



The Open Group Standards Process Refresher Part 1



Topics

- Recap: The Standards Process
- Components of the Standards Process
- Resources





- *The Standards Process is the essential scaffolding used across The Open Group Forums and Work Groups, including across industry and domains*
- Scaffolding is always the same
- The project is always different



What?





Why?

- Repeatable implementation
- Quality
- Legal compliance





Applied To?

- Standards
- Guides
- White Papers
- All deliverables...





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Components





7 Principles



1. Openness
2. Consensus
3. Timely and Deterministic Process
4. Public Availability of Published Specifications
5. No Legal Impediment to Implementation or Adoption
6. Confidentiality
7. Executable Standards



Standards are Developed in an Open Process



- Openness is a key part of the value proposition to members of The Open Group
- Our standards are competing in the market with vendor-specific standards
- The openness of the process that produces them is a key part of the value of our standards to the market, and to the members who join us in order to help develop them



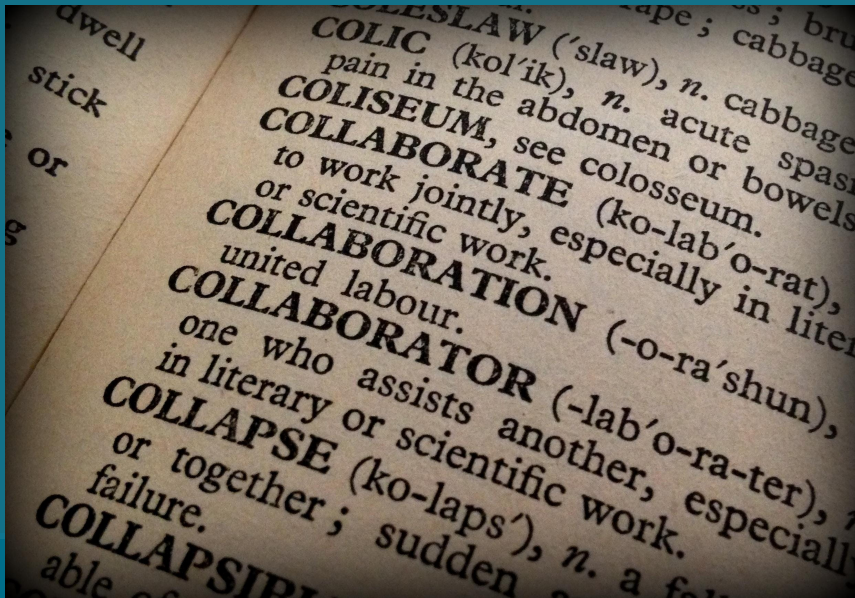
Standards are Based Upon the Consensus of the Parties Involved



- Industry consensus is critical to the adoption of standards
- The objective is to reach stable decisions



Definitions and Glossary



- Actors
- Process
- Documents
- Legal Agreements
- Tools



Standards Development



- Core Processes
- Supporting Processes



Certification



- Core Processes
- Deliverables



Confidentiality



- Material from The Open Group
- Material from a Member
- Material from a Third Party



Standards Adoption Criteria



- Legal considerations
- Market need
- Cost
- Availability of conformant products
- Timing



Patent Policy



- Contributions
- Patent Disclosure
- Notifications

The Open Group Patent Policy governs the handling of patents in the process of producing The Open Group standards.

It is important that any Patents be disclosed and the policy addresses who must make a patent disclosure, the timing of disclosure, how a disclosure must be made, what must be in a disclosure, and what a failure to disclose means

It also includes the obligation of disclosure , which includes obligations on The Open Group Manager responsible for the company review of a standard





Liaisons

- In the course of developing standards, we need to communicate with other peer organizations
- To facilitate this, we establish liaisons and appoint a Liaison Manager and Liaison Representatives



Non-Member Participation

- Non-Members may be invited to participate at any stage in the standards process
- Invited Guest (single meeting only)
- Invited Expert (for a specific activity)



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The Standards Process Online

A screenshot of the Open Group website (opengroup.org) with a navigation menu open. The "Membership" menu item is highlighted with a red box, and the "Standards Process" option is also highlighted with a red box. A red arrow points from the "Standards Process" box to the right. The website header includes "Log In" and "Create Account" links. The main content area features a video player with the title "Check Out The Open Group Latest Update from Steve Nunn!" and a "Learn" button. The URL in the browser's address bar is "www.opengroup.org/standardsprocess/".

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The Open Group works with customers and suppliers of technology products and services, and with consortia and other standards organizations to capture, clarify and integrate current and emerging requirements, establish standards and policies, and share best practices. Our standards ensure openness, interoperability, and consensus.

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The Open Group Standards Process



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL opengroup.org/standardsprocess/. The page features the Open Group logo at the top left and a navigation menu at the top right. The main heading is "The Open Group Standards Process" with a sub-heading: "This is where we begin to visualize your requirements and make them into Standards." Below this, there are nine numbered sections, each with an icon, a title, a brief description, and a "LEARN MORE" link.

- 1. Introduction** (Book icon): This section provides an introduction to The Open Group Standards Process describing its purpose and the principles upon which it is founded. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 2. Definitions and Glossary** (Magnifying glass icon): This section provides the definitions and glossary for terminology used in The Open Group Standards Process. It is organized in terms of the human actors (participants), processes, documents, and tools used within the Standards Process. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 3. The Standards Development Process** (Document icon): This section describes the procedures to be followed for the development of Open Group Standards. It includes the Core Processes, together with Supporting Processes. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 4. The Certification Development Process** (Document icon): The Open Group provides Certification Programs for The Open Group Standards in the areas of people, products, and services. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 5. Confidentiality** (Lock icon): This section describes the procedures to be followed when handling confidential material within The Open Group and within member companies when working with The Open Group. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 6. Standards Adoption Criteria** (Checklist icon): This procedure describes the criteria of openness which must be considered before any specification may be adopted by The Open Group as the basis for the development and possible publication as a standard of The Open Group or inclusion in the Standards Information Base. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 7. Patent Policy** (Document icon): This section documents The Open Group Patent Policy. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 8. Liaisons** (People icon): This section describes procedures for individuals who are elected to serve as The Open Group liaisons to other organizations. It defines the process for establishing liaisons, appointing Liaison Representatives, and approving Liaison Statements. [LEARN MORE](#)
- 9. Invited Guests and Invited Experts** (Head icon): This section describes the process for managing individuals who participate in a Forum or Work Group as Invited Guests or Invited Experts. It defines the criteria for an individual to be an Invited Guest or Invited Expert, and the process for invitation and appointment. [LEARN MORE](#)



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The Open Group Standards Process Guide



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The Open Group Standards Process Guide

Welcome to the Standards Process Guide.

Purpose

The work of The Open Group relies on cooperation between a broad cultural diversity of organizations, peoples, ideas, and communication styles.

The Open Group Standards Process Guide is a set of resources to guide development of The Open Group standards and supporting deliverables. It provides guidance for individuals participating in The Open Group Forums and Work Groups as we work together to develop multiple, interoperable technologies for Boundaryless Information Flow™.

Summary

The following topics are described in this guide:

- [Guiding Principles for Forums and Work Groups](#): This set of principles guides the operations of Forums and Work Groups and are usually contained within the Forum/Work Group charter. They supplement The Open Group Principles.
- The [Code of Conduct](#): This contains practical guidance for the conduct of business and work in the Forums and Work Groups.
- Guidance for [Publications Development](#): An overview of the different tracks for document deliverables, including standards, guides, and white papers. This includes a detailed commentary on the standards process, how to develop standards text, as well as managing reviews.
- Guidance on the [Consensus Decision-Making Process](#): An overview of the process for consensus decision-making, the roles within the process, and guidance on how to manage situations where there is lack of consensus.
- Guidance for [Individuals Acting as The Open Group Liaison to Another Organization](#): This includes the roles involved in a liaison to another organization, how liaisons are established, including the selection and appointment of liaison representatives. It includes the responsibilities and tasks for appointed liaison representatives.
- Guidance for [Elected Officers of The Open Group Forums and Work Groups](#): This is written for individuals elected to serve as Chairs, Co-Chairs, or Vice-Chairs of a Forum or Work Group within The Open Group. It includes descriptions of the responsibilities for Elected Officers and guidance on leading meetings and the consensus decision-making process.

How to use this Guide

You can navigate various topics within this guide either using links on the left, the **Topics** pulldown in the top bar, or using the full-text search (also in the top bar). An explanation of how to use the full-text search is provided with the [Help page](#) for the guide.

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Interactive Guide Search



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The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'Standards Guide' website. The search bar at the top right contains the word 'consensus'. The search results are displayed in a table with the following content:

Guidance for Elected Officers of The Open Group Forums and Work Groups 2023	
Guidance on Decision-Making	Consensus In general, Forums and Work Groups are encouraged to use the consensus decision-making process. The consensus decision-making process is a decision-making process that not only seeks the agreement of ...
Guidance for the Consensus Decision-Making Process 2023	
Managing Lack of Consensus	A healthy consensus decision-making process usually encourages and outs dissent early, maximizing the chance of accommodating the views of all minorities. Since unanimity may be difficult to achieve, especially in large...
Roles in the Consensus Process	As the name implies, the role of the facilitator is to help make the process of reaching a consensus decision easier. Facilitators accept responsibility for moving through the agenda on time; ensuring that the Forum/Work Group adheres to the mutually-agreed mechanics of the consensus process; and, l...
The Consensus Decision-Making Process	Call for Consensus Since the consensus decision-making process is not as formalized as others, such as Robert's Rules of Order, the practical details of its implementation vary from group to group. However, there is a c...
Managing Lack of Consensus	When Consensus Cannot be Reached



Any Questions?