Report on CalConnect Conference XXXIX, June 14-16, 2017

CalConnect XXXIX took place on June 12-16, 2017, hosted by Tandem in Seattle, Washington. The CalConnect Test Event (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning) and Conference (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday) were held at Tandem’s headquarters at Galvanize in Seattle.

The CalConnect Conference was attended by 16 people from 9 members plus a representative from the IETF. The Test Event/Developers Forum had 8 participants from 5 members and was largely devoted to the forum rather than specific testing.

The Conference focused on strategic and possible work items in addition to ongoing work, and finished with the CalConnect Plenary Session on Friday afternoon. The Conference agenda with notes on the discussion topics may be found at CalConnect XXXIX Conference Schedule.

STATUS OF DOCUMENTS SINCE LAST CONFERENCE

Much of the ongoing work in CalConnect is focused on specifications to become internet draft submissions to the IETF and ultimately be progressed to publication as RFCs (Proposed Standards), rather than directly published by CalConnect itself.

Specifications in progress and not yet published are generally resident on GitHub either in our public or private areas.

Published Documents
- Report on CalConnect Conference XXXVIII in Irvine, California
- Report on Interoperability Test Event XXXVIII in Irvine, California

CalConnect Specifications Published as Internet Standards (RFCs)
- RFC 8144 Use of the Prefer Header Field in Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning

CalConnect Specifications Accepted for Publication as Internet Standards
• Use of the Prefer Header Field in Web Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV)

CalConnect Drafts to be Published as Informational RFCs
• CalDAV Managed Attachments (TC CALENDAR)

CalConnect Drafts in progress by CALEXT WG at IETF
• Event Publishing Extensions to iCalendar (TC CALENDAR)
• Improved Support for iCalendar Relationships (TC CALENDAR)

New and Updated CalConnect Drafts at the IETF
• Push Discovery and Notification Dispatch Protocol (TC CALENDAR)

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND RELATED WORK

TC API

Robert Stepanek is the new Chair of TC API. Work on iCalendar is complete; work on Tasks has begun. Holding on contacts for TC VCARD to move forward.

TC AUTODISCOVERY

Draft update in progress

TC CALENDAR

VPATCH and VINSTANCE are mature enough to begin implementation and testing. Work continues on the VALARM Extensions draft.

TC DEVGUIDE

New content includes bootstrapping, vCard information. Improved content: link section dates and times information. Looking for assistance to edit selected Wikipedia entries related to CalConnect.

TC IOPTEST

See separate report on Test Event at CalConnect XXXIX.

TC PUSH

Draft has been submitted to the IETF.

TC SHARING
Calendar Subscription Upgrades decided on a new status (not cancelled) and adding time range query.

TC TESTER

Brief report on the status of the work.

TC VCARD

Several presentations on status in TC VCARD and progress at the ISO/TC 211 meeting in Stockholm earlier this month. TC 211/WG 7 has accepted a proposal from CalConnect TC VCARD to submit a New Work Item Proposal on a machine-readable address profile data format.

ICAL4J

Building a CalConnect version of iCal4J merging 1&1 and SCG implementations. Ultimate goal is to merge it with the original version from Ben Fortuna when new standards supported by this version have been published.

Calendar Spam

Feedback from M3WAAG Thursday. Discussion about subscription/content providers also being affected. Also discussed whether it is possible or desirable to establish a liaison with M3WAAG.

TC DIRECTIONS FOR PERIOD TO CALCONNECT XL

TC API: Create initial version of draft for standard, follow up on tasks

TC CALENDAR: Convert Managed Attachments to informational RFC, reshape VALARM extensions, finish calendar Relations, look at Task Extensions, continue VPATCH work

TC DEVGUIDE: Feedback button, new content, wikipedia updates

TC PUSH: Finish up Push specification

TC SHARING: Subscription update draft will include time rate queries, use delete, header templating.

TC TESTER: Increase tests, decide how to maintain
PLENARY DECISIONS

• Jorte’s offer to host CalConnect XLII (June, 2018) in Tokyo, Japan was approved.
• 1&1’s offer to host CalConnect XXLIII (September, 2018) in Karlsruhe, Germany was approved.

FUTURE EVENTS

CalConnect XL- September 25-29, 2017, Open-Xchange, Cologne, Germany
CalConnect XLI - Winter, 2018 - TBD
CalConnect XLII - June 4-8, 2018 - Jorte, Tokyo, Japan
CalConnect XLIII - September, 2018 - 1&1, Karlsruhe, Germany

The general format of the CalConnect Week is:
Monday morning through Wednesday noon, Test Event and Developer’s Forum
(testing, tech discussions)
Wednesday noon through Friday afternoon, Conference
PICTURES FROM CALCONNECT XXXIX

All pictures courtesy of Thomas Schäfer, 1&1