

Release Overview



April 28th, 2008



OVAL Board's Role

- assist in determining when a new release is necessary
- help in understanding what should go into a release
- expertise to leveraged when challenges arise
- gives the final OK to move from Release Candidate to Official Release



What Goes Into a Major Version

- radical changes are possible
 - try not to make changes unless necessary
- longer release process
 - 1+ year
- existing content must be updated
- re-testing for Compatibility

use Developer Days to discuss proposals and lay foundation



Additional Minor Releases

- doesn't invalidate existing content
- quicker release process
 - 3+ months
- examples
 - new tests
 - new component schemas
 - documentation

Note that we fully expect to have 1 or more additional minor releases during the version 6.0 process.



Timeframes

June 16th 2006 - version 5.0 released
April 10th 2008 - version 5.4 released
April 28th 2008 - OVAL Developer Days

summer 2008 - version 5.5
fall 2008 - draft 1 of version 6.0
winter 2009 - version 5.6
winter 2009 - draft 2 of version 6.0
spring 2009 - release candidate of version 6.0
fall 2009 - final version 6.0 (3 months after rc)