



Justice Information Sharing Using the GJXDM

The most important wave of technology and interoperability in the history of justice information sharing has been the creation of the Global Justice XML Data Model and Dictionary. By all accounts, the promise of interoperable information systems and re-usable data components, objects and applications rest in the development of Web Services and these specifications.

Still, since the first release of the GJXDM in 2003, justice agencies nationwide have been struggling to learn and understand how to deploy this new and fairly complex technology. Many agencies are new to both the concepts of XML and to object-oriented modeling (on which the GJXDM is based).

Tools and products have been slow in development and offering, while issues of “compliance” and “deployment” are still being debated in many camps throughout the justice world. Re-usable and standardized GJXDM justice components or IEP’s (formerly called “exchange documents”) are also in slow progress thru nationally sponsored domain groups and grant programs. Many feel that the true usefulness of the GJXDM will be in these more modular “message structures” than in having local staff learn all the minute complexities of XML modeling.

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For more information on the deploying GJXDM, see http://it.ojp.gov/topic.jsp?topic_id=201

