

ECMA Meeting on Scripting Languages: Agreements and Highlights

- A large meeting; 13 companies and 30 attendees
- A proposed new TC (TC39), with a scope and program of work
- A chair, 2 vice chairs, a document editor
- An aggressive schedule (1st meeting 14th January, finish 15th April)
- A place-name for now - Ecmascript, and a proposal to create a new name within one month.
- A link with JTC1/SC22
- A set of contributions
- A list of work items
- A NIST offer to look at and possibly write test assertion
- An ECMA web page and ftp drop site for use by the new TC
- An ad hoc editing group to progress the work quickly

SCOPE:

To standardize the syntax and semantics of a general purpose, cross platform, vendor-neutral scripting language.

PROGRAM OF WORK:

1. Develop scripting language standards, based on initial submissions by Netscape, Microsoft and Borland
2. Contribute Ecmascript standard to ISO/IEC JTC1.
3. Upon completion of 1, to investigate the future direction of Ecmascript standards, and to evaluate and consider proposals for complementary or additional technology.
4. To maintain liaison with appropriate other ECMA TCs and TGs

List of participants:

1. AAC Group (Microsoft)
2. Apple
3. Borland
4. Digital
5. ECMA
6. GTW Associates (Microsoft)
7. HP
8. IBM
9. Mainsoft
10. Microsoft
11. Netscape
12. NIST
13. Nombas
14. Pithecanthropus (JTC1/SC22)
15. SGI
16. Spyglass
17. Sun Microsystems
18. Unisys
19. W3C