

cmi5

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Problem cmi5 Seeks to Solve



- "Today's e-learning content and LMS systems are limited by the current standards for tracking trainee performance."
- "If a data element was not "on the list," it could not be recorded unless there was custom LMS development."
- "With...CMI-5...Designers of content can record virtually any data they need and their content will pass that data to any CMI-5 compliant LMS; the limitations on what is possible to record in your LMS will be lifted."

The First Spec Profile of xAPI



- There isn't official criteria for this, but
 - cmi5 was started by AICC (Aviation Industry CBT (Computer Based Training) Committee
 - Wasn't founded with xAPI in mind, a real need for "what was after SCORM" was needed
 - Weekly meetings for over two years
 - Decisions require support of all on the call

Current Status

- Released "Sandstone" version-May 2015
 - Don't want to cause confusion with numbers as it is an xAPI profile
- Encouraging Vendor Adoption
 - Conceptually very stable, need to see it in practice
 - Would like to see some beta versions in implementation and software
 - ADL will be making a mark here too
- Next version is "Quartz"
 - Anticipating adjustments from early adopters
 - Currently no "pain points"

cmi5 Not an Acronym!



- Used to be for "Computer Managed Instruction"
- In time, it has become more, especially with cmi5
- And, like Kentucky Fried Chicken, some words just aren't good ones to advertize with

So What Does cmi5 Get Me?



- xAPI multi-platform support
- Defined set of verbs and behaviors
- Interoperability in tracking completions, scores, "moveOn" criteria, etc.
- Special tag for searching cmi5 Statements in an LRS
- Launch mechanism
- Course Structure if needed

Frees The Data

- Advanced Distributed Described
- While xAPI allows the data to be free, cmi5 implements just this
 - Requirement that users can retrieve all of their data
 - Coupled with defined ways to search for cmi5
 Statements
 - Which include interoperable ways to pass scores, completions, etc.
 - I can now query "How many of my students got question 6 wrong?" (/fistpump)

cmi5 Vs. SCORM Profile

- cmi5 is an xAPI implementation based on lessons learned from SCORM and other specs to have learning and training content in the traditional (LMS) environment behave in an interoperable way.
- The SCORM Profile is an EXACT mapping of SCORM to xAPI. All of the benefits of SCORM, but none of the lessons learned that cmi5 has.
- Both overlap wherever possible

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So...if you:

- Are starting from scratch or have never heard of SCORM
- Are dissatisfied with part of SCORM (Sequencing)
- Are using an LMS-type solution
- Are trying to do SCORM on Mobile or other non-LMS environments
- Consider cmi5!
- The SCORM Profile could be better if you
 - Need every SCORM data point mapped to xAPI
 - Are looking for a practical starting point in moving existing SCORM implementations to xAPI





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