



June/July Monthly Report
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The DataPortability Project

June/July 2008 Highlights



"My Suitcase" - including the DataPortability collectors edition sticker by debschultz

What is the DataPortability Project? :

- ♣ Mission: To Consult, Design, Educate and Advocate Interoperable Data Portability to Users, Developers and Vendors
- ♣ Definition: Data Portability is the option to use your personal data between trusted applications and vendors

Praise for the Monthly Report :

"The DataPortability Project Report is the first place I go to stay informed about the group's accomplishments, goals and challenges."
-Dave Evans, Digicraft

DataPortability Steering Group Members finalized

The DataPortability group held an open nomination period in July to elect the first DataPortability Steering Group members. The process was driven by the Governance team and included J. Trent Adams (founder of Matchmine), Mike Smith (consultant), Brett McDowell (executive director of Liberty Alliance), Steve Greenberg (CEO of Ciabe), Brady Brim-DeForest (CEO of Human Global Media) and Elias Bizannes. Twelve people stepped forward and since the group was set to hold 12, no election was necessary and the new DataPortability Steering Group members in alphabetical order are:

- J. Trent Adams
- Daniela Barbosa
- Elias Bizannes
- Brady Brim-DeForest
- Steven Greenberg
- Brett McDowell
- Drummond Reed
- Steve Repetti
- Chris Saad
- Christian Scholz
- Steve Williams
- Phil Wolff

The weekly Steering Committee calls continue to be open to all and members of the DataPortability Group and all are encouraged to join us. The first three Steering Meetings that had quorum produced eight different motions and made many members extremely happy to see

What is the DataPortability Project Monthly report?

Since the emergence of the project in NOV 2007, a every month since, the Project has continued to grow, while concrete outputs are developed and delivered. This report aims to highlight things that affect and drive the DataPortability project.

the process working and importation items moving forward! Official Task forces for Governance, Mission/Vision , Logos and Branding as well as the official statement that "It is the intent of the Steering Group to operate the DataPortability Project as a non-profit entity" were passed and validate that with this committee in place the Data Portability Project will continue to deliver.

What? Accountants in the DataPortability Project?

Well we got it all including accountants , but there is a specific Accountant who might has well be a DataPortability rockstar. According to his profile [Elias Bizannes](#) wanted to "be a journalist, became an accountant and.. [cont. pg. 2]

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Highlights of news coverage on data portability topics. You can also check out who's saying and writing about data portability in the [Press Room](#) or in [this collection of news feeds](#) that includes many bloggers who cover the subject

- [MySpace: Availability vs Portability-](#) Media Bullseye- Nathan Burke. June 30th
- [Should the public care about Data Portability?-](#) Dan Donald Hear in the Hive.
- [Roundup: DataPortability has its initial steering group members](#)—The Industry Standard—July 18th
- [Portable Taste Data - OpenTaste-](#) July 18th. Paul Lamere. Duke Listens!
- [Pret-a-porter for the web?](#) - July 20th. Triona Carey. Observations From The SeaSide
- [Who Owns Your Friends?](#) - June 23th Erica Naone—[MIT Technology Review](#) (sub)
- [MySpace To Join OpenID, Bringing Total Enabled Accounts to Over A Half Billion](#) - July 21st. Michael Arrington. Techcrunch
- [Open Web Foundation Officially Launches-](#) July 24th. Nik Cubrilovic. Techcrunch
- [Facebook, MySpace Duel over Data Portability Efforts.](#) July 24th Warren's Washington Internet Daily (sub)
- [The data portability wars: Real notes from the front](#) - July 25th. Mary Trigiani.SURVIVOR Silicon Valley
- [Open Web Foundation Launches to Do the Dirty Work for Data Portability](#) - July 24th. Marshall Kirkpatrick ReadWriteWeb
- [Services shutdown, a call for dataportability](#) - July 28th. Ian Forrester. CubicGarden.com
- [some thoughts on what we are and what we aren't](#) - July 29th. autonomo.us.



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How do I get Involved?

There are various ways to get involve and support the Data Portability Project.

Here are four great ways:

1. Subscribe to the [Announce Only Mailing List](#) (Infrequent and milestone updates from the project)
2. Read the [Monthly Reports](#)
3. Follow the [DataPortability Calendar](#) (Keep track of upcoming events, calls, and meetings)
4. Talk it up on the [General Mailing List and Discussion](#)

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continued DataPortability Project member monthly highlight...

and somehow became a technologist” and along the way one of the most active and productive DataPortability Project members over the last eight months. Based out of Sydney Australia, [Elias Bizannes](#) has a name that is easily not forgotten (and also not easily pronounced– just listen in on some of recorded calls for a chuckle as we all butcher it!) and has been instrumental in pushing forward the recent Steering Committee Governance framework which he [highlights in this descriptive post](#) about the process, the people involved and the work the group produced that is a must read for all interested in not only learning more about the history of the Project but how we go to where we are today.

New Groups continue to form to work towards delivering data portability....

In the last two months various new organizations have been announced to address similar issues that the Data Portability Project is concerned with that we welcome into the conversation and look forward to working with. They include:

The [Open Web Foundation](#) who is attempting “to create a home for community-driven specifications. Following the open source model similar to the Apache Software Foundation, the foundation is aimed at building a lightweight framework to help communities deal with the legal requirements necessary to create successful and widely adopted specification”.

In July the [Information Card Foundation](#) (ICF) was also announced with the goal of increasing awareness of the use of electronic ID cards on the Internet, and encouraging interoperability in business around new

Global Events

BAIA Event Attendees Watching the Data Portability Video



[BAIA \(Business Association Italy America\)](#). July 23th 2008. Panel: “The Future of the Web is the Future of our Data: Introducing Data Portability” Panel Moderated by Mary Trigiani including Steve Greenberg, Daniela Barbosa from the DataPortability Project & Lorenzo Thione from Powerset. More photos [from BAIA Flickr stream](#).

Continued New Groups

[Autonomo.us](#) is another new organization that is designed as a forum to explore the problems and issues raised by network technologies. Their goal is “to push the boundaries and explore the grey areas” .

A new project that addresses specifics is [Portable Contacts](#). The goal of Portable Contacts is to make it easier for developers to give their users a secure way to access the address books and friends lists they have built up all over the web and they we seek to create:

- A common access pattern and contact schema that any site can provide
- Well-specified authentication and access rules
- Standard libraries that can work with any site
- and absolutely minimal complexity, with the lightest possible tool chain requirements for developers.

These projects and initiatives join other projects and vendors that continue to take steps towards data portability such as:

- [MySpace's Data Availability](#) which was officially launched in June with Developers resources to allow them to use social data outside of the MySpace.com domain
- [Google Friend Connect](#)—which enables any site to offer social gadgets created by Google and OpenSocial developers to their visitors. Google Friend Connect integrates with contact lists for social networks like Plaxo, orkut, and Google Talk.
- [Facebook Connect](#)— Allows users to “connect” their Facebook identity, friends and privacy to any website. Third party websites can implement and offer more features of the Facebook Platform – the same features available to third party applications

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What are the DataPortability Action Groups?

The Action Groups own a part of the DataPortability story. They are the lifeblood of the initiative. They make things happen. As the months progress, each Action Group continues to self-organize around emerging issues and the arrival of new volunteer talent, at the same time developing road maps and action plans for their specific topics. You can find the results on the various Action Groups discussion lists and pages listed here

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The Steering Action Group

Responsible for setting the direction and sustaining the DataPortability Project as a cohesive whole. Consists of representatives from the other action groups and individuals who wish to help set the direction of the project.

July Members Count: 98

The Technical Action Group

In charge of curating the Design goals, Use Cases and Technical Blueprint development. The goal is to find and contextualize existing work from other groups to weave them into a story - not to invent or discuss the problems/solutions from scratch.

June Members Count: 134

The Policy Action Group

Tasked with creating a Policy Blueprint. Feeds off of issues identified by the Technical Action

Group as well as other discussions about broader issues such as privacy, user rights, and law, and more.

June Members Count: 62

The Evangelism Action Group

Tasked with managing all internal and external content, collaboration, and communications, this group maintains documentation, manages media relations, and develops information products that ensure consistent message and effective collaboration between the Action Groups.

June Members Count: 130

The Implementation Action Group

Group Definition: Tasked with assisting developers in implementing the given standards and blueprints that enable Data Portability.

June Members Count: 109

Global Meetups

BarCamp Gold Coast



Chris Saad with Ashley Angell, session on DataPortability.org, at barcamp Gold Coast, July 5, 2008 . Photo by [deswalsh](#).

Check Upcoming.com if you are interested in attending a local DataPortability Meetup.

Want a chance to include your own Meetup photo in the monthly report? Tag it on Flickr 'DataPortability'

Speaking Events

The following events had representatives of the DataPortability Project present**:

O'Reilly Graphing Social Patterns. June 11th . [Privacy & Data Portability for Social Networks](#). Panel: Brian Oberkirch, Dave Morin (Facebook), Chris Saad (Faraday Media, DataPortability Project), Allen Hurff (MySpace), John McCrea (Plaxo), Dave McClure (500 Hats)

[WidgetWebExpo- Open Standards](#) or How the Community Got It's Groove Back . June 16th . Chris Saad and and Khris Loux, CEO of JS-Kit.

OMMA Behavioral "Data Portability Panel" Moderator (7/21/2008) , J. Trent Adams

[BAIA \(Business Association Italy America\)](#). July 23th 2008. Panel: "The Future of the Web is the Future of our Data: Introducing Data Portability" Steve Greenberg, Daniela Barbosa

** All DataPortability Project members are encouraged to participate in spreading the DataPortability message at local conferences and events. For formal representation of the DataPortability project issues, please contact [Daniela Barbosa](#). Please see the [Press Room](#) for additional contact information and official press inquiries

Relevant Links

- [DataPortability Wiki](#)
- [DataPortability Discussion Lists](#)
- [Monthly Process Reports](#)
- [Data Portability Timeline](#)
- [Press Room](#)

DataPortability in Motion Podcast

The [DataPortability in Motion Podcast](#) has been a smashing success with hosts J. Trent Adams and Steve Greenberg. Five episodes where recorded in May, with more than 1,000 downloads and subscriptions:

[6/13/2008](#): Guest: Bob Ngu, Founder of Jiggyme.com

[6/27/2008](#): Guest: Drummond Reed (a.k.a. =Drummond), Co-Chair of the OASIS XDI and XRI Technical Committees.

[7/18/2008](#)- Guest: Paul Madsen, member of the Liberty Alliance Technology Expert Group

Have an idea for a Podcast guest? Please let us know!