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SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

The X Consortium is an independent, not-for-profit Delaware membership corporation. It was formed in 1993 as the successor to the MIT X Consortium. The purpose of the X Consortium is to foster the development, evolution, and maintenance of the X Window System, a comprehensive set of vendor-neutral, system-architecture neutral, network-transparent windowing and user interface standards.

The X Window System was created in the mid-1980s at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 1988, MIT formed a member-funded consortium to provide the technical and administrative leadership necessary to support further development of the X Window System. In 1992, MIT and the membership decided it was in their best interests to move the consortium out of MIT and create an independent, stand-alone organization. All rights to the X Window System were assigned by MIT to X Consortium, Inc. on January 1, 1994.

The X Consortium is financially self-supporting through membership fees. There are no license fees associated with the use of X Window System standards and code developed by the X Consortium. Membership in the X Consortium is open to any organization willing to execute a membership agreement.

The X Consortium is a highly participative body. Members are encouraged to actively cooperate with the staff and other members in the design and review of proposed specifications, and in the design, coding and testing of sample implementations of those specifications.

The X Consortium accomplishes most of its work using electronic mail over the Internet, with individual mailing lists for working groups. Internet electronic mail connectivity should be viewed as a requirement for useful participation in X Consortium activities. Meetings are held as necessary, often in conjunction with industry conferences and trade shows.

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