from ECMA/TC39/98/8 28 April 1998

Latest Status:

The Project Editor Guy Steele had to give up his position in order to work on another important project, Java. M. Cowlishaw of IBM has taken over with the support of all including Guy Steele.

ECMA 262 was Fast Tracked in ISO/IEC JTC1 with an end of ballot date of 9 April 1998. A SC22 ballot resolution meeting is expected 15 June 1998 in the US. There are some NO votes with included comments. Most of these comments have been reviewed by TC39 at their last meeting and responses proposed. TC39 has also contributed a set of comments via ECMA. It is also expected that all of the changes are minor and that recirculation will not be necessary.

Work on version 2 will accelerate after the FT work is completed.

from ECMA/GA/98/040

ECMA-262 has been accepted as ISO/IEC 16262. Ballot resolution will be done in a meeting on 15th June.

The GA is requested to allow for a postal ballot on a 2nd edition of ECMA-262 in order to keep the Standard aligned with the ISO/IEC version (16262) of this Standard.

The next version of ECMA-262, to be issued as 3rd edition, is under development.

Active participation from more company members would be highly appreciated.

A demonstration and presentation on ECMAScript are still considered of interest, and will be given to the 75th GA meeting in Redmond.

A survey done in April 1998 shows that the number of Web pages in ECMAScript - complying languages (3,5 million) is about four times higher than in three other languages Java, Active X and VBScript together.