

Dear CCS steering committee,

I hereby propose the “Business Entity” as a specification project to be worked on under the CCS charter.

The Business Entity has since the beginning of the OpenEdge Reference Architecture a key element for data access and processing but has never been specified to a degree allowing both developers of consumers (software components accessing Business Entities) and Business Entities to have a common understanding about the functionality and interfaces of a Business Entity.

However in the recent past various Progress Software products such as OpenEdge Mobile, Rollbase, Telerik Kendo UI/Mobile, the JSDO and Data Direct OpenAccess SDK provide a certain out of the box functionality in interacting with Business Entities. So having a common understanding between Progress Software and among customers about the functionality and interfaces of the Business Entity seems very beneficial for any modernization project and the ability to align with the Progress Software tool development.

The specification should probably be based on the requirements of the above mentioned Progress Software products.

Peter Judge raised interest in joining the expert committee on this one too.

Not having a lot of experience with the specification process myself and not 100% sure much time is lost during the summer break period it's hard to estimate a timeline for delivering the specification. But I'd hope to have a first version of the specs done by the fall 2015.