1. Introduction

W3C work revolves around the standardization of Web technologies. To accomplish this work, W3C follows processes that promote the development of high-quality standards based on the [consensus](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#Consensus) of the Membership, Team, and public. W3C processes promote fairness, responsiveness, and progress: all facets of the W3C mission. This document describes the processes W3C follows in pursuit of its mission.

The primary W3C Publications are standards, called W3C Recommendations; W3C also has other types of publications. The processes for developing publications are described in XXXX below. W3C has various types of groups; they are described in XXX below.

W3C operates a number of different kinds of groups. This document sets forth [policies](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/%22%20%5Cl%20%22Policies) for participation in W3C groups.

Some groups are formally established by the Consortium: the Advisory Committee, which has a representative from each Member, and the elected groups, the Advisory Board (AB), which helps resolve Consortium-wide non-technical issues, and manages the [evolution of the W3C process](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/%22%20%5Cl%20%22GAProcess); and the Technical Architecture Group (TAG), which helps resolve Consortium-wide technical issues.

Here is a general overview of how W3C initiates standardization of a Web technology.

1. People generate interest in a particular topic. For instance, Members express interest in the form of [Member Submissions](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#Submission), and the [Team](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#Team) monitors work inside and outside of W3C for signs of interest. Also, W3C is likely to organize a [Workshop](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#GAEvents) to bring people together to discuss topics that interest the W3C community.
2. When there is enough interest in a topic (e.g., after a successful Workshop and/or discussion on an [Advisory Committee mailing list](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#ACCommunication)), the [Team](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#team) announces the development of a proposal for one or more new [Interest Group or Working Group charters](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#WGCharterDevelopment), depending on the breadth of the topic of interest. W3C Members [review](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#CharterReview)the proposed charters. When there is support within W3C for investing resources in the topic of interest, the Director approves the group(s) and they begin their work.

The other sections of the Process Document deal with topics including liaisons, confidentiality, and formal decisions and appeals.

W3C also operates Community and Business Groups, which are separately described in [their own process document](https://www.w3.org/community/about/agreements/) [[BG-CG]](https://www.w3.org/Consortium/Process/Drafts/#biblio-bg-cg).