



From: Marc Olson
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2000 7:21 AM
To: Norman Gilinsky
Cc: Joel Frauenheim
Subject: RE: Visio file format

Thanks, he sent a message to the alias and I've been in touch with him.

-----Original Message-----

From: Norman Gilinsky
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2000 7:01 AM
To: Marc Olson
Cc: Joel Frauenheim
Subject: RE: Visio file format

Joel Frauenheim will be handling distribution of the file format.

Norm

-----Original Message-----

From: Marc Olson
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2000 3:49 PM
To: Norman Gilinsky
Subject: FW: Visio file format

Hi Norm,

I don't know how urgent this project is—is someone covering the file format distribution in Tim's absence?

Marc

-----Original Message-----

From: Marc Olson
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2000 7:48 AM
To: Tim Davenport
Cc: Erich Andersen (LCA)
Subject: RE: Visio file format

Hi Tim,

We've recently change the policy for distributing our file formats, at the request of BillG. We used to be fairly lax about giving it out to pretty much everyone who asked for it (Excel even published a book through MS Press).

Our new policy (for Office2000) is that there are restrictions on use (can't build converters, can't be a competitor to any of the apps, etc). We required a signed license agreement in hand before we'll send them the docs. They have to tell us who they are and what their company does, as well as their intended use.

**Privileged Material
Redacted**

Once we get a copy of the signed agreement back, I sign for Microsoft, and we send them back a hard copy of the agreement via snail mail, and send them the docs via email.

Marc

<< File Word 2000 License doc >>

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Davenport
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2000 5:14 PM
To: Office File Format Request
Subject: Visio file format

Hello,

MS-PCA 2545864

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As you may know, Visio is now a Microsoft product. We recently completed the documentation of the Visio file format and we want to distribute it in the same manner as the Office docs are distributed. I know that there is a page on MSDN that tells requestors to e-mail this alias to ask for the Office documentation. Do you require that they supply you with the details of what they plan to do with it? Do you make them sign any kind of agreement? Is the documentation stamped with "Microsoft Confidential"?

Thanks for any information you can provide me.

Tim Davenport (Timda)
Program Manager
Visio

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