W3C Recommendation Track

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Steps

- (FPWD) First Public Working Draft

- (WD) Working Draft

- (LCWD) Last Call Working Draft

- (CR) Candidate Recommendation

- (PR) Proposed Recommendation

- (Rec) Recommendation

Consensus

- Working Drafts
  - Do not represent consensus

- (Candidate/Proposed) Recommendations
  - Do represent consensus, but not done until end

First Public Working Draft

- First notification to chairs of other working groups

- Includes call for IP exclusions

Working Draft

- Publish early and often

- Continue publishing until "technically complete"

- No minimum review time between drafts

Last Call Working Draft

- Specially-marked working draft

- Group believes document is technically complete

- Notification to other group chairs again

- Minimum 3 week review period

- In practice, often the first time other groups comment . . .

- All public comments must be addressed

- Good to have started assertion and/or test writing, but not required

Candidate Recommendation

- Document is stable and ready for implementation

- This document must also reference a test suite (usually with assertions) and includes call for implementations
  - Test suite goal is to test spec, not implementations (not a conformance suite)

- Must specify how many implementations are required

- Other group chairs notified

- Must specify sufficient review period to get implementations

- Must address all public comments

- Changes beyond clarifications force you back to WD

Proposed Recommendation

- Document is stable and implementable "Basically done"

- Announced to other group chairs

- Minimum 4 week review

- Must address all public comments

- No changes allowed

Recommendation

- It's done!

- Announcements go out to Chairs and on W3C website

Addressing public comments

- What does it mean?

- Resolution must be documented

- Original commenter must ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION

- Reasonable time limits are allowed to deal with absent commenters

Status of WebRTC API draft

- First Public Working Draft

- Will now begin issuing Working Drafts every few weeks