

DDI Developers Community Report 2010/11

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The DDI developers community is a group of developers implementing software applications on the basis of the DDI specification. Currently, most of them focus on DDI Lifecycle, but software development on the basis of DDI Codebook is still going on as well. Developers are coming from archives, research institutions, and commercial companies. The DDI developers community is not a DDI Alliance working group. The common understanding is that the development of software on the basis of a specification like DDI is a different operation than the development of the specification itself.

First coordination and work has been done in the DDI Foundation Tools Project from 2007 to 2009. The community benefits from this early work on DDI 3 implementation.

The DDI developers community had a two-day meeting before the 2nd European DDI User Group Meeting in Utrecht, The Netherlands, in December 2010. Fifteen people from ten organizations participated. Areas of discussion:

- Short Presentations of Current Work with DDI3
- DDI 3.2 Updates & TIC Overview
- DDI Sticky Points and Coping Strategies
- Framework for Ensuring DDI 3 Interoperability
- Technical Infrastructure for DDI: Storage and Web Service Strategies
- Advocating DDI Tools and Development
- Licensing
- Future of the DDI Developers Meeting

The DDI developers community will have a one-day meeting on May 31, 2011, before the IASSIST conference in Vancouver. Approximately 16 people are expected. The discussion will focus on interoperability between applications and secondary validation, among other topics.

A three-day meeting is planned for December 7-9, 2011, after the 3rd European DDI User Group Meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden.