

W3C - Web Open Standards, ICT skills, Digital and Media literacy, Education and Access.



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W3C Exec Summary

The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) is an **International Consortium where Member and External organizations, a full-time technical staff, and the public** work together to **lead the World Wide Web to its full potential** by developing Web standards such as protocols and guidelines that ensure long-term growth for the Web.

- **Goals:** Interoperability, Universality, Functionalities
- **Neutral/nonforprofit**, consensus based, open participation, open results
- ~450 members, ~70 staff,
- ~50 Working Groups ~20 Coordination Groups and Interest Groups
- Hosting: MIT (America), ERCIM (Europe) and Keio University (Japan) + 17 **Offices**
- Advisory Board, Technical Architecture Group
- **Liaisons** with **40+** other standards bodies, **Accountable** to the global **Public**

What Open Standards means ?

A lot of debates nowadays for a common definition of **Open Standards**(IGF, EC, etc)

- Transparent process
- Open participation
- Technical Consensus
- Running code
- Free and Persistent Specification
- W3C Patent Policy for Web Technologies

W3C Eating its own dog food!

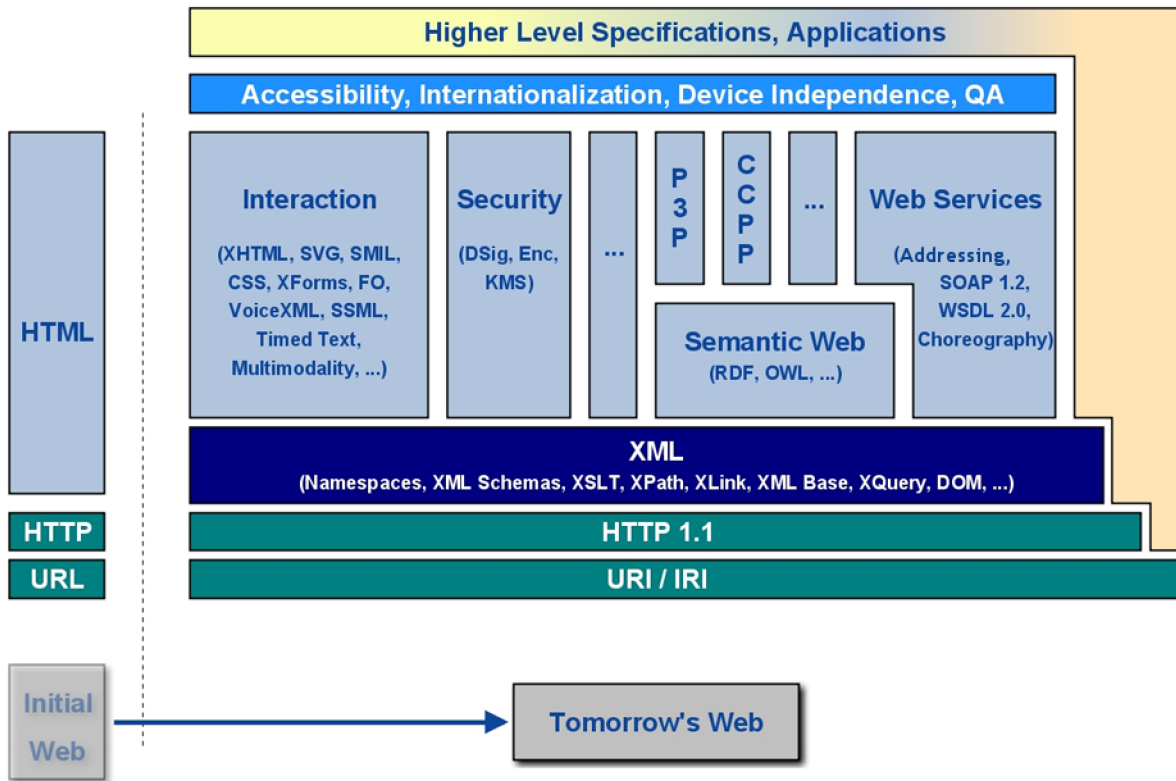
W3C works with thousands of engineers using the Web and the Internet as a platform.

- Emails, open archives (e.g. [HTML5 WG](#) today)
- Web sites under w3.org (public, member, team)
- Web 2.0 applications (action item, issues tracker, [web survey](#))
- Web DB tools (to manager participants)
- Instant Message (IRC) + bots for teleconferencing
- VOIP, slides in HTML/CSS, etc

Many using Semantic Web technologies on the server, and accessible to participants with disabilities.

Like IETF, our process is one of our specification (bootstrap principle)

W3C Results



A Memorandum commitment

- Develop and deploy technologies and practices to meet the evolving needs of the global Internet.
- Engage with governments and other stakeholders of OECD and non-OECD
- Invite governments to join us in an open and collaborative community

And much [more!](#)