



Section 508 Acquisition Tools Focus Group

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Introduction





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Buy Accessible Wizard R 1.5 demonstration and discussion

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Typical Scenarios for COTS E&IT Product Micro-purchases

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COTS E&IT Product Micro-purchase

- ‘Micro-purchaser’ interacts with the Wizard to understand if Section 508 requirements apply to the particular E&IT acquisition
 - Purchaser typically a delegate of Requiring Official
 - General determination of Section 508 relevance
 - No specific applicability of Section 508 provisions
- Purchaser continues through consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - Shopping for general (product-level) information about on product capabilities w.r.t. requirements
 - General (product-level) analysis on select products

Search and Find E&IT Product of Interest

- Purchaser continues through consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - Shopping for general (product-level) information about on product capabilities w.r.t. requirements
- General (product-level) analysis on select products
 - “I looked, found information about my product, and it was as good as some/most/any others”
 - “I looked, found information about my product, and it was not as good as some/most/any others”

Search and Don't Find E&IT Product of Interest

- Purchaser continues through consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - Shopping for general (product-level) information about on product capabilities w.r.t. requirements
- General (product-level) analysis on select products
 - “I looked, didn't find information about my product, but identified others that did offer good information”
 - “I looked, didn't find information about my product, and didn't identify any others that met my needs”

Search and Don't Find Any E&IT Products

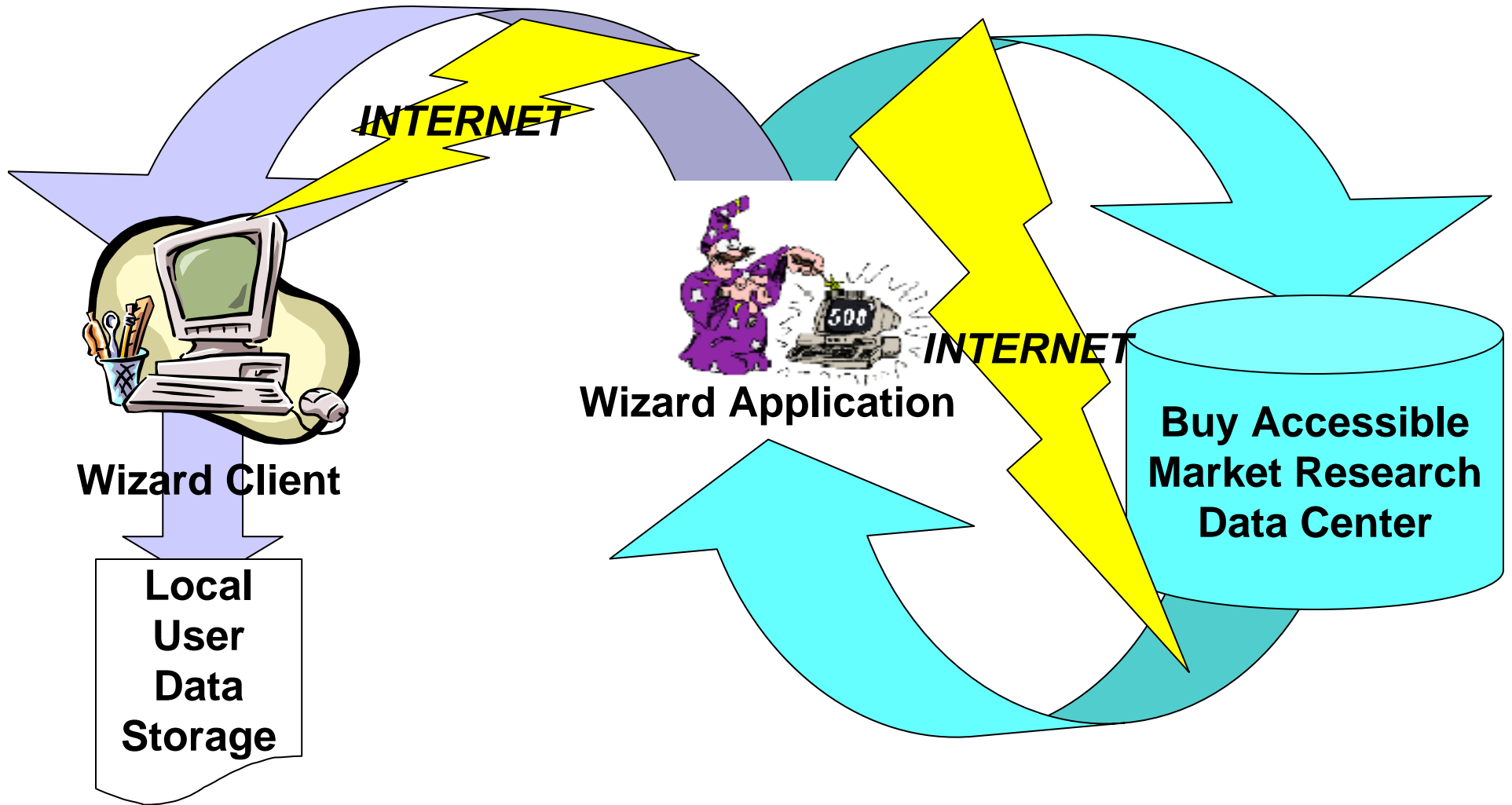
- Purchaser continues through consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - Shopping for general (product-level) information about on product capabilities w.r.t. requirements
- General (product-level) analysis on select products
 - “I looked, but didn't find information about any products of the type that I am interested in ...”



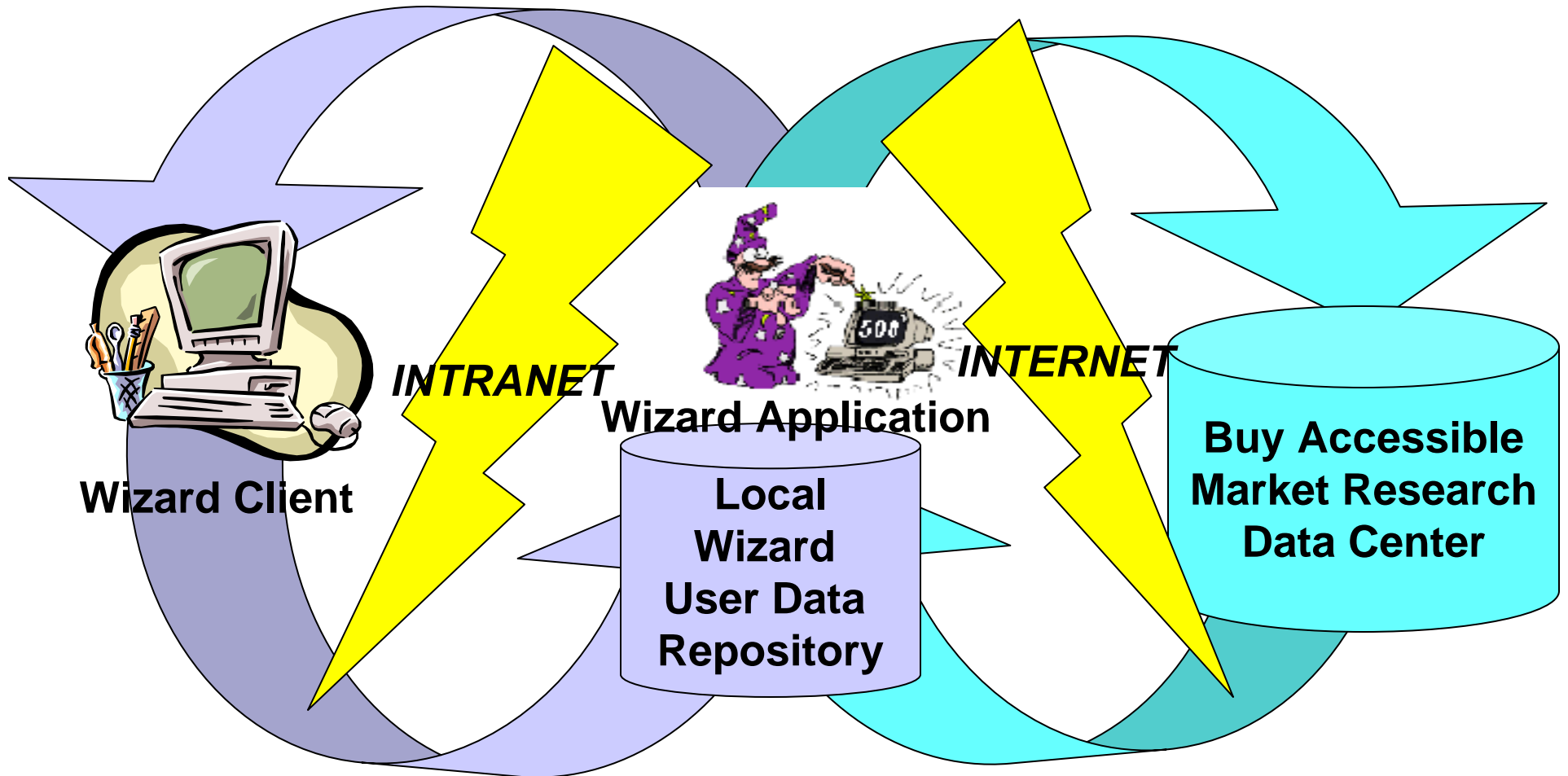
Buy Accessible Wizard R 1.5 Architecture and Data Store

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Wizard Release 1.5 'internet'



Wizard Release 1.5 'intranet'





Buy Accessible Wizard R 1.5 Issue Log and Release Plan

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Release 1.5 Issue Log

- Approximately ~~40~~ 60 issues so far ...
 - Release 1.5 Internet configuration only
 - ‘Bug Fix’ internal 1.5.1 closed 18
- Release 1.5.2 closes 26 More
 - Both Internet (public) and Intranet (agency)
 - ‘Bug Fix’ internal 1.5.x to address the rest (16)

Incremental Release Plan

- Release 1.6 targeted for mid June
 - Producer user interface support
- Release 1.7 targeted for mid July
 - Macro purchase COTS support
- Release 1.8 targeted for mid August
 - Custom E&IT acquisition
- Release 1.9 targeted for mid Sept
 - Bundling scenario : Release 2.0 Beta



Wizard Distribution and Product Support Website

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Welcome to the Buy Accessible Wizard Support Site



The Buy Accessible Wizard:

- Is a web-based application that simplifies efforts to comply with Section 508 and documents the due diligence exerted in compliance efforts
- Supports federal agency's efforts to meet acquisition responsibilities required under Section 508
- Is available at no cost to all government agencies

This site provides the most current information about:

- The Wizard
- Plans to Support Agency implementation of the Wizard
- How to download the Wizard and other supporting material
- Updates to the current release of the Wizard
- Latest news about plans for future releases of the Wizard

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Welcome to the Agency Administrator's Page for the Buy Accessible Wizard



As the Administrator for your Agency for the Buy Accessible Wizard, you can:

1. Download the current version of the Wizard for implementation in your agency (not sure what the current Version is?) [Request to Download Current Version](#).
2. Get information about the requisite products the Wizard uses (e.g., Tomcat) - this information is in the Deployment Planning Guide under Appendix 2. ([DOC format](#) - 947KB) ([PDF format](#) - 155KB)
3. [Request specific support](#) (send an email to the Wizard support team about a problem you or other agency users might be experiencing using the Wizard)
4. Get the Step by Step Implementation Instructions - this information is in the Deployment Planning Guide under Appendix 1. ([DOC format](#) - 947KB) ([PDF format](#) - 155KB)

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There are several supporting materials that provide more information about the Wizard. Click on the item you wish to download.

Deployment Planning Guide: describes the Wizard Application, the operating environment, agency administrator roles and responsibilities, how to get users started using the Wizard, installation tasks, how to get support, security considerations, step by step implementation instructions, the list and current release level of requisite products, and the data base schema. ([DOC format](#) - 947KB) ([PDF format](#) - 155KB)

The Wizard User Manual: text version from the Wizard describing steps and actions screen by screen. ([PDF format](#) - 644KB)

[Overview of Wizard for Training:](#) brief set of slides describing the Wizard and how it is used.

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This page lists information about the current release, news about planned releases, and the release history for the Wizard.

The current version of the Buy Accessible Wizard is: 1.5.2

[Request to Download this version](#)

[News about Release Plans](#): go to the Accessibility Forum website for the latest news about plans for new releases of the Wizard.

[Certification and Accreditation \(PDF - 753KB\)](#): the Wizard application has been certified for security conformance to GSA guidelines.

Release History:


Release 1.5: Available April 1, 2005
Provides market research support for acquisitions (emphasis was on micropurchases)

Release 1.0: Available September 30, 2004
Provided support for determining relevance of Section 508 to an acquisition and all applicable provisions from the Access Board Standard for the acquisition

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The Accessibility Forum brings accessibility stakeholders together to support informed decisions about E&IT products relative to Section 508.

News about the Buy Accessible Wizard

Federal agencies, when acquiring Electronic and Information Technology (E&IT), must meet specific responsibilities required under Section 508:

- Applicability: Identify the specific accessibility standards that apply to any procurement
- Market Research: Perform market research to determine the availability of compliant products and services

The Buy Accessible Wizard is web-based application that automates carrying out these responsibilities effectively and efficiently and providing documentation as part of due diligence for compliance.

Reference: Federal Register Volume 66, No, 80, April 25, 2001, page 20895
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/search.html>

Document: fr25ap01R Federal Acquisition Regulations; Electronic and Information
(Refer to Requirements Development, Market Research, and Solicitations in the document)

Buy Accessible Wizard Release Plan

Release 1

Release 1 of the Wizard supports the requirement to identify applicable provisions from the Access Board's Accessibility Standards (applicability) and has been in use since October 2004. With the features included in this release users will be able to document for any procurement:

- the relevance of Section 508
- the applicable provisions from the Standard to any specific acquisition
- any general exception to Section 508 requirements that might apply

Release 2

Release 2 of the Wizard, in addition to providing all the features of Release 1, will support the requirement for doing market research to determine the availability of compliant products and services (market research). Release 2 will provide full integration of the Buy Accessible portal with the micropurchase data base (developed in Release 1.5—see below) as the means for providing market research information to Wizard users through the Market Research Data Center.

Release 2 will be available on or before September 30, 2005.

Release 1.5



Discussion on Buy Accessible Wizard Release 2.0

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COTS E&IT Product 'Macro-Purchase'

- Requiring Official interacts with the Wizard to identify the specific Section 508 requirements that apply to the particular E&IT acquisition
 - Detailed determination of the relevance and specific applicability of Section 508 provisions
- Requiring Official continues with consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - Shopping for detailed (provision-level) information about product capabilities w.r.t. 508 requirements
 - Preliminary detailed (provision-level) market analysis using detailed information about specific products

Custom E&IT Solution Acquisition

- COTS E&IT Product Buy
 - E&IT characteristics known up front
 - Pre-solicitation product information available
 - Vendor capability statement and specific product data
 - Typically lower product cost and complexity
- Custom E&IT Solution Acquisition
 - E&IT characteristics *not* known up front
 - Pre-solicitation product information *not* available
 - Vendor capability statement only, no specific product data
 - Typically *higher* system cost and complexity

Bundled E&IT Acquisition

- Requiring Official interacts with the Wizard *multiple times* to identify the specific Section 508 requirements that apply to the particular E&IT acquisition
 - Detailed determination of the relevance and specific applicability *for each E&IT requirement in the bundle*
- Requiring Official continues with consumer use cases for needs assessment market research
 - *Separate Wizard summary generated for each different E&IT requirement in the acquisition bundle*
 - *Multiple summaries related together using 'procurement number' in summary profile information*



Buy Accessible Market Research Data Center

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Buy Accessible Market Research Data Center

- Evolution of GSA Buy Accessible Portal
 - Repository of vendor information and references to E&IT accessibility data
 - Information consumer ‘shopping’ support
 - Information producer use case support
- Integration with Buy Accessible Wizard
 - New interface for information consumers
 - New types of market research information



The Legacy Buy Accessible Market Research Portal

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Buy Accessible Portal

- Information Content in Buy Accessible
 - Vendor ‘gateway’ sites for accessibility
 - Vendor capability statements
 - Some links to specific product information (VPAT)
- User Interfaces for Buy Accessible
 - Supporting consumers ‘shopping for information’
 - Supporting producer registration use cases
- Management and governance process
 - Authorization, security, privacy, quality, ...

Mining the Data in Buy Accessible

- Transferring current information content
 - Existing vendors and registered products/services
- Navigating vendor gateway sites to access and register specific accessibility information
 - VPAT information for individual products
- Deriving a new type of data from existing VPAT information
 - Product level summary accessibility claims

Deriving Summary Product Level Claim from a VPAT

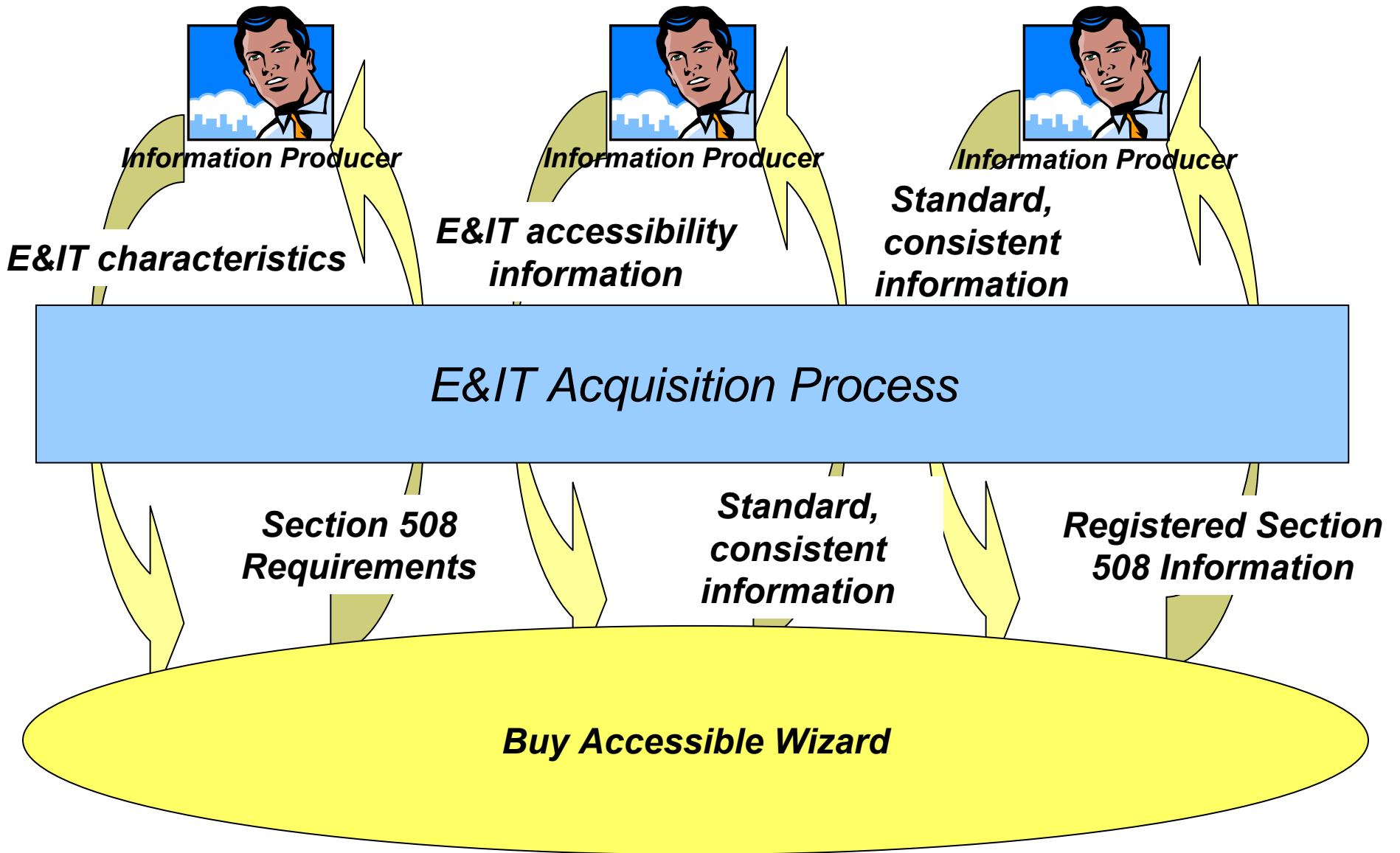
- If all applicable provisions claim “fully supports”, then summary product claim is “fully supports”
 - if an applicable provision claims “equivalent facilitation”, interpret as “fully supports”
- If all applicable provisions claim “does not support”, then summary product claim is “does not support”
- If all applicable provisions claim “supports with compatible AT”, then summary product claim is “supports with compatible AT”
- If any combination/mixture of the values (“fully supports”, “partially supports”, “equivalent facilitation”, or “supports with compatible AT”), then summary product claim is “partially supports”



User Scenarios for Information Producers

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Information Producers



Producer Use Cases

- Determine Applicable Requirements
 - Section 508 Relevance and Applicability
- Produce Market Research Information
 - Templates for standard types and formats
 - Content form fillers for consistent language
- Register External Reference to Information
 - Information hosted and maintained by producer
 - Register pointer to producer owned information

Produce Information

- Information identifying the vendor and related E&IT products or services as appropriate
 - Vendor to Data Center: one to one
 - Vendor to E&IT data: one to many
- Templates for standard format structure
 - Data types for both COTS and Custom Service
 - Standard language for comparable content

Register with Data Center

- Register one time as vendor, then once for each E&IT product or service as appropriate
 - 1 to 1 relationship between vendor and Index
 - 1 to many relationship between vendor and E&IT
 - 1 to many relationship between E&IT and information
- Register references to the information
 - Producer owns, hosts, and maintains information

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Buy Accessible Vendor Registration

Before registering as a new vendor, please be sure to check the [Registered Companies List](#) to see if your company has already been registered in the Buy Accessible database. If you cannot find your company name in the dropdown list of vendors, you will be able to add your company as a new vendor in the Buy Accessible database.

If your company is already listed as a vendor, your registration to be added as a new user will automatically be forwarded to the designated primary "Buy Accessible" administrator in your company. It is then up to the primary administrator to verify your information and decide whether or not you will be given access to add products to your company's profile. Your company's primary administrator name is included in the return email confirmation you receive after you register. Because your company profile information is maintained by your company's primary administrator, our web team cannot determine the length of time it will take to process your registration request. However, if you have not received notice of a status decision within 48 business hours, please email buy.accessible@gsa.gov with your information.


If your company is not listed and you proceed to register your company, you will be automatically assigned as the **primary administrator** for your business. As primary administrator, you have the option to update and maintain the information that you provide in your Buy Accessible company profile.

New Vendor Registration Form (* Required Field)

* First Name

* Last Name

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New Vendor Registration Form (* Required Field)

* First Name	<input type="text" value="Enter First Name"/>
* Last Name	<input type="text" value="Enter Last Name"/>
* E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="Enter Email Address"/>
* Telephone Number	<input type="text" value="Enter Telephone Number"/>
FAX Number	<input type="text" value="Enter Fax Number"/>
Company:	<input type="text" value="My Company Is Not Listed"/>

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Invalid login or session. Please try again.


Registered user, please login to access your saved data. ↓

User Login

Login Name

Password

Non-registered/guest users select "Proceed" to start a new Wizard session. →



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To register, the vendor is required to provide information necessary to associate them with their data. Please review [Security and Privacy Policy Statements](#). Only the registered vendors are provided data management capabilities. Although guest vendors have no data management capabilities, Wizard reports can be saved by anyone in any common office document format (.doc, .rtf, .txt, .html, etc.) supported by the vendor's browser.

GSA will audit vendor registration and contact anyone who might not be using the Wizard according to the guidelines. Abuse will result in removal as a "registered vendor".

Create a login name (required):

Create a password (required):

Re-enter password (required):

Enter Fullname (required):

Enter Title (required):

Enter email (required):

Enter phone (optional):

Enter fax (optional):

Organization Type
 General Vendor
 Assistive Technology Vendor

Enter Company Name (required):

Business Role
 Manufacturer or Service Provider
 Distributor or Reseller

Enter Company Website (required):

Enter Company Address 1 (required):



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E&IT accessibility information registered by demo1: 2

Select an existing product/service then click **Open** or **Delete**, or select **Register New Product** or **Register New Service** to register E&IT accessibility information.

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Register Multiple Products:

Product/Service	Id	Name	Creation Date	Description	Accessibility Info
<input type="radio"/>	2	Canon Color Laser Copier 1000	02/26/2002	Canon color systems provide high quality digital color laser copying.	VPAT URL
<input type="radio"/>	3	Canon Color Laser Copier 5000	02/26/2002	Canon color systems provide high quality digital color laser copying.	VPAT URL

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Product Name	<input type="text"/>
Product Type	<input type="text" value="Software"/>
Product Description	<input type="text"/>
Product Point of Contact	<input type="text"/>
Point of Contact Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Point of Contact Email	<input type="text"/>
Detailed VPAT URL	<input type="text"/>
Total Standards Applicable	<input type="text"/>
Total Standards Supported	<input type="text"/>
Total Standards Partially Supported	<input type="text"/>

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To register a Service, the vendor is required to provide information necessary to associate them with their data. Please review [Security and Privacy Policy Statements](#). Only registered vendors are provided data management capabilities.

Service Name	<input type="text"/>
Service Description	<input type="text"/>
Service Point of Contact	<input type="text"/>
Point of Contact Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Point of Contact Email	<input type="text"/>
508 Commitment Statement	<input type="text"/>
References	<input type="text"/>
Example URLs	<input type="text"/>





Data Center Governance and Maintenance

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Data Center Governance

- *Govern*: to control and direct the making and administration of policy
 - Who can register with the Data Center?
 - How is authentication and access controlled?
 - What kind of information may/must be registered?
 - How is the information quality assured?
 - Who can view information in the Data Center?
 - How is the currency of information maintained?
- How is Data Center governance managed?

Modify / Maintain Information

- Variant of Produce Information Use Case
 - Information identifying the vendor and each related E&IT product or service offering
 - Templates for standard format structure
 - Form fillers for consistent content
- How to verify producer authenticity?
 - Part of the required 'governance' process



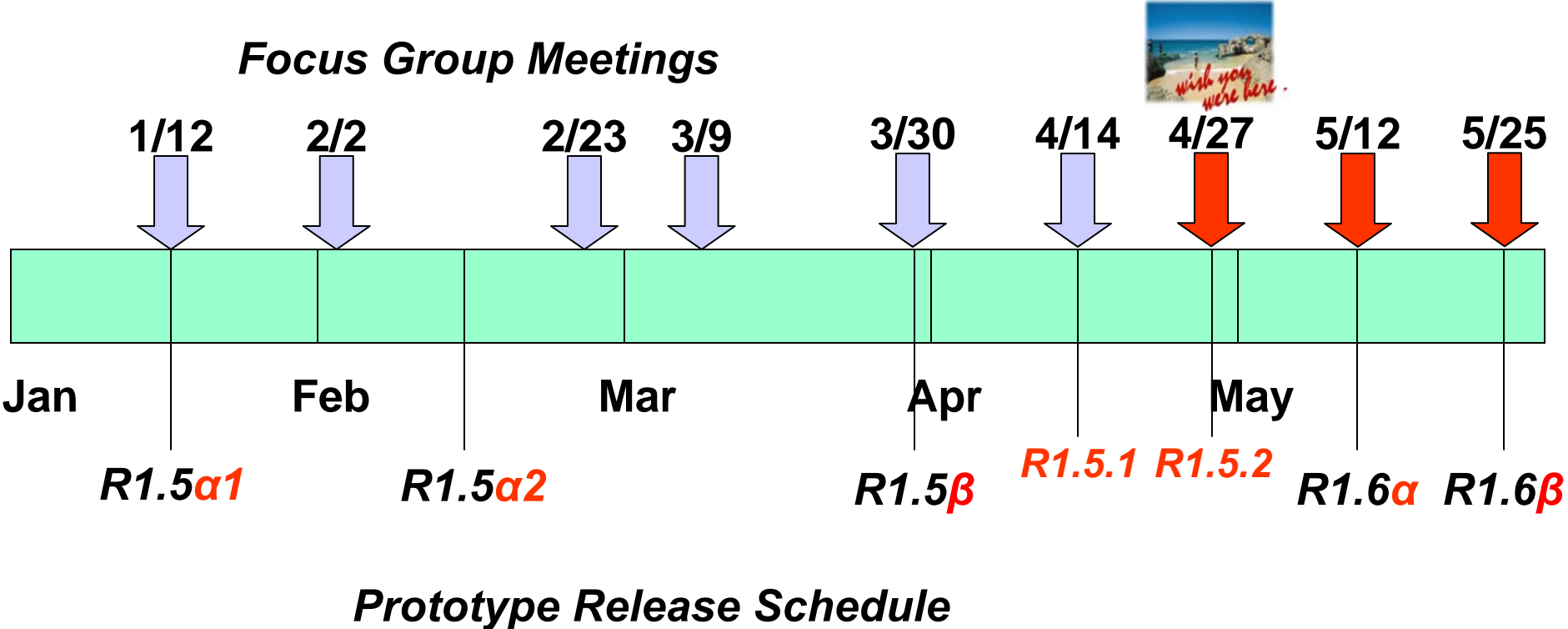
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What's Next?

- Buy Accessible Wizard release 1.5
 - Publicize at GSA Expo, IRMCO ...
- Focus Group Deliverables
 - Micropurchase market research 'seed' data
 - Prototype development schedule
- Meeting Schedule
 - Next meeting set for May 12, 2005

Development Timeline





Thank You