

vCard 4.0

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Status Update

- Collected issues with vCard 3.0
 - <http://www.vcarddav.org/issues.xhtml>
- Discussion is on vcarddav WG mailing list
 - vcarddav@ietf.org

What has been done so far (from *nil* to -01)

- Merged RFCs 2425 and 2426.
- Integrated RFCs 2739 and 4770.
 - 2739: Calendaring properties
 - 4770: Instant messaging property
- UTF-8 as default character set.
 - MIME *charset* parameter considered deprecated.
 - No other way to change the character set.
 - A standalone vCard (no MIME context) is UTF-8.
- Our own MIME type (text/vcard).

New Properties

- DDAY: date of death (as opposed to BDAY)
- BIRTH, DEATH: places of birth and death
- GENDER: we didn't already have this?
- LANG: preferred language of contact
 - Must address conflict with LANGUAGE property.
- KIND: either “org”, “group”, or “individual”
 - Now we can have vCards representing organizations and groups as well as individuals.

Removed Properties

- CHARSET: UTF-8 only now.
- MAILER
- Removed CONTEXT parameter
 - Redundant with URI scheme
- Other changes:
 - Group construct was removed.
 - GROUP_PROP;PARAM:value
 - N property is no longer mandatory.

IANA Process

- IANA will keep a registry of vCard properties, parameters, value types, parameter values, and property values.
- IANA registry for X-<vendor>-... namespaces.
- Extending vCard has never been easier!
- In the works for -02.

Synchronization

- A big issue for vCard 4.0
- A bit of brainstorming on mailing list
- Need more discussion, ideas, needs

Per-Property IDs

- For example, we have this:

```
TEL;PID=1:555-1234  
TEL;PID=2:555-5678
```

- Client edits first number and deletes the second. It sends to the server:

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TEL;PID=1:666-1234
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- Server “understands” what happened.
- Is this good? Do people want this? Why?
- Extend to parameters?