

# Data Format Description Language (DFDL) and the Open Source Daffodil DFDL Processor named as Finalist in the GCN dig IT Awards

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**COLUMBIA, Md. — Sep 26, 2016** — [Tresys Technology](#) is pleased to announce that the Data Format Description Language (DFDL) and the Open Source Daffodil DFDL Processor project have been announced as finalists in the Editor's Choice / Open Data category of the 2016 GCN dig IT awards. The [GCN dig IT Awards](#) celebrate discovery and innovation in government IT. The finalists will be announced Oct 13, 2016 at the [GCN dig IT Awards gala](#) at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner, VA.

Tresys has been a principal contributor to the [Open Grid Forum's DFDL specification](#) and the primary developer of the [Open Source Daffodil project](#). DFDL enables conversion of data between legacy data formats and XML bi-directionally, driven by a DFDL schema describing the format. Secure network solutions can use Daffodil to filter any data using standard XML-techniques enabling data filters to be created, tested, certified and then reused many times on an open-source platform. The result is faster deployment of data links, more secure and robust control over data sharing and reduced cost for the government.

Tresys specializes in providing deep security expertise for assured information sharing, including operating system and platform security, and deep content inspection and sanitization of complex file types. Tresys' work on DFDL and Daffodil reflects our commitment to reducing the cost and complexity of data interoperability and data inspection challenges.

## About Tresys

Tresys Technology provides customers with comprehensive security solutions that meet the challenges of the most demanding environments in the world. Whether it's safeguarding classified or highly restrictive government networks, or ensuring the secure delivery of critical industrial, financial or operational data, clients have counted on Tresys for nearly two decades. Along with unparalleled industry expertise, Tresys' certified and accredited products protect information and ensure that the appropriate data gets to the correct location in a timely and secure manner. For more information, please go to [www.tresys.com](http://www.tresys.com), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [LinkedIn](#).

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