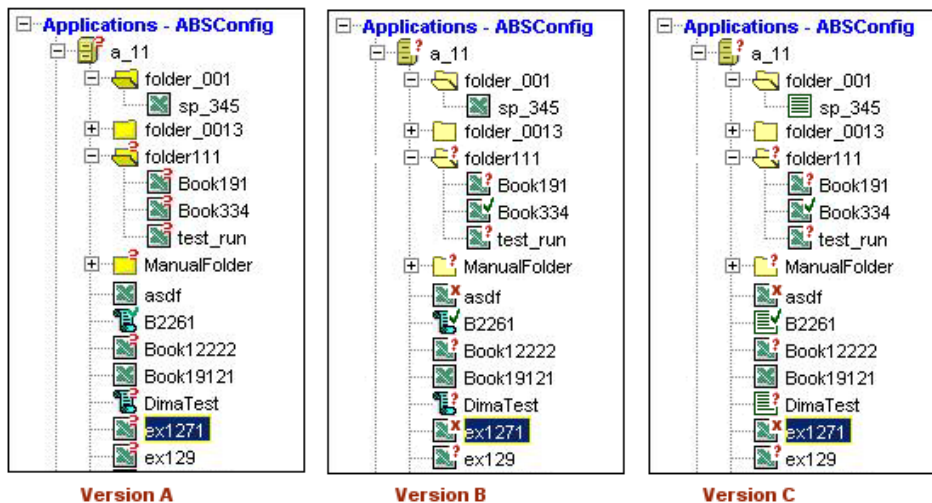


Date: 10 June 2006
From: Jim Hoekema
To: ABSNET Development Team
Re: Proposed refinements to ABS icons

The recent proposal for a new set of icons (and a simplified tree structure) is a step in the right direction – it already looks cleaner and more intelligible. However, some issues remain, and I would like to suggest a few refinements that may improve it further. In the graphic below, Version A is excerpted from the file sent yesterday. Versions B and C propose further changes.



Version A has remaining legibility issues:

- The question mark seems very wide.
- The check mark seems to blend in with the icon behind it.
- The "X" mark is missing.
- All the status marks are a little difficult to see – they don't stand out.

Version B addresses these issues:

- All status marks have 1-2 pixels of white space on the left and bottom. This helps them stand out from the icons beneath them.
- Note that all marks occupy the same position in the upper right corner of the icon – there is no need to use different positions.
- (Actually the green check mark still does not stand out as much as the red question mark and "x".)
- The "tab" on the folder icon is moved from the right side to the left, so it isn't obscured by the status mark.
- Folder has a paler color (more like reality); file cabinet has a different color.

Version C is the same as Version B, but with a new icon proposed for "Rule Procedure."

- The scroll used in Version A looks to me like some medieval proclamation, like something out of Harry Potter! – nothing about it suggests "rule procedure."
- Proposed icon is a set of lines, suggesting the appearance of a rule procedure.