

Towards Learning Services Architecture 2.0



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- The data we have and the data we need to support education reform
- Progress with the integration capability review
- The role of interoperability standards into the future

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Inputs

- SIF Post-Implementation Review
 - 30th October, Melbourne; vendors, states, nsip
- Gonski 2.0 / ERA

Organisational

- Best Practices & Guidelines
 - Specific to AU implementations
 - UTF-8, GUID rules, whitespace handling
- Continuous Improvement
 - How quickly are changes taken up
 - How effective are they

Immediate Changes

- Revision of Timetable
- Schema negotiation (version management)
- Leverage existing mechanisms: (http) Last-Modified, Correlation-ID, etc.

Barriers

→ Infrastructure:

- Discoverability, simplicity of participation;
- Complexity of environments, zones, contexts
- Security as separated concern, contemporary; OAuth, JWT etc.
- Deliver on promise of separated infrastructure

→ Data-model:

- Composite payloads for complete business transaction
- Non-ACID (RI) exchange models

Architecture

- Consumer-centric APIs
 - Student, Teacher, Parent as consuming roles as well as systems
- New Events Model
 - Lightweight
 - Full control of participants
 - Changes Since
- Ephemeral clients
 - Data only exists at source of truth, discarded after processing by client

Strategic Responses

- Focus on discoverability and simplicity of participation
- Claims-based security model
- Streaming data as core infrastructure abstraction
- JSON as first-class citizen
- Unified assurance for Interoperability, Privacy & Security

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- Gonski 2.0, the new ERA:
 - Deliver at least one year's growth in learning for every student every year.
 - Equip every child to be a creative, connected and engaged learner in a rapidly changing world.
 - Cultivate an adaptive, innovative and continuously improving education system.

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Gonski Recommendations > National Education Reform Agreement:

(2) Evidence-based tools

(3) ***All students to be partners in their own learning***

(4) Reporting

(8) School-community engagement

(10) ***Contemporary pedagogy***

(11) On-demand assessment

(12) ***Professional learning to maximise student growth***

(21) ***School and system self-review***

(22) USI

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→ Multi-Standard:

→ SIF, LTI, xAPI/Caliper, LISS, gCORE, AS4590, iCal

→ Personalisation:

→ APIs built for consumer needs not data structures

→ Easily combine data from multiple input formats
to answer users questions

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→ Privacy:

- End to End encryption and signing
- Dynamic privacy rules
- Explicit accountability and ownership

→ Security

- Claims based / Capability based; OAuth2, JWT

→ Infrastructure

- Discoverability
- Profile-based configuration
- Streaming support
- Multiple payload expressions

Actions, underway

- Timetable review (DSWG, SIFAAMB), Q1 2019
- JSON; PESC/A4L with ITB now, transforms available from NSIP
- Utilise HTTP features; proposal to ITB
- Version/Schema negotiation, proposal to ITB (thanks NSW)
- New Eventing Model, proposal to ITB (thanks VIC)
- Multi-standard, streaming infrastructure; under development with NSW Digital Classroom

Challenges

- Simplify discoverability, environment management & participation
- Claim-based security a key enabler, revisit authorisation and authentication processes
- Support all viable data models
- Business interfaces; separation of write & read models, remove RI constraints

National services

- National & State curriculums/syllabuses as machine readable assets
- National profiles for experiential data models
- National data vocabularies
- Badging, micro-credentials and transcripts
- Resource Commons