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Framework Education

All facets of the ACORD Framework have come a long way in the past 18 months and a lot of people want to learn more about the models and how to use them to benefit your company's architecture.

As part of my column, I'll be letting you know about webinars, conference sessions, and other activities where you can increase your knowledge of the ACORD Framework.

ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum

We've got a series of Framework Sessions on May 15, just prior to the opening of the 2012 [ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum](#) at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando, FL. Sessions scheduled include:

- Information Model v2.2 – What's new?
- ACORD Business Glossary 2.0
- ACORD Component Model – Progress & Status
- Mapping, Migration, Transformation and ACORD Translator

Don't miss these Framework sessions or any of the 2012 Forum sessions. Register today at www.acordlomaforum.org.

Capability Model Webinar

Just a reminder that on March 13, I'll be participating in a webinar called **Leveraging the ACORD Capability Model in an Automated Capability Portfolio Management System** where I'll be speaking with Michael Callahan, Senior Partner at AgileLayer.

Join us on Tuesday, March 13 at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (Eastern US). [Click here to register](#) for this webinar.

Semantic Integration Webinar

On March 8, Cliff Chaney will be participating in a webinar called [OntoApp Platform - Insurance Meets SemWeb](#) where he'll discuss semantic integration and the role of ACORD Standards in that process.

The event is taking place on March 8 from 12:00 PM (Eastern US). [Click here](#) to register for the event.



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During the event you'll learn about:

- ACORD's Capability Model
- Uses and Value of a Business Capability Model
- Operationalizing the ACORD Capability Model: Implementing a Capability Portfolio Management Discipline
- Adoption Steps You Can Take

[Click here to register](#) for this webinar.

Also, keep checking the Framework Flash in the ACORD Weekly for news of other upcoming events and webinars.

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Progress Made, Momentum Builds

Throughout 2011, a lot of progress was made across all five facets of the Framework. Members worked together to advance the development and validation, while helping plan the next objective for each area.

Working Groups, targeted at specific goals, continued to meet and even beat deadlines. While some groups went on hiatus, others restarted or began fresh. That's why there's always a need for you in the ACORD Framework Working Groups.

Your knowledge, experience, and expertise is what helped make the ACORD Framework what it is today. We thank all of you for your efforts and hope to see even more of you in future Working Group meetings! A list of these groups can be found below.

Information Model 2.1

Version 2.1 of the ACORD Information Model was released as a Beta in November 2011. This version was completed ahead of schedule and made available for download. This release included over 500 updates and a revision log with related details. Highlights within the revisions include:

- Party Package o Added [VirtualParty]
- Party Name Package
 - o Revised [PersonNameElement]
- Person Detail Package
 - o Revised [LifestyleDetail] to include [SubstanceUse]
- Party Role in Agreement Package Revised management of [Insured] and [AdditionalInterest]
- Contact and Place Package
 - o Revised [PostalAddress] and [DeliveryAddress]
 - o Added [PlaceAddress] and [LegalAddress]
 - o Added [ContrySubdivision] as replacement to [State], [Province], etc.
- Added [AssignedIdentifier]
- Replaced all qualified associations with associative classes

Just after the beginning of the year, the non-beta version of Information Model 2.1 was made available.



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Working Groups

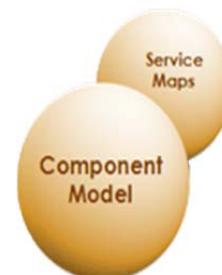
There are several Framework Working Groups active today. We encourage you to take part in these groups, share your knowledge and expertise, and help us keep the momentum going.

Component Model Working Group

The Component Model is the final facet of the overall ACORD Framework and work is underway on this effort.

It is a set of reusable components for the various data services in the insurance industry, organized around the kinds of concepts described in the other models.

To learn more about this group, contact Cliff Chaney at cchaney@acord.org.



Information Model

The Information Model Working Group is up and running with a focus on the general design and layout of the model as well as the now formalized naming and design rules.

Once completed, the group will begin an in-depth study and validation of the core areas of the model followed by a detailed analysis of the rest of the subject areas.



Data Model 2.0

ACORD is still working on the finishing touches of the tooling effort that will dramatically streamline the production of the Data Model. The Group is focusing on validating the structure, design, and overall approach. After that, there will be a general review of the entire model.



Join a Working Group!

To join any of these working groups:

- Be sure you're registered at www.acord.org
- Email workinggroups@acord.org and ask to be added to the list for the Specific Working Group(s) by name

Framework Sessions You May Have Missed

In case you missed any of the Framework sessions at November's ACORD Implementation Forum, you can download recordings free on the AIF website. You can learn about:

- Information Model v2.0
- ACORD Component Model
- ACORD Data vs. Information Model: What Makes Them Different?
- Mapping ACORD & Other Formats to the Information Model

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What's Next?

Updates and releases for the Framework continue to stream out and will throughout 2012. We see a great deal of progress ahead and it's important that you keep informed and involved. Be sure to check the ACORD Weekly Newsletter for my Framework Flash columns.

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Status Updates

The 2.1 beta release of the Information Model is in its final stages clean up and validation. We are expecting a full release before the end of the year. The 2.0 version of the Data Model is nearing a beta release stage and is expected to be available for download by the end of the month.

We are now focusing on a new project to give the Business Glossary a complete overhaul in the first half of 2012.

Component Model Working Group

A lot of work is underway on the development and design of the Component Model and we're hoping to grow the participation of the working group responsible for the oversight and direction of the model. This is the last model to be completed in the ACORD Framework and it is essential to the development that we keep the momentum in the final Framework development phase.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered with the Working Groups, we've accomplished an amazing amount of work faster than many imagined. Now, we look to you for your expertise in this area.

To learn more about the Component Model Working Group, contact Cliff Chaney at cchaney@acord.org. Or, just sign up and be a part of the group!



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- Party Role in Agreement Package
 - Revised management of [Insured] and [AdditionalInterest]
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ACORD Framework Roundtable

If you're at the [ACORD Implementation Forum](#), don't miss out on the **ACORD Framework Roundtable**.

Everyone is welcome to come and discuss the various ways in the ACORD Framework facets are being used today or your plans for future implementation.

This is an open and informal forum so you can ask questions, discuss issues, make suggestions, and interact with others involved with or interested in the various facets of the Framework.

Be sure to join me along with Cliff Chaney and Mark Orlandi at this special event.

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Info Model 2.0 Toolset

Recently, Prima Solutions announced the release of its Prima IBCS Toolset and Support Services for the ACORD Information Model 2.0.

Ken Eckers, Director of North American Operations for Prima said in the release "We are thrilled to enable insurance companies the ability to leverage the standard ACORD Information Model 2.0."

You can read more about this [on their website](#).

ACORD Implementation Forum

We're less than a month away from the 2011 ACORD Implementation Forum ... but there's still time to register.

Sessions for the Framework will be given twice - once on Monday and again throughout the remaining two days.

Get the latest information and insights into:

- ACORD Information Model 2.0
- Information Model Mapping
- Component Model
- ACORD Data Model
- Schema

To register, [click here](#).

To see all the session listings, [click here](#).

No Magic Conference

ACORD's Cliff Chaney attended and took part in the recent NoMagic World Conference (www.umlconference.com). He presented a session on the advantages of using NoMagic's products, including MagicDraw and Cameo Inter-Op, for the development of the ACORD Framework. In addition, Cliff attended NoMagic's Strategic Partner roundtable with other world-wide industry representatives.



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