

# Next Steps in Interoperability & Certification for Digital Cinema



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# Overview

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- What, more work?
- Interoperability
- Certification
- The Open Group

# Significant Progress

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- SMPTE DC28
- DCI System Specification v1.0
- NATO System Requirements (forthcoming)

# Documents ≠ Interoperability

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- MXF Interop experience
- Interpretations vary
- Overlooked details
- Unexpected behaviors
- Best practices to-be-determined

This calls for an Open Interoperability effort

# Work to be Done

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- Full implementation of SMPTE Packaging
  - Composition Playlist
  - MXF track file wrapping
  - JPEG2000 compression
  - AES encryption
  - Track files
- Full Key Delivery Message implementation
- Secure log implementation
- Certificate management tools
- Interoperability between theatre systems and delivery systems

# Collaborative Environment

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- Ability to involve all interested parties worldwide
  - Manufacturers
  - Studios
  - Exhibitors
- Tested legal framework
  - Lawyers not required at meetings
- Neutral oversight

These requirements are the foundation of  
*THE OPEN GROUP*

# Why Certification

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- Insurance policy for manufacturers
  - Protects R&D investments by setting minimum performance levels in marketplace for competitors
- Insurance policy for exhibitors
  - Ensures that products purchased meet the requirements of business partners
- Insurance policy for studios
  - Assurance that products entering the market meet the specification

# Certification Requirements

**DC CERTIFIED**

- Robust process
  - “Closed loop” operation (monitored by central organization)
  - Well-defined specification
  - Self-test tools available as possible
  - Specification warranty provided by the manufacturer
  - Worldwide enforcement of trademark usage
- Ability to involve all interested parties worldwide
  - Manufacturers
  - Studios
  - Exhibitors
- Tested legal framework



# THE *Open* GROUP

*Making standards work*™

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- Core business is IT certification
  - Non-profit organization
  - Tested legal framework for interoperability and certification
  - Owner and manager of the UNIX® trademark
  - “Services to Consortia” program extends business model to other industries, and can extend to digital cinema
- Meets all requirements for digital cinema interoperability
- Meets all requirements for digital cinema certification
- Organization of peers
  - D-Cinema Consortium will be operated by a Steering Committee made up of Consortium members

Membership Fees, Entitlements,  
Policies and Procedures:

<http://www.opengroup.org/d-cinema/>

(private website – no public links until organization fully formed)

# Summary

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- Interoperability testing could begin soon
- Certification process remains to be defined
- *The Open Group* can support both

# Thank you

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