Shlaer-Mellor Commons

1 Abstract

Shlaer-Mellor practitioners from all parts are converging and organizing into a community of practice. This document explores requirements for governance of the *Shlaer-Mellor Commons*.

2 Introduction and Background

The Shlaer-Mellor community ("the community") emerged late in the previous century and was largely governed within the commercial world of service providers, trainers and license-based tool vendors. The community was fragmented, regionalized and sometimes internally competitive. As the software and systems engineering worlds have embraced open source software (OSS) and worldwide collaborative and distributed development, the influence of the commercial vendors has waned. Even so, the method has continued to succeed in teams on various continents.

The availability of OSS tooling has increased during the last 10 years. And a sequence of technical conferences focusing on the practice of Shlaer-Mellor modeling has been a catalyst to the convergence of the various practitioners and service providers. There is a groundswell within the community to collaborate and promote the application of Shlaer-Mellor modeling within the engineering development world.

The time is right to formalize the relationships within the community under a clear governance of the *Shlaer-Mellor Commons*.

3 Requirements

3.1 Mission

The Shlaer-Mellor Commons exists to foster a community of collaboration, camaraderie and advocacy around the method, models and tooling.

3.2 Common Property

The community is steward to the Shlaer-Mellor Commons. This commons is centered around tangible and intangible common property shared within the community and accessible to the world. The common property includes but is not limited to:

- the Shlaer-Mellor Method as documented in books, reports and as implemented in various tooling
- repositories of open source software (OSS) and documentation
- model editors, compilers and runtime environments
- repositories of models: application domains, examples, tests
- website content
- conference proceedings
- training materials, videos
- communication media: chats, forums, email lists
- references to support and services from experts and service companies

See [dr-2] for a tracking issue used to accumulate a list of common property.

3.3 Roles and Leadership

Teams within the community provide focus on specialized aspects of Shlaer-Mellor activities. The community has been recruited and the Commons initiated by a Community Steward. Three teams provide focus on the methodology (OOA Team), tooling (RD team) and the community itself (Community Team). Each team has a leader/facilitator and is organized within itself.

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3.4 Rules

The community is governed as a meritocracy.

respect, manners, etc.

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4 Document References

1. 12204 - Shlaer-Mellor Commons Governance
2. 12205 - Shlaer-Mellor Commons Property

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