DSWS Versioning Policy

Contract Versioning

The current design of DSWS is to embed the contract version in the URI of the resource:

/decisionsupport/v{version_number}/report

The integer version number will be incremented by one on each release of a breaking change to the contract.

A breaking change to the contract involves removing an element or changing an element in any of the following:

- URI
- XHTML representation in a resource
- custom DSWS HTTP headers

NOTE: Generally, adding elements will not be considered a breaking change and thus might not result in a version change. We will always announce and document any such changes.

Versioning Support

Because the number of versions will continue to grow, we will only support a limited number of previous versions. We will strive to give sufficient notice when we plan to obsolete previous versions of the service in order to give client developers a chance to upgrade.

NOTE: We realize that these policies are still immature. We will send announcements to dsws-client-app-dev@u.washington.edu as they continue to evolve. To subscribe to the list go to