E-Learning Standard Promotion in Japan
- Conformance Program and Platform development -

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◆Certification of **14 platforms** last year (April 2002~March 2003)

◆This year's (April 2003 ~March 2004) main activities will revolve around **contents certification**

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Platform Certification

- Certification of 14 platforms last year (April 2002~March 2003)
  - One from US and one form Korea are included
- ADL Test Suite Multilingual Certificating Tool is planned to be adopted for the next (3rd) certificating test

	Date of Practice	Number of Application	Number of Certification	Test Tool
The 1st Certification	Dec. 3rd, 2002	10	9	Tool developed by eLC
The 2nd Certification	Mar. 25th, 2003	4	5	Tool developed by eLC ADL Test Suite 1.2.3
The 3rd Certification	Feb 24th, 2004	2		Tool developed by eLC ADL Test Suite 1.2.5 Multilingualized version
Total		16	14	

SCORM プロダクト認証書

Issues from Implementation Experience

- Questionnaire Survey by eLC Conformance Committee
  - Results of the questionnaire regarding interoperability problems 14 out of 17 companies
    - Within SCORM specification; mandatory elements: 8 cases
    - Within SCORM specification; optional elements: 4 cases
    - Outside SCORM specification; 6 cases
- Lack of Information about LMS Specification
  - Implementation detail
  - Usage of optional elements
- Gap of Knowledge and Skills between LMS Engineers and Contents Engineers

Issues from Implementation Experience

Research result of Interoperability Problems

No.	Problem Category	Component/Reason	Numer of Questionnaire Returned	Percentage (%)	Solution
1	SCORM Standard Violation (mandatory element)	LMS	1	9	Product revising (*2)
		Content	2		
		Authoring tool	1		
2	SCORM Standard Violation (optional element)	LMS	0	7	
		Content	3		
		Authoring tool	0		
3	Issues caused by SCORM specification	Ambiguity of the specification	4	22	Preparation of additional instruction for SCORM (*3)
		Misleading description, shortage of explanation	6		
4	Problem out of the scope of SCORM		16	36	Preparation of additional standard for SCORM
5	Other requirements		12	26	Publication of the information etc.
Total			45	100	

(*1) All survey target is eLC member company
  Number of all target: 112
  Number of responding target: 60
  Number of target with problems: 30
(*2) Training for skilled SCORM engineer by eLC SCORM assessor
  SCORM tutorial publication
(*3) Need cooperation with ADL and other orbganization

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Examples of the Problems

- ## Problems of Specification
  - ○ Issues related to MasteryScore
    - ■ Shall passing threshold be set in manifest or SCO?
    - ■ MasteryScore is mandatory or optional?
- ## Problems out of scope of the Specification
  - ○ Capital letter / small letter
    - ■ Sometimes it is ambiguous in the spec., and it matters on Unix or Java platform, resulting trouble
  - ○ Navigation GUI design
    - ■ LMS side policy is required since content cannot control it

eLC SCORM Assessor Program

- Launch of the eLC SCORM Assessor Program
- System whereby an assessor is placed within the vendor and examines the contents of his/her company
- 3-day seminar held by eLC (tentative)
  - Engineers from the contents vendors participate
  - How to create contents that comply with SCORM
  - How to solve interoperability problems
  - Those who pass the tests become assessors
- The assessor tests the contents by following given procedures
- Examined contents are applied to eLC
- eLC approves the contents as being compliant with SCORM
- Chance to participate in the assessor community hosted by eLC
- The assessor deals with interoperability related problems

eLC SCORM Assessor Program

- Divergence in Interpretations of the SCORM Specification
- Problems outside the SCORM Specification
- Lack of LMS Information
- Gap in knowledge and technology between LMS engineers and contents engineers
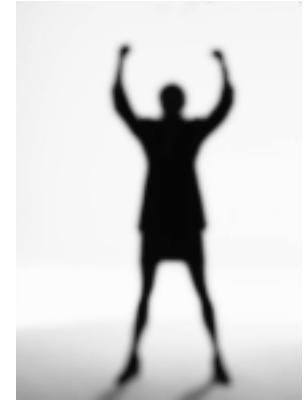
eLC SCORM Assessor Program is the Answer to these Problems

Launch of the Assessor System scheduled for March 2004

Platform Development

- e-Learning Standard-based Component and System
- Examples:
  - Year 2000-2001
    - SCORM1.2 based component
  - Year 2002-2003
    - SCORM1.3 based component
    - QTI based component

SCORM1.3 based Component

- Sequencing Engine + RTE module

SCORM1.3 CP → IMS SS Engine ↔ API Module (Server) ↔ API Module (Client) → SCO

Server

Client

SCORM1.3 RTE to SS tracking model mapping
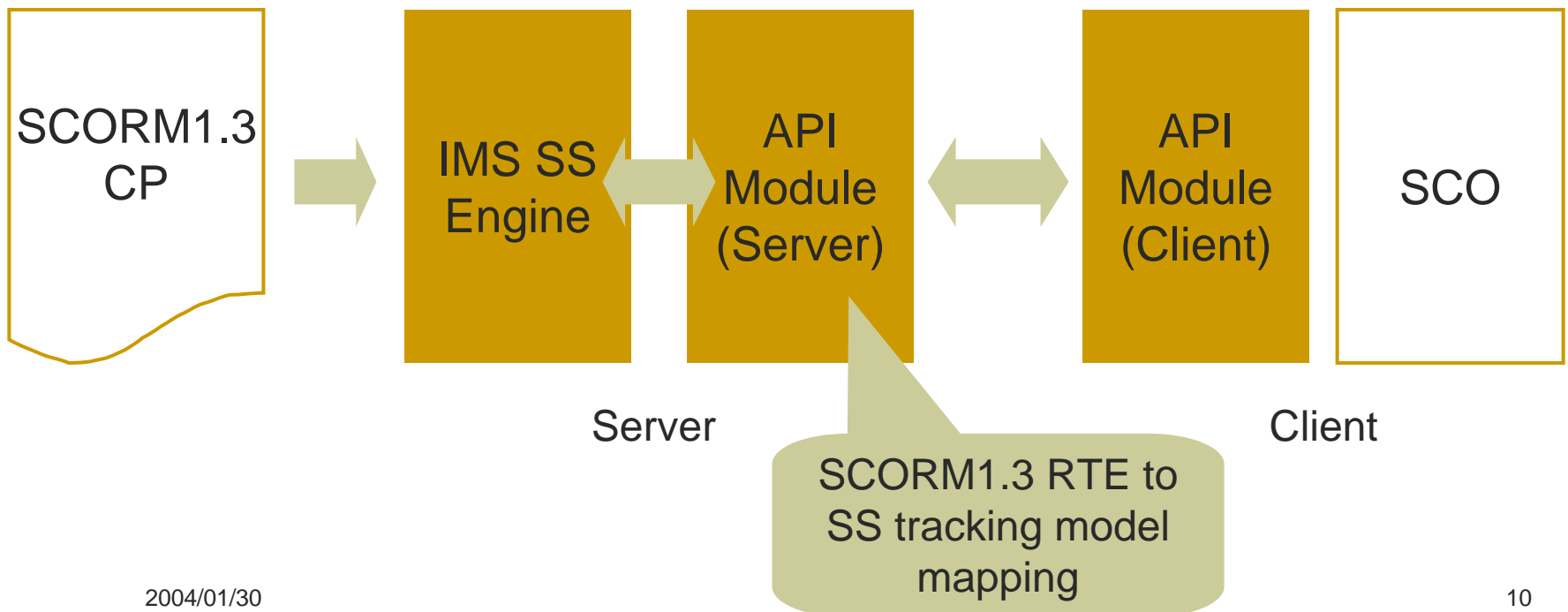
QTI based Component

- Module for processing stage and plug-in component
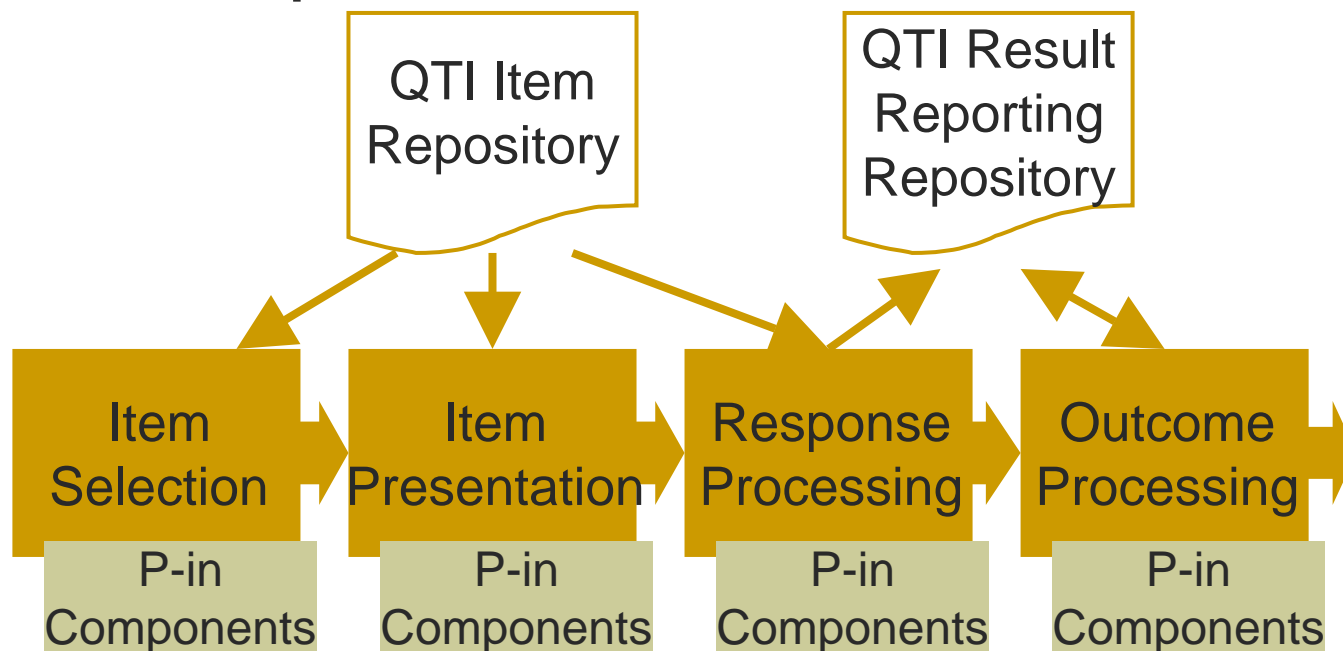
Future Activities

- ## Conformance
  - ○ Collaboration with other activities
    - ■ MOU with ADL
    - ■ AEN conformance WG
- ## Platform
  - ○ Open source software

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