

DIS 29500 in Parts: Justification

US Delegation supports the creation of DIS 29500 Parts, however, there should be a clear reason and rationale for creating a Part. We should NOT create a part just because we can. Positive justification examples:

- Creating a part to aid in conformity statements for common industry practice
- Creating a part to aid in ongoing maintenance
- Creating a part to aid interoperability
- Creating a part to enhance future development

DIS 29500 in Parts: Discussion

In offline conversations with France, Korea, South Africa, Canada, and Ecma, the US Delegation examined the work necessary to break DIS 29500 into multiple parts.

We started this work understanding the interest by many national bodies to split the specification into parts for Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet, and Presentation, noting that additional parts would be necessary if this step could be taken.

DIS 29500 in Parts: Discussion

Ecma noted that extracting VML into an Annex took multiple people over a month to complete. [And Caroline took much of last night to document these proposed changes!]

The discussion group determined that the work required to create editing instructions dividing DIS 29500 into Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet and Presentation parts is not possible to complete during the 30 days provided after the close of the BRM.

DIS 29500 in Parts: Discussion

Korea supports the division of DIS 29500 into multiple parts. However, as a result of these discussions Korea strongly believes splitting DIS29500 into parts including Wordprocessing, Spreadsheet, Presentation, and accordingly DrawingML increases the value of the specification in terms of openness, interoperability and extensibility. The current proposal does not meet the requirements of the Korean Delegation.

So Decided

DIS 29500 in 3 Parts: *Ecma Proposal (Response 6)*

DIS 29500-3: MCE (Markup Compatibility and Extensibility)

DIS 29500-2: OPC (Open Package Convention)

**DIS 29500-1: Fundamentals, Markup Language Reference,
Primer**

DIS 29500-1: contains the existing Part 1 (Fundamentals), Part 4 (Markup Language Reference), and Part 3 (Primer), the latter being moved to an informative annex. (Note: the disposition for comment JP-0030 moves deprecated features [such as VML] from within these three parts to a new annex of DIS 29500-1.)

DIS 29500-2: contains the existing Part 2 (Open Packaging Convention)

DIS 29500-3: contains the existing Part 5 (Markup Compatibility and Extensibility)

DIS 29500 in 5 Parts

DIS 29500-5: Transitional Features

DIS 29500-4: Primer and Accessibility Guidelines

DIS 29500-3: MCE (Markup Compatibility and Extensibility)

DIS 29500-2: OPC (Open Package Convention)

DIS 29500-1: Fundamentals, Markup Language Reference