

# KEY XML SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

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## LEGEND OF SPECIFICATIONS:

Data Interchange Standards Association (DISA)

IDEAlliance

Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS)

World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)

Other  
\* ebXML specifications are jointly managed by OASIS and UN/CEFACT

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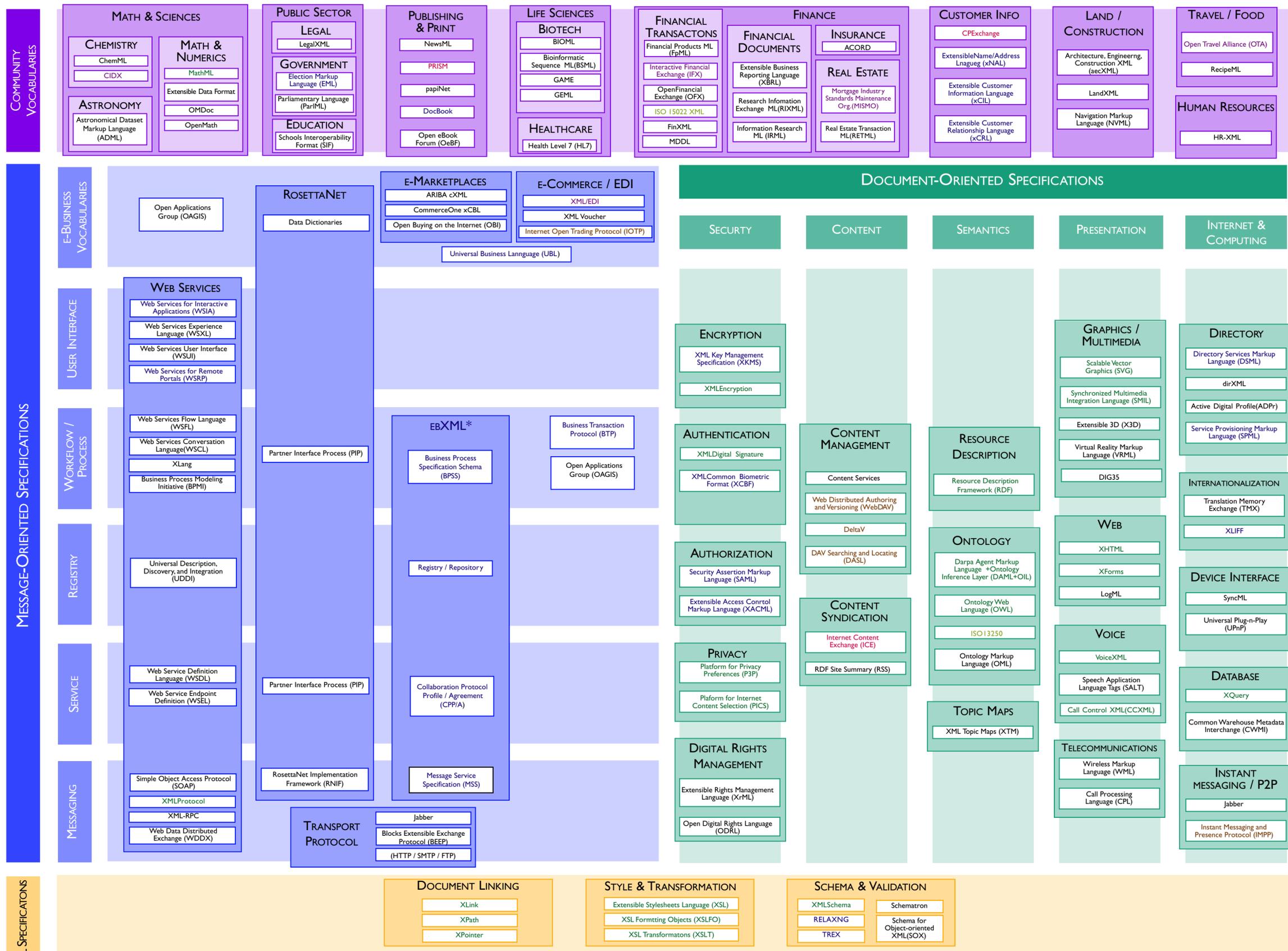
With over 450 XML standards in existence, it's hard to figure out what they all do, and on which to focus. In this poster, ZapThink identifies some of the key standards impacting the industry today, and how they relate to each other.

The standards landscape is constantly shifting, and this poster provides the best way to view it all in a single glance.

The XML standards landscape can be divided into four main sections: the **Core XML** standards that establish the basis for all XML-based technologies, **Message-oriented Specifications** that allow machines to communicate with each other, **Document-oriented Specifications** that help provide meaning to document content, and **Community Vocabularies** that help vertical industries, communities, and user groups of all types communicate. In addition, this poster identifies the key specification creating bodies and the specifications they originate.

In this poster, we have represented over 135 of the key specifications influencing the standards landscape. We have done our best to accurately represent the standards on this poster, but with the landscape changing frequently, this represents a snapshot in the timeline of XML.

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CORE XML SPECIFICATIONS

**DOCUMENT LINKING**

- XLink
- XPath
- XPointer

**STYLE & TRANSFORMATION**

- Extensible Stylesheets Language (XSL)
- XSL Formatting Objects (XSLFO)
- XSL Transformations (XSLT)

**SCHEMA & VALIDATION**

- XMLSchema
- RELAXNG
- TREX
- Schematron
- Schema for Object-oriented XML (SOX)

## EXTENSIBLE MARKUP LANGUAGE (XML)