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Software Engineering Terminology - Special Working Group 2

Report of the Convenor

The Special Working Group of Software Engineering Terminology (SC7 SWG2) was continued during 1998/1999 under the terms of SC7 Resolution 538. The terms of reference for SWG2 are as follows:

1. Extract the fundamental JTC1/SC7 terms from the following sources: JTC1/ SC7 terms of reference, ISO/IEC 9126, ISO/IEC 12207, and words in all titles of JTC1/SC7 in-work and existing standards.
2. Identify contradictions and ambiguities in terms within scope of SWG2.
3. Suggest resolution of these contradictions and ambiguities.
4. Recommend methods of publishing, coordination with JTC1/SC1 and other ISO and IEC technical committees, and controlling JTC1/SC7 fundamental terms.

During the time since the last plenary meeting, the consolidated vocabulary has been maintained, but not extended to any major extent. The current version is Release 0.08.

Advice has been received of a resolution from the JTC1 meeting in Tromsø in 2000, as follows:

Resolution 20 - Database of IT Terms and Definitions

JTC 1 thanks the UK National Body and Mr. Martin Ford for the excellent work done thus far on the database of IT terms and definitions. Noting that more work needs to be done to complete this project, JTC 1 authorizes the Vocabulary Rapporteur, Mr. Ford, to continue his work on the database, taking into consideration the work already done by international organizations such as IEC, ITU and UN/ECE and to keep JTC 1 informed of its ongoing progress.

It is noted that the Secretary of State of Canada has already made freely available on the World Wide Web all of the terminology developed by SC 1.

The Vocabulary Rapporteur is asked to work with the JTC 1 Secretariat on recommendations to JTC 1 concerning the appropriate means of making the database available once it is completed as well as procedures for handling maintenance of and future additions to the database.

In addition, JTC 1 requests the Vocabulary Rapporteur and the Japanese National Body, in response to and support of the Japanese contribution contained in JTC 1 N 6269, to propose a plan for maintenance of the various parts of ISO/IEC 2382. Upon receipt of this plan, the JTC 1 Secretariat is requested to initiate a 60-day JTC 1 letter ballot on approval of the plan.

In a later message from Martin Ford (Vocabulary Rapporteur for JTC1), he comments:

It is true that a database on all (other than hardcopy standards predating Microsoft...) JTC 1 standards terminology is available in house. There is no agreement yet on distribution so you will need to wait a little longer.

Given this situation, it is uncertain what the ongoing status of the SC7 vocabulary database will be. It is clear, however, that the SWG has an ongoing role in resolving terminology issues that arise within the SC, and discussions will take place during the Plenary on these issues.

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Convenor, SC7 SWG2

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