

# The Open Group Standards Process 2019

### The Open Group Standards Development Process



### **Scope of This Presentation**

#### **Standards Track**

An agreed way of doing something, e.g. making a product, managing a process, delivering a service etc.

Normative requirements

Formal Status as a standard of The Open Group

#### **Guide Track**

How to ...

Supports a standard of The Open Group

Or Provides Informative Guidance only

No formal status

#### White Paper Track

Discussion or Position Paper No formal status

### Agenda

- » This presentation provides an overview of The Open Group Standards Development Process
  - Definition: "A Standard of The Open Group"
  - Principles
  - The Standards Development Processes
  - Supporting Information





#### The Open Group Standards Process

This is where we begin to visualize your requirements and make them into Standards.



#### 1. Introduction

This section provides an introduction to The Open Group Standards Process describing its purpose and the principles upon which it is founded.

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#### 4. The Certification Development Process

The Open Group provides Certification Programs for people, products, and services that meet Open Group Standards.

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#### 7. Patent Policy

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This section documents The Open Group Patent Policy.

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#### 2. Definitions and Glossary

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.

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#### 5. Confidentiality

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.

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.

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Liaisons

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#### 3. The Standards Development Process

This section describes the procedures to be followed for the development of Open Group Standards. It includes the Core Processes, together with Supporting Processes.

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#### 6. Standards Adoption Criteria

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 of an Open Group Standard or inclusion in the Standards Information Base.

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#### 9. Invited Guests and Invited Experts

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.

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#### 1.1 Purpose

The Open Group Standards Process defines the procedures for key tasks within The Open Group Standards development activities. The objectives of having documented and observed procedures are:

- 1. To explain how The Open Group Standards Process operates
- 2. To record how complex tasks involving different groups may be executed in an effective and repeatable manner
- 3. To ensure the quality of Open Group Standards deliverables
- 4. To ensure that The Open Group complies with legal constraints on the operation of consortia

#### 1.2 Principles

The Open Group Standards Process is founded on the following principles:

#### Name: Openness

Statement:

• Standards are developed in an open process.

### **Supporting Information**



### **Definition: A Standard of The Open Group**

- » A Standard of The Open Group is:
  - 'A document established by consensus and approved through The Open Group Company Review Process that provides for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results'.

### **The Open Group 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

### **Forum/Work Group Principles**

- 1. Primacy of Principles
- 2. We inherit the Principles of The Open Group
- 3. Collaboration
- 4. Shared Purpose
- 5. Formal Process
- 6. Obligations of Leadership
- 7. Openness and Assumption of Good Intent

### The Open Group Standards Development Process – Lifecycle and Processes



#### **Core Processes**



### **Initiate Project**



This includes consideration of whether the project is a new work item, or a project to revise an existing standard

There must be an agreed project scope/charter describing the purpose, scope of the project, and expected deliverables

### **Draft Development Process**



#### Consensus



- » Forum/Work Group
  Principle #5 Formal
  Process
  - We follow formal process for planning, operations, decision-making and reaching <u>consensus</u>

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### **Consensus Decision Making**

- » The objective is to reach stable decisions
- » Do not interpret silence as agreement
- » Inclusive as many stakeholders as possible should be involved
- » Participatory the process should actively solicit the input and participation of all decision makers
- » Cooperative participants strive to reach the best decision for all the forum members

#### **Draft Development Process**





### **Draft Development Process**



- » A Forum/Work Group Review must occur as the consensus test
- » One or more iterations may be needed to achieve consensus
- Often a number of drafts and reviews are planned as part of a roadmap for timely and deterministic development (The Open Group Principle #3)

### **Forum/Work Group Review**

- » An adaptation of the Company Review Process
- The Forum/Work Group is the Sponsor **>>**
- A formal review within the Forum/Work Group using Plato **>>**
- » Usually 2-4 weeks
- » The activity is led by The Open Group Manager



Maintenance

Publication

### Draft Development Process: Forum/Work Group Review





### **Change Request Process**



- » Change Requests are statements of desired changes that the reviewers would like to see applied to the review document to make it acceptable to them
- » The Forum/Work Group is responsible for resolving all Change Requests submitted during a Forum/Work Group review
- » The activity is led by The Open Group Manager



### Forum/Work Group Review: New Standard

#### Forum/Work Group Review: Existing Standard Major Revision – example 1





#### Forum/Work Group Review: Existing Standard Major Revision – example 2





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#### Forum/Work Group Review: Existing Standard Minor Revision – TC







# To achieve consensus of the Forum/WG multiple reviews are usually needed

### **Company Review Process**



Prior to a document entering Company Review, it must be reviewed and approved by the Vice-President responsible for the work area, and the Director of Standards



» The Company Review process is the formal process by which The Open Group measures consensus around a document in order to become a standard of The Open Group.

### **Company Review**



- Resolving change requests can include accepting, declining or accepting with modification
- The defined level of consensus (75% of those voting) is required to resolve change requests

Maintenance Process

#### **Non-Member Participation**

- » Non-Members may be invited to participate at any stage in the development process
- » Non-Members may also provide comments and change requests to the Company Review process but have no vote on their resolution



- » Review Group
  - Total membership of The Open Group
  - Other relevant groups/experts
- » "Yes if" review
  - Specific change proposals needed
  - Conducted by email/plato
  - Typical review period is between 2 and 4 weeks



Each specification has a Sponsor, either

- A Forum or Work Group
- A Governing Board Work Group
- The Sponsor reviews all Change Requests and recommends disposition (creates a proposed resolution)



- The sponsor votes on recommended resolution of Change Proposals
  - 75% in favor is decisive
  - Meeting or telecon to resolve residual issues
  - Written positions can be submitted to resolution meeting
- If volume of changes is high, short re-circulation review is permitted



- Approval by the Governing Board
  - This is primarily a check on the integrity of process not of content
  - Governing Board members owe a duty to The Open Group to act in its best interests and to protect its assets

### **Approval Process**



Once the final text of a draft standard is complete, it can be submitted for approval.

The Open Group Manager is responsible leading this process in conjunction with The Open

Group Legal Counsel.

### **Publication Process**



For all Open Group publications the final stage is for the document to complete an internal review by The Open Group Executive

Management.

### **Maintenance Process**



The maintenance process includes collecting defect reports and comments against the standard.

When defect reports are collected, it is recommended that a project be established to review them and make recommendations.

Next steps include creation of an errata document or initiation of a project to create a Technical Corrigendum, or feed into the next cycle of revision

### **Supporting Information**



### Handbook





- » I153 A Handbook for Publications Development:
  - The Standards Development Lifecycle
  - The Snapshot Process
  - The White Paper Process
  - The Guide Process
  - Guidance for Reviews
  - Resources

### **Handbooks**





- » Guidance Hand Books available:
  - I121 A Handbook for the **Consensus Decision-**Making Process
  - I122 A Handbook for **Elected Officers of The Open Group Forums and** Work Groups
  - I123 A Handbook for Individuals Acting as The **Open Group Liaison to** Another Organization

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## Questions



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