of escape scheme application and pad character trimming

Arguments either way for trimming before/after escape schemes, so decided not to change the spec.

Meeting closed

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Next call Tues 13th Nov (15:00 UK)

#### **Create Action Items**

Record the to-do's and individuals assigned by entering the appropriate information in the form below. Press the "Create Action Items" button to create specific to do's that can be tracked in the assignee's Work for Me views. " All Action Items will be tracked in the Action Items and Other Meeting Documents tab.

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## Actions raised at this meeting

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	Clarify if necessary what constitutes a schema definition error and a processing error (All)
	5/11: Following on from action 188, look at things like divide by zero, array out-of-bounds, and classify accordingly.

### Current Actions :

No	Action
No 123	Action DFDL tutorial (Steve) 13/10: Draft of first 3 chapters has been written and will be distributed to WG 10/11: Posted to grid forge here (http://forge.gridforum.org/sf/go/doc16106?nav=1), work continuing at IBM to define a standard example-based chapter framework and to author additional chapters. Contributors welcome! 17/11: Steve, Stephanie and Alan had a meeting to discuss the best structure for the tutorial and decide which examples to use throughout. The meeting raised more questions. Further discussions will be held. 24:11: The list of topics to be covered in the remaining lessons has been produced and a lesson template. Alan will write lesson 4 01/12: Alan has started lesson 4 which covers fixed and variable fields and arrays. 08/12: Alan has almost completed lesson 4. Will send out for review. 15/12: First draft of lesson 4 is available for review. Alan to send to Bob and Joe. 22/12: Alan has distributed drafts for tutorials on Basic Structure and Optional /Repeating elements. Please review
	<ul> <li>12/01: Alan distributed a tutorial for choices and updated the others. Alan and Steve reviewed them and updated versions will be sent soon. Should start on the 'representation' tutorials soor 19/01: The tutorials for basic structure, optional/arrays and choices have be updated. Please review. The tutorial for text elements should be available soon.</li> <li>26/01: No comments received about 3 tuorials distributed last week. Alan is still working on Text representation.</li> <li>02/02: Steve has sent comments on three tutorials. Alan to send updated versions by the end of the week. Alan has also distributed the first part of the tutorial on text representation and would like feedback.</li> <li>09/02: Steve had reviewed tutorials 3,4,5 and updated versions have been distributed. Joe reviewed lesson on text elements.</li> </ul>
	Main points. Using 'represented as text' is confusing. Examples are too cluttered. Suggest simple targeted examples but still build up to final complete schema 23/02: New versions distributed and Steve has commented. 02/03: Alan has published the final versions of tutorials 4,5,6 and is working on text respresentations. There was some discussion about the detail that needs to be covered. Shou limit it to 'common usage' and refer to the spec for details of edge cases. 09/03: Alan distributed an update to the text tutorial. Please review. 30/03: Steve has spent half a day tidying up lessons 1 to 6 and has uploaded them as pdfs to gridforge. They are now more coherent, and many inconsistencies and errors fixed. Ownership of draft lessons (text properties, binary properties, advanced features) has been passed to Steve. Also need to make a schema available for the examples. 13/04: Steve is working on the text properties tutorial. 04/05: No progress
	 15/06: This is on hold until Steve clears up spec issues and other workload. Steph has looked at the later lessons, and noted that they are more direct compared to the more wordy earlier lessons. 28/06: On hold. 

13/12: Had call earlier today, making good progress. Next call first week of Jan. 10/01: Next call to be scheduled for Wed or Fri 17/01: No call last week, call tomorrow 24/01: Two calls held, next call Wed, looking at separator suppression 31/01: Separator suppression discussions ongoing, proposal to rename policy and enums. Call later this week. 14/02: Now looking at separator suppression and unparsing. Next call on Friday 21/02: Separator suppression on parsing/unparsing matrix agreed. 28/02: Two more calls this week 13/03: Call tomorrow 21/03: Two more calls held 28/03: Hopefully all issues now addressed. Steve to start folding in action 140 document comments into the body of the document. 05/04: Still with Steve. Noted that action 140 will not be in the next spec rev, likely the one after. 17/04: No further progress 8/5: Steve has started rewriting the action 140 document 23/5: Steve continuing the work on the action 140 document. Empty/missing/defaults and Arrays have been rewritten. Separators not started. Please review. 12/6: Steve will resend the latest action 140 document for review. Note use of 'missing representation' to describe zero length input data with same semantic as missing altogether. 19/6: Latest action 140 resent. Separate call on Thursday this week. 26/6: Call held, revisions need to be made before action 140 can be circulated more widely. Next call will be Tues 3rd July. 3/7: Steve not found time to update action 140 doc, call postponed to 10th July 10/7: Call held, document still being refined. Spin off action 179 to sort out use of term 'representation' in spec and grammar. 17/7: No progress on core action 140. 25/7: No progress - Steve will aim to finish refinement before Aug 16 31/7: No progress 7/8: No progress 14/8: Steve has started to create v16 of the action 140 document and will mail it to Mike & Tim this week 4/9: v16 mailed to Mike & Tim - some issues noted in the email - Steve will set up a separate call 11/9: Separate call held. Re-examining the role of minOccurs for occursCountKind 'parsed', 'expression', 'stopValue'. For these occursCountKinds, where the occurrences are extracted without reference to minOccurs, it seems more natural that a minOccurs violation is not a processing error but instead it is just a validation error. Need to evaluate the knock-on effect of this proposal - it potentially affects points of uncertainty, default values, use of terms required & optional, and separator suppression. 18/9: Tim and Steve have worked through the proposal, it looks good in principle. Steve to update action 140 document and see if anything problematic surfaces. Note that current definitions of 'required' and 'optional' retained - it's just that now a required element missing from the infoset (after defaulting applied) is not necessarily a processing error (that now depends on occursCountKind). Please review for next call. 28/9: Tim & Mike to review Steve's updated document. Other things to do before it can be incorporated into the spec: - SMH1 comment: What do dfdl:xxxlength() functions return when rep is absent? Error or 0? - English words for separator suppression tables - Decide the fate of Appendix A? Perhaps replaced by tutorials? 2/10: Key to explaining all this when it is rolled into the spec is defining the different reps plus 'missing' plus concepts of 'well-formed' and 'badly-formed' in the glossary. Clearly sections 13.15, 14 and 16 are affected in a major way, but it is likely that it affects several other sections such as 9. Discussed the dfdl:xxxLength() functions and what they should return when there is nothing in

	the infoset. This led to a more general discussion of whether a failure to find a path should be treated as a schema definition error or a processing error. New <b>action 188</b> raised. 16/10: Steve to take one more pass through the document in the the light of the above, and als try to put into words the separator suppression tables. In order to do this need action 187 need resolving.
	23/10: Action 187 resolved far enough to allow Steve to proceed with document pass. 30/10: Still with Steve.
	5/11: Still with Steve.
161	Fold errata into DFDL spec (Mike/Steve)
	17/01: Start with Steve updating spec to include his marked up changes
	 14/02: Steve has published errata document v8 which includes all resolved errata up until today, but has not yet started to fold into spec.
	21/02: No progress but Steve will start this week
	28/02: Steve has started on this. Editorial corrections made. Going through spec and flagging (using Word comments) where errata affect the spec (up to 2.16 so far).
	If the errata is simple then he is fixing the spec at the same time. The outcome of this first pass will be a spec in which a reader can see which sections are affected by errata. Then the second pass is to fold in the rest of the errata.
	<ul><li>13/03: Steve has completed first pass and sent spec to Mike. Mike has made his editorial changes and is applying errata. Steve to check formatting not scuppered by Mike's editor.</li><li>21/03: Converted spec to docx format as this works better with Mike's editor, though Mike will</li></ul>
	switch to using Word for consistency. Mike folding in errata this week. Errata doc is due an update but that is on hold until Mike has finished, as each errata will be tagged as folded in or not.
	28/03: Steve has received updated spec from Mike. A few errata posed issues, Steve to resolv and respond to Mike. Mike to update spec and send back to Steve to review.
	05/04: Steve is reviewing Mike's updated spec and adding comments for issues. Should be complete next week. Need to decide on numbering of spec rev, Steve to seek guidance from
	OGF board. Still need to resolve errata 2.54 on strict v lax parsing. 17/04: Steve has reviewed Mike's updated spec. Based on existing schemes for spec and errata, and taking into account OGF rules, the naming convention will be:
	- "DFDL spec 1.0.3 - GFD-P-R.174" (document gwdrp-dfdl-v1.0.3.doc)
	- "Errata for DFDL spec 1.0.3" (document ogf-dfdl-v1.0-Errata-xxx.doc)
	- "DFDL spec 1.0.4 - Draft (document gwdrp-dfdl-v1.0.4-Draft-xxx.doc)
	Note that xxx is the version number on GridForge. 8/5: Steve has received updated spec from Mike and needs to review it. Steve has created dra errata v009.
	23/5: Steve to review Mike's spec. Steve to circulate error v009. Ideally errata 009 and action 140 should be included in next published spec, Mike to decide whether an intermediate spec a errata v008 level or errata v009 level is needed for Daffodil.
	12/6: Steve seeing formatting loss in Word 2003. Steve will install Word 2010 and see if that is the problem. Steve will resend errata v009 for review. Next step is to get action 140
	incorporated into errata v010. 19/6: Steve has applied for license at IBM, but will also check from home PC.
	26/6: Steve now has Word 2010 installed. Steve has published errata v009 and v010 on GridForge. Latest internal spec draft is at errata v008. Mike to consider updating the spec to
	include errata v009 and v010 before action 140 incorporated. Naming convention for spec drafts is not as stated above, but is now <b>gwdrp-dfdl-v1.0.3-rxxx.yy</b> where <b>xxx</b> is Errata
	document version and <b>yy</b> is local draft. 3/7: Mike folding errata 10 document into spec, close to completion 10/7: Mike has sent updated spec for review.
	17/7: Steve has not yet reviewed the updated spec
	25/7: Steve has not yet reviewed the updated spec - aim to do so before Aug 16 31/7: No progress
	7/8: Steve has reviewed most of the spec, and will complete by end of the week. Spec updated

	14/8: Meeting held to review remaining open comments in latest spec, Mike will update and
	mail out
	4/9: Mike updated the spec and mailed it to Steve. Steve to review. 11/9: Still with Steve to review.
	18/9: Steve has reviewed the latest spec, resolved several comments, and sent to Mike. Mike to
	identify unresolved comments and bring to WG as agenda items.
	28/9: Mike to identify unresolved comments and bring to WG as agenda items
	2/10: Not discussed
	16/10: Went through Mike's unresolved comments. See email thread.
	23/10: Comments will appear as new errata to the spec, or changes to existing errata, as
	appropriate. One comment to resolve, concerning COBOL and 'external floats' and whether DFDL supports this or not. Suman to advise.
	30/10: Suman has advised that the E and V symbols can appear together in a COBOL
	PICTURE clause for an 'external float'. As this maps to a DFDL xs:float with dfdl:representation
	'text', so DFDL must support E and V together. Need to see whether P and E is allowed by
	COBOL.
	5/11: Suman has advised that P and E are not allowed by COBOL. That closes the list of open
	comments on spec version r010.03. Mike will update the spec to create r010.04. Steve can start
172	on Errata v011, including updating errata 2.80 to reflect that V and E are allowed. Clarify how a DFDL string literal is matched against the data stream (Tim)
172	23/5: Non-trivial algorithm, worth stating it in the spec.
	25/7: No progress.
	31/7: Tim has been making notes but nothing written up formally. Will include treatment of
	%WSP*;
	 5/11: No further progress
185	ICU rounding behaviour (Steve)
	18/9: ICU to verify rounding behaviour for text numbers, Steve to propose any DFDL spec
	changes that result.
	2/10: No update from ICU yet
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## **Closed actions**

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186	Timing of asserts and discriminator evaluation (Mike)		
	18/9: Propose a scheme that allows downward path references and reliable evaluation in a		
	performant manner.		
	28/9: Mike sent out a proposal. Can it be rephrased in terms of the language used in section 9 of		
	the spec (ie, known to exist, or known not to exist)?		
	Discussion about whether general discriminator expression failure is a processing error or a		
	schema definition error. Decided it is a processing error.		
	Steve observed that a path that contains an array element can succeed or fail depending on		
	circumstance. Agreed that it is a schema definition error if an array element is not qualified by a predicate.		
	<b>Errata taken</b> for the latter point.		
	2/10: Steve and Time have sent comments on Mike's proposal.		
	16/10: Not discussed.		
	23/10: Extend this action to include the wider timing agenda item and so covers variables and		
	normal DFDL annotations as well.		
	Several competing requirements.		
	- An assert or discriminator or property may want to refer to the value of a variable declared at		
	the same annotation		
	- A variable may want to be set to the value of the current component		
	- Implementations may want to evaluate expressions as early as possible		
	30/10: Long discussion but close to a conclusion. Mike will write up the latest proposal for		
	<ul><li>review.</li><li>5/11: Closed. Reviewed Mike's latest proposal and the algorithm is good. Agreed that the</li></ul>		
	concept of a 'resolved set of annotations' is a useful addition to the spec. Agreed that the phrase		
	'parsing the data associated with a schema component' (or similar) should be used in the spec.		
	<b>Errata taken</b> to add the proposal to the spec.		
188	Conditions for issuing a schema definition error or a processing error when evaluating		
	expressions (All)		
	2/10: Spec makes some statements about this but does not cover all circumstances. Also spec		
	says an empty sequence gets treated as nil.		
	16/10: Started to discuss Mike's email. Agreed that a DFDL implementation needs to effectively		
	wrap fn:exactly-one() around any path location in a DFDL expression if it using a standard XPath		
	implementation (as well as checking for unsupported functions). That means empty sequence		
	will give an error.		
	23/10: XPath 2.0 defines a set of error codes. Let's look at these and see whether it is possible		
	to carve these up between schema definition error and processing error. Mike will see whether XPath 2.0 autocasts its result to match the expected context, where possible to do so.		
	30/10: XPath 2.0 has rules for when it promotes types and when it allows types to be substituted.		
	These are in Appendix B.1 of the XPath 2.0 spec. The rule for DFDL will be that an expression		
	must return a type that matches the context, subject to these XPath 2.0 rules. Mike will look at		
	the list of errors returned by XPath 2.0 as stated in Appendix G of the XPath 2.0 spec and see		
	whether they can be mapped to schema definition error or processing error.		
	5/11: <b>Closed.</b> Mike has proposed a mapping from XPath 2.0 error to DFDL error type. All but of		
	of XPath's errors result in a schema definition error. The only case of processing error is		
	XPTY0004, but this error code is used both for static and dynamic cases of type mismatch.		
	Decided that DFDL implementations should distinguish the two kinds of XPTY 0004 if possible to		
	do so, but if not able to do so then must return schema definition error.		
	Errata taken to remove spec statement that says empty sequence returns nil; to state that path		
	locations should be pre-processed to be wrapped in a call to fn:exactly-one() except within		
	certain functions which operate on arrays; to state that a DFDL expression must return a type		
	that matches the context, subject to type promotion/substitution rules in Appendix B.1 of the		
	XPath 2.0 spec; to state that DFDL implementations should comply with the error code behaviour in Appendix G of the XPath 2.0 spec and map these to the correct DFDL failure type		
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## **Deferred** actions

No	Action
129	Press release to publicise DFDL (Steve) Steve is pulling together a press release at IBM. Want to include as many contributors and interested parties as possible.NCSA are keen to be included. Also likely that US National Archive will want to be included. Mike has indicated OCO are too. 17/11: no progress
	 08/12: Still no response from IBM press office 15/12: no progress
	 09/03: No progress 30/03: Making this action deferred until IBM is in a position to say something more concrete about any implementation.
131	Transformation of DFDL properties to a canonical form (Joe)08/12: Joe has produced a XSLT to transform a DFDL schema to a canonical element form.When tested it should be made available on the WG gidforge site.15/12: Alan tested against test dfdl schema which worked correctly (after fixing some errors in the schema)22/12: no update12/01: Joe has some defects to fix before making available on gridforge.19/01: There is a difficult problem to solve before Joe make the style sheet public
	26/01: Working on problems 02/02: no progress 09/02: As it wasn't a simple as exoected this will be treated as a low priority action 23/02: Low prioity 09/03: Low priority 30/03: Deferring for now
066	Investigate format for defining test cases (AII) 25/11:IBM to see if it is possible to publish its test case format. 04/12: no update
	 17/02: IBM is willing in principle to publish the test case format and some of the test cases . May need some time to build a 'compliance suite' 24/03: No progress
	03/03: Discussions have been taking place on the subset of tests that will be provided . 10/03: work is progressing 17/03: work is progressing 31/03: work is progressing
	<ul> <li>14/04: And XML test case format has been defined and is being tested.</li> <li>21/04. Schema for TDML defined. Need to define how this and the test cases will be made public</li> <li>05/05: Work still progressing</li> <li>12/05: Work still progressing</li> <li>02/06: Work still progressing on technical and legal considerations</li> </ul>
	 25/08: Will chase to allow Daffodil access to test cases. The WG should define how implementation confirm that they 'conform to DFDL v1' 01/09: IBM still progressing the legal aspect. Intends to publish 100 or so tests as soon as it can, ahead of a full compliance suite. 08/09: IBM still progressing 15/09: IBM still progressing, expect tests to be available within a few weeks

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29/09:Test cases are being prepared.	
06/10: Some test cases should be available next week. Steve would like to	be able to show the
test case information at OGF 30.	
13/10: Still progressing	
10/11: Legal issues cleared, IBM in process of collecting 100 example test that fit the 'extended conformance' of NCSA Daffodil	t cases, ideally ones
17/11: Work is progressing on verifying the test cases. It should be possib WG in 2 weeks.	le to distribute to the
24/11: About half the test cases have been completed and are being review	wed internally.
01/12: Test cases should be available shortly	
08/12: The test cases are in internal IBM review. Probably need a bit of republication	organising before
Stephanie gave a brief overview of the format of the test cases.	
15/12: Ruth joined the call to provide the latest status. The test cases have draft read.me produced. Although not ready for public distribution Ruth will	
feedback. 22/12: Test cases were sent to Joe for initial testing which found some pro	blems in the Daffodil
parser	
12/01: All current tests use a default format whih Daffodil doesn't currently	
suggested that there should be test that defined the same function using d forms. Also suggested that default formats should be provided by the WG.	
the intention. Action 133 raised to track.	I THIS Hau always be
19/01: There is currently no resource available in IBM to make more tests	available IBM to
discuss how/if it can make a 'minimal compliance test suite' available.	
26/01: Action kicked off within IBM. There was a brief discussion abot nar	ning and organisatio
of test cases but no preferences were expressed	
02/02: IBM will not have the resources to develop a full test suite in the near	ar future. Steve
suggested that we produce a list of required test cases so that anyone cou	
09/02: Steve had previously sent a list of areas to be tested. Please review	V.
23/02: Please review Steve's list of areas to be tested	
02/03: Alan had reviewed Steve's list and we went through his comments. need for separate tests for the infoset or for dfdl: property lists, unions etc	
added that these should be exercised during property testing.	
09/03: Alan updated the test document. Need more introduction and perha	aps adopting the OG
template.	
30/03. Ownership of test document passed to Steve. This action is merged cover all aspects of compliance suite.	d with 112 and will
13/04: IBM will not have time to create a compliance suite in the near futur make this action deferred for now.	e. Probably best to
 10/07/2012: Discussed schemes to create interchangeable tests. Ideally n error code per failure, in conjunction with specific inserts.	eed a DFDL defined

## Work items:

No	Item	Owner	Target	Status
043	Track errata list for 1.0 of the spec.	Steve	N/A	Draft 010 on
	http://forge.gridforum.org/sf/go/doc16280?nav=1			grid forge.
044	Incorporate errata list into DFDL spec.	Steve/Mike	N/A	Draft merged document.

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