IMS Global Learning Consortium releases Common Cartridge v1.1 Standard

Integration of digital learning resources in an interoperable format streamlines content exchange across learning platforms

24 February 2011, Lake Mary, FL – IMS Global Learning Consortium today announced the release of the highly anticipated final release of Common Cartridge v1.1. The Common Cartridge standard provides a means for interoperability, reusability, and customization of digital learning content, assessments, collaborative discussion forums, and a diverse set of learning applications. The standard offers both end-users and vendors the possibility of greater choice in both content and platforms. This latest version of Common Cartridge includes support for Basic Learning Tools Interoperability which provides a standard way of integrating rich learning applications or premium content with platforms such as Learning Management Systems, portals, or other systems.

IMS encourages both developers and end-users to adopt the Common Cartridge v1.1 standard as a new baseline for delivering and authoring content, while still supporting the import of version 1 common cartridges in order to leverage the considerable number of cartridges already available in the marketplace. Common Cartridge was developed by IMS Members, Affiliates and Alliance Members as part of an ongoing evolution of the Digital Learning Services set of standards.

Numerous organizations have already achieved compliance or are in the process of achieving compliance to the Common Cartridge standard through participation in the CC/LTI Alliance. Participants in the CC/LTI Alliance receive extensive support to implement conformant products.

The standard can be downloaded for free from the IMS GLC website at http://www.imsglobal.org/cc/ and we encourage feedback in the public Common Cartridge forum.

About IMS Global Learning Consortium (IMS GLC)

IMS Global Learning is a nonprofit member organization that strives to enable the growth and impact of learning technology in higher education, K-12, and corporate education worldwide. IMS GLC members are leading corporations, higher education institutions, school districts and government organizations worldwide that are enabling the future of education by collaborating on interoperability standards and major adoption projects for the digital support of education and learning. IMS GLC also sponsors Learning Impact: a global awards program and conference that recognizes the impact of innovative technology on educational access, affordability, and quality. For more information, visit www.imsglobal.org.