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This specification is being developed by Microsoft with our participation. It is based on our original development (in conjunction with Wordperfect) of the Paste Link protocol supported in 1-2-3/G. It is not ready for release, and is something we are very interested in.

The publicity around it was started by deliberate Microsoft leaks to the press about our involvement, and is highly premature, since much tuning will be needed before it can be a useful standard for customers. Rather than announce vaporware, we have chosen to acknowledge only our involvement in defining the specification. Obviously, we think this kind of cross-product, cross-vendor functionality is important to customers, but it is more important to get it right than to release unusable implementations.

I hope this helps.

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