
Fast-Track Process

Initiation Phase

- Any Platinum Member of The Open Group is, without fee, entitled to:
 - Contribute a starting point for a standard “(Base Document)”
 - Opt for the standards process to either be worked through an existing Forum or other group, or through a new group established for the purpose
 - Define the “owner” of the Base Document
- The staff of The Open Group will configure the infrastructure and facilitate the standards process

Adoption Phase

- ❑ During this phase, the Base Document is converted to The Open Group house style and consensus is sought within the Forum or other group
- ❑ The Forum or other group can choose to open the Base Document for comments to:
 - All members
 - Invited third parties
 - Non-members (e.g. the open source community)
- ❑ The owner can withdraw the Base Document from the process at any time
- ❑ At the conclusion of the adoption phase, the Base Document becomes a draft Technical Standard ready for Company Review

Company Review

- Company Review is conducted by the appropriate Forum or other group developing the standard
- Non-Members may be invited to submit “Change Requests” as part of the Company Review process
- The owner is responsible for resolving all Change Requests submitted during Company Review
 - Resolving change requests can include accepting, declining or accepting with modification
 - For the purpose of resolving change requests the defined level of consensus is 75% of those voting

Final Approval

- ❑ The developing group must achieve the defined level of consensus during company Review in order for the draft Technical Standard to be submitted to the Governing Board for final approval
- ❑ The Governing Board approval is then required (simple majority of those entitled to vote)
 - 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
 - If a Governing Board member believes that approval of a standard is contrary to this duty, he/she may vote against and request that a super-majority be required for approval
- ❑ Ownership of the standard transfers to The Open Group on final approval of the Technical Standard