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# Standard Track

# Initiation Phase

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- Any Member of The Open Group is entitled to:
  - Request the initiation of a standard activity
  - Participate in the development process if they are a member of the developing Forum or group
- The staff of The Open Group will configure the infrastructure and facilitate the standards process

# Development Phase

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- During this phase, the standard is developed in The Open Group house style and consensus is sought within the Forum or other group
- Any member may contribute to the standard
- The Forum or other group can choose to open the standard for comments to:
  - All members, invited third parties
  - Non-members (e.g. the open source community)
- All contributions to the development process become the property of The Open Group
- At the conclusion of the development phase, the standard becomes a draft Technical Standard ready for Company Review

# Company Review

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- 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 Forum or group is responsible for resolving all Change Requests submitted during 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

# Final Approval

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- ❑ 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