

- **What is the difference between an OASIS Member and an Organizational Member?**
 - I think this question is being asked in the context of ‘who can submit a statement of use?’
 - If so, this is referring to the need for the statement of use to come from the organization’s primary member. Sometimes this is the PGB member and sometimes this is a different contact that has signed the Membership/Sponsorship Agreement. In the case of an Open Project, I think it would be acceptable for the statement to come from the PGB member (should these two be different). We should come back to this if needed as you are gathering the SoUs.
- **What are the Model 6.0 Specification Conformance clauses?**
 - All OASIS specs are required to have conformance clauses. You have a lot of leeway on what this looks like and common items covered are:
 - Features or functions an implementation must support
 - How/if extensions are handled
 - Minimal requirements for certain values
 - Implementations for specific set of API calls
 - how to handle certain conditions
 - specifying data formats
 - And more as relevant to your spec
 - Some examples of conformance clauses in OASIS standards are:
 - [CTI TC \(Section 12\)](#)
 - [CACAO TC \(Section 11\)](#)
 - [TOSCA TC \(Section 18\)](#)
 - You can see with these 3 options that there are several takes on how to accomplish this section.
- **Are they the Naming and Design Rules (which is a separate specification draft) or something else?**
 - I don’t understand the question. Are you asking if the NDR is in effect one large conformance clause?
- **What is the PGB’s comment facility? Mailing list?**
 - The NIEM Open’s PGB mailing list is: niemopen-pgb@lists.oasis-open-projects.org
 - This list is composed of PGB members and support staff from OASIS and relevant orgs. Only PGB members (and a couple of support staff) are allowed to send to this list as all others are in observation mode only.
 - A mailing list for the purposes of a public review, I would suggest we direct comments use the project’s main mailing list: niemopen@lists.oasis-open-projects.org

- There are 54 people on this list now so a lot of traffic could be a bit disruptive. We could discuss other options if you anticipate a lot of comments.
 - I know the definition of SoU says to use the PGB's comment facility, but the PGB list (as mentioned above) is quite restricted and messages from non-members would not get through.
- **Can tools satisfy as Statements of Use?**
 - What do you mean by tools? If you mean a vendor has a product that uses the standard then yes, that could work. We would need a few sentences about that in the statement of use to explain the conformance. See criteria and examples below.
- **Can implementations using only model semantics be considered a Statement of Use?**
 - See the full definition below for the required parts of a Statement of Use. The key parts are:
 - *that a party has successfully used or implemented that specification in accordance with all or some of its conformance clauses,*
 - *identifying those clauses that apply,*
 - *and stating whether its use included the interoperation of multiple independent implementations*
 - If you can meet those three requirements, then this is fine.
 - Ultimately, the PGB will vote to accept or reject the submitted statements of use so there is some discretion on behalf of the the OP.

Formal Definition of 'Statement of Use' in the [OASIS Defined Terms](#)

"Statement of Use", with respect to a Committee Specification or Project Specification, is a written statement that a party has successfully used or implemented that specification in accordance with all or some of its conformance clauses, identifying those clauses that apply, and stating whether its use included the interoperation of multiple independent implementations. The Statement of Use must be made to a specific version of the Specification and must include the Specification's approval date. The party may be an OASIS Member or a non-member. In case of a non-member, the Statement of Use must be submitted via the Technical Committee's or Project Governing Board's comment facility. A TC or PGB may require a Statement of Use to include hyperlinks to documents, files or demonstration transcripts that enable the committee's members to evaluate the implementation or usage. A Statement of Use submitted to the TC or PGB must be approved by TC Resolution or PGB action as an acceptable Statement of Use with respect to the Specification. A party can only issue one Statement of Use for a given specification. When issued by an OASIS Organizational Member, a Statement of Use must be endorsed by the Organizational Member's Primary Representative."

Examples of Statements of Use

- [Example 1](#) (I like this one because it references the conformance clause and references current and testing use cases.)

- [Example 2](#) (I like this one because it acknowledges that there are updates from a previous version of the standard and that they are compatible with/haven't broken someone's implementation)
- [Example 3](#) (This one takes the approach of 'implementing the new version didn't break what we already had.' This slightly dances around the point, but we will accept it if the PGB decides it is ok)