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## Introduction

126 This document defines the process governing DMTF bodies (Committees, Working Groups, Forums, and  
127 Chapters) and documents. It is targeted to all DMTF members as a framework to facilitate the DMTF's  
128 work.

129 This document does not define the process for all DMTF bodies and activities. Please refer to the DMTF  
130 Policies page at <http://dmf.org/about/policies> for a complete list.

131 The defined processes outlined in this document include:

- 132 • Body and sub-Body formation, structure, chartering, quiescing and dissolution
- 133 • Body membership and participation
- 134 • Meeting requirements and guidelines
- 135 • Chair, co-chair and vice-chair models and selection
- 136 • Voting and Ballots
- 137 • Supporting organizational processes
- 138 • Common rules and procedures
- 139 • DMTF document release process, comment resolutions and change requests
- 140 • DMTF management initiatives
- 141 • Information access
- 142 • Approval processes

143 *DMTF Process for Working Bodies* (DSP4014) was prepared by the Executive Committee.

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145 management and interoperability. For information about the DMTF, see <http://www.dmf.org>.

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# DMTF Process for Working Bodies

## 147 1 Scope

148 This document defines DMTF processes governing the formation, structure, and activities of DMTF  
149 Bodies and the DMTF Release Process for DMTF documents, including:

- 150 • Documents that are intended to become DMTF Standard Documents
- 151 • Documents that are intended to become DMTF Informational Documents
- 152 • Schemas
- 153 • Source code

## 154 2 Normative references

155 The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are  
156 indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated  
157 references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

158 Policies that may be found on <http://dmf.org/about/policies>:

- 159 • DMTF Bylaws
- 160 • DMTF Patent and Technology Policy
- 161 • DMTF DSP4003 – DMTF Alliance Partnership Process
- 162 • DMTF DSP4010 – DMTF Financial Process and Procedures

163 Charter Template

164 Document Request Template (DR)

165 ISO/IEC Directives Part 2 – Rules for the structure and drafting of International Standards  
166 <https://isotc.iso.org/livelink/livelink.exe?func=ll&objId=4230456&objAction=browse&sort=subtype>

167 ISO 639-1:2002 – Codes for the representation of names of languages – Part 1 Alpha-2 code

## 168 3 Terms and definitions

169 In this document, some terms have a specific meaning beyond the normal English meaning. Those terms  
170 are defined in this clause.

171 The terms "shall" ("required"), "shall not," "should" ("recommended"), "should not" ("not recommended"),  
172 "may," "need not" ("not required"), "can" and "cannot" in this document are to be interpreted as described  
173 in [ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2](#), Clause 7. The terms in parentheses are alternatives for the preceding term,  
174 for use in exceptional cases when the preceding term cannot be used for linguistic reasons. Note that  
175 [ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2](#), Clause 7, specifies additional alternatives. Occurrences of such additional  
176 alternatives shall be interpreted in their normal English meaning.

- 177 **3.1**  
178 **Alternate Voter**  
179 Any person eligible to vote in a particular Body who is not identified in the roster of that Body as the  
180 Primary Voter.
- 181 **3.2**  
182 **Ballot**  
183 A vote by any means.
- 184 **3.3**  
185 **Board of Directors**  
186 **Board**  
187 A group of persons, as defined in the [DMTF Bylaws](#), chosen to govern the affairs of the corporation.
- 188 **3.4**  
189 **Body**  
190 A substitution for Committee, Forum, Chapter, or Working Group.
- 191 **3.5**  
192 **DMTF Artifact**  
193 Any published material released by the DMTF.
- 194 **3.6**  
195 **DSP Identifier**  
196 An identifier assigned to most DMTF documents.
- 197 **3.7**  
198 **DMTF Standard**  
199 A DMTF document of a normative nature that addresses a specific problem domain and has been  
200 released by the DMTF.
- 201 **3.8**  
202 [Document Request](#)  
203 **DR**  
204 The template that is used to obtain, take ownership or return DSP identifiers.
- 205 **3.9**  
206 **Editing Body**  
207 The Committee or Working Group assigned editorial responsibility for any given document.
- 208 **3.10**  
209 **Electronic Ballot**  
210 A Ballot conducted electronically following the procedures defined herein.
- 211 **3.11**  
212 **IP Solicitation**  
213 A notification to membership, consistent with the DMTF Patent Policy that solicits response of essential  
214 patent claims that relate to the subject document.
- 215 **3.12**  
216 **Parent Body**  
217 DMTF Body immediately above the current body in the hierarchy of DMTF Bodies.

218 **3.13**219 **Primary Voter**

220 The person eligible to vote in a Body that has been identified in the roster of that Body as the primary  
221 voter. There may only be one Primary Voter representing any Member. A Member may elect to identify  
222 different persons as the Primary Voter in each Body in which it may vote.

223 **3.14**224 **Process Document**

225 Any document produced by the DMTF that defines the policies and procedures that apply to the DMTF.

226 **3.15**227 **Leadership Member**

228 A Leadership member is any DMTF member company that currently holds Leadership or Board level  
229 membership in DMTF.

230 **3.16**231 **Participation Member**

232 A Participation member is any DMTF member company that currently holds Participation level  
233 membership in DMTF.

234 **4 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

235 The following abbreviations are used in this document.

236 **4.1**237 **DMTF**

238 Distributed Management Task Force

239 **DR**

240 Document request



241 **5 DMTF Committees, Working Groups, Forums, and Chapters**

242 **5.1 Structure and introduction**

243 Bodies in the DMTF are arranged in a hierarchical structure rooted at the Board. Bodies reporting to the  
 244 Board are called Committees and operate as Other Committees in accordance with the [DMTF Bylaws](#).  
 245 Working Groups and Chapters report to Committees. Forums may report to any Body. The Body to which  
 246 a Body reports is referred to as its Parent Body.

247 Every Body has a Board-approved charter that defines its scope.

248 Procedures common to all Bodies are described in clause 5.8 and apply unless more specific guidance is  
 249 provided in this clause.

250 **5.2 Membership levels, roles, voting, and participation**

251 As determined by Board resolution and documented herein, membership is divided into various levels  
 252 that determine permissible roles, participation and voting rights within Bodies, as listed in Table 1.  
 253 Additional requirements may be documented in a specific Body’s Rules of Procedure.

254 **Table 1 – Membership levels**

Role or right	Leadership	Participation	Designated Alliance-Partner Representative	Academic Alliance-Partner Representative
Chair Committees	Yes	No	No	No
Vote in Committees	Yes	No	No	No
Participate in Committees	Yes	No	No	No
Chair Work Groups	Yes	No	No	No
Vote in Work Groups	Yes	Yes	No	No
Participate in Work Groups	Yes	Yes	May <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>
Serve as a Forum Officer	Yes	No	No	No
Vote in Forums	Yes	Yes	No	No
Participate in Forums	Yes	Yes	May <sup>1</sup>	May <sup>1</sup>
Vote in Chapters	Yes	Yes	No	No
Participate in Chapters	Yes	Yes	No	No

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<sup>1</sup> Fellow, Expert, Alliance Partner and Academic Alliance Partner level members may apply to participate in specific Working Groups or Forums in their application. The Board establishes specific participation at the time of approval.

Role or right	Leadership	Participation	Designated Alliance-Partner Representative	Academic Alliance-Partner Representative
Observe	Yes	Yes	May <sup>2</sup>	May <sup>2</sup>

255 Member representatives are eligible for the role or right in any particular Body provided that the Member  
 256 is of a suitable membership level, meets the requirements of a Body's Rules of Procedure, if any, and the  
 257 representative has been admitted to the membership roll of that Body.

258 DMTF Fellows may act in any role in any Body as designated by the Board.

259 DMTF expects as much continuity in representation as possible.

260 Members are encouraged to participate in any and all Bodies where they can actively contribute.

### 261 **5.3 Committees**

262 The Board of Directors is responsible for the creation and termination of Committees. Committees focus  
 263 on specific aspects of the work and mission of the DMTF and are responsible for the development of  
 264 DMTF marketing programs, technologies, and initiatives.

#### 265 **5.3.1 Committee chair**

266 Committee chairs are appointed by the Board of Directors.

##### 267 **5.3.1.1 Committee vice-chair**

268 All Committees must have a vice-chair. It is the vice-chair's responsibility to serve in the place of the chair  
 269 should the chair be temporarily unable to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of the chair.  
 270 Committee vice-chairs are elected by the Committee according to the process in clause 5.8.2, with the  
 271 clarification that both the Parent Body and the Body referenced in that clause are the Committee (thus the  
 272 Board of Directors is not directly involved). The vice-chair must be a voting participant of the committee  
 273 prior to the election.

### 274 **5.4 Working Groups**

275 Committees form Working Groups, consistent with the committee's charter.

276 To exist, a Working Group must have current unfulfilled goals and a charter. A Working Group can be  
 277 considered active regardless of whether scheduled teleconferences occur or change requests are  
 278 submitted.

#### 279 **5.4.1 Working Group chair**

280 Eligible Member representatives may chair a Working Group.

- 281 1) The Working Group chair is a member of the parent committee, but may not vote unless  
 282 otherwise eligible. A person may chair or co-chair more than one Working Group.
- 283 2) Working Groups that do not have co-chairs are encouraged to have vice-chairs. If a Working  
 284 Group has a vice-chair, it is the vice-chair's responsibility to serve in the place of the chair  
 285 should the chair be temporarily unable to fulfill the duties and responsibilities required of the  
 286 chair. There are no restrictions on the number of Working Groups that a person may vice-chair.

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<sup>2</sup> Observer roles may exist only if permitted by the Body's Rules of Procedure

- 287 3) Subsequent elections for a Working Group chair follow the process defined in clause 5.8.2.
- 288 4) In the unlikely event that a Working Group chair is unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the
- 289 position and has not resigned, Working Group participants from three separate Leadership
- 290 Members may submit a request to the parent Committee that a new election be held. The
- 291 request must be submitted in writing, either via email or hard copy. The request is then voted in
- 292 the parent Committee. Prior to initiating the request, Working Group members are strongly
- 293 encouraged to attempt to resolve their concerns directly with the Working Group chair.

## 294 5.5 Forums

295 A Body may create Forums. Forums focus on issues in specific areas of the Body's charter. Forums are

296 different from Working Groups in that Forums pursue work that is interesting to a subset of DMTF

297 members and may collect and disperse monies, within the rules and regulations of the [DMTF Bylaws](#),

298 from this subset of the DMTF membership to succeed at their stated mission. As such, membership in a

299 Forum may be restricted to DMTF members who fulfill key requirements like paying special dues or a

300 Forum membership fee. Forums may exist for any purpose within these guidelines and the [DMTF Bylaws](#).

301 Forums are intended to be self-funding (that is, they are responsible for collecting monies to pay for

302 programs or initiatives they seek to deliver), but may request funds from their Parent Body.

303 Forums may still be considered active regardless of whether scheduled teleconferences occur or change

304 requests are submitted. It is necessary that Forums have current unfulfilled goals and charters to exist.

### 305 5.5.1 Forum officers

306 Forums may establish the cadre of officer positions needed to govern; however, each Forum must at

307 least have a chair. Officer positions may include but are not limited to chair, vice-chair, treasurer, or

308 secretary. Leadership Members who pay applicable Forum dues are eligible to be an officer in a Forum.

309 No other categories of membership have the right to be an officer in a Forum. The Forum chair is a

310 member of the sponsoring Committee, but may not vote unless otherwise eligible. The chair is

311 responsible for leading other officers that are elected to the Forum. Officers in a Forum should be elected

312 every two years. In the event that an officer in a Forum resigns or can no longer fulfill the obligations of

313 the office, a new officer is selected according to the process defined in clause 5.8.2.

### 314 5.5.2 Collection of membership dues and fees; accounting services

315 Collection of dues and fees, banking services, and other accounting services are provided to the Forum

316 from DMTF central services. All Forum memberships will align with the DMTF's membership cycle and

317 fiscal year, and follow DMTF's established practices.

### 318 5.5.3 Technical specifications and standards

319 The Technical Committee shall ultimately govern and manage all standards or specifications that a Forum

320 may require.

### 321 5.5.4 Marketing and PR activities

322 Marketing and PR needed to carry out the Forum's objectives are supplied to the Forum through the

323 DMTF Marketing Task Force.

## 324 5.6 Chapters

325 The Executive Committee forms Chapters. Chapters are coordinated through the Regional Chapter Task

326 Force. Chapters focus on issues of concern to specific geographic regions. Membership in a Chapter may

327 be restricted to DMTF members who fulfill key requirements such as paying special dues or a

328 membership fee as defined in the chapter's Rules of Procedure. Chapters are intended to be self-funding

329 (that is, they are responsible for collecting monies to pay for programs or initiatives they seek to deliver),  
330 however they may request funds from their governing Committee.

### 331 **5.6.1 Chapter officers**

332 Chapters may establish the cadre of officer positions needed to govern; however, each Chapter must at  
333 least have a chair. Officer positions may include but are not limited to chair, vice-chair, treasurer, or  
334 secretary. Leadership Members who pay applicable Chapter dues are eligible to be an officer in a  
335 Chapter. A Member may hold only one officer position in any given Chapter. No other categories of  
336 membership have the right to be an officer in a Chapter. The Chapter chair is a member of the sponsoring  
337 Committee, but may not vote unless otherwise eligible. The chair is responsible for leading other officers  
338 that are elected to the Chapter. Officers in a Chapter should be elected every two years. In the event that  
339 an officer in a Chapter resigns or can no longer fulfill the obligations of the office, a new officer is selected  
340 according to the process defined in clause 5.8.2.

### 341 **5.6.2 Collecting membership dues and fees; accounting services**

342 Collection of dues and fees, banking services, and accounting services are provided to the Chapter from  
343 DMTF central services. All Chapter memberships will align with the DMTF's membership cycle and fiscal  
344 year, and follow DMTF's established practices.

### 345 **5.6.3 Technical specifications or standards**

346 The Technical Committee shall ultimately govern, manage, and approve all standards or specifications  
347 that a Chapter may require.

### 348 **5.6.4 Marketing and PR activities**

349 Marketing and PR needed to carry out the Charter's objectives will be developed in coordination with the  
350 DMTF Marketing Task Force.

## 351 **5.7 Task Force**

352 A Task Force may be created by any Body for the purpose of producing any document or proposal to its  
353 Parent Body or to perform any work, as directed by the Parent Body.

354 A Task Force may consist of one or more individuals appointed by the Parent Body; however, they do not  
355 need to be members of the Parent Body. By default, the members of a Task Force are members of the  
356 Parent Body and any participation in the Task Force by members who are not members Parent Body  
357 shall be included deliberately by an approved motion.

358 Task Forces are led by a person appointed by the Parent Body, or may be elected from amongst the  
359 Taskforce membership.

360 Task Forces have no minimum quorum rules and generally shall operate on a consensus basis. Votes, if  
361 required during Task Force issue resolution, require only a simple majority to pass.

362 Task Forces have no standing other than to generate proposals for presentation to their Parent Body.

363 Task Forces may be disbanded at the discretion of the Parent Body.

364 Task Force formation is recorded in the minutes of its Parent Body along with the intended scope and  
365 membership rules.

366 Task Force scope must be contained within the scope of its Parent Body.

367 Operation of a Task Force in all other ways operates the same as any other Body with regard to agenda  
368 and minutes and other procedures.

## 369 **5.8 Common rules and procedures**

370 This clause contains information supporting the prior clauses.

### 371 **5.8.1 Body formation**

372 This clause covers the formation of bodies such as Working Groups and Forums, referred to in this clause  
373 as Body.

- 374 1) Proposals for a new Body can be proposed by any three Leadership Members of the DMTF.  
375 They are brought to the chair of the appropriate Parent Body. A proposal to form the new Body  
376 must be submitted and an interim chair or co-chairs identified (hereafter referred to as "interim  
377 chair"). The interim chair must be a Leadership Member representative. The Parent Body chair  
378 then hosts a discussion with the interim Body chair(s) and the appropriate Parent Body. The  
379 goals of the discussion are to determine whether the work aligns with the strategy and focus of  
380 the DMTF; what existing work is available in the industry; whether cooperative relationships with  
381 standards outside the DMTF might be necessary; and so on. No binding vote need be held. The  
382 proposal goes to the Board for approval.
- 383 2) After the proposal for the new Body is approved by the Board, an announcement is sent to all  
384 Leadership Members by the Committee chair soliciting interested participants to attend one or  
385 more formation meetings or teleconferences. The purpose of these meetings is to craft an initial  
386 charter for the Body (see charter content 5.8.7.1), goals, deliverables, timeline, and Rules of  
387 Procedure (see Rules of Procedure 5.8.10), if applicable. An interim group page is created on  
388 the DMTF web site to facilitate discussion and coordinate meetings. At least three Leadership  
389 Members must express interest to continue to the next step.
- 390 3) The chair of the appropriate Parent Body is responsible for providing insight and observations  
391 about the DMTF, any requested help in anticipating Committee and Board questions and  
392 responses, and answers to procedural questions.
- 393 4) At the conclusion of the meetings, the interim chair submits the proposed initial charter and  
394 Rules of Procedure, if applicable, to the chair of the appropriate Parent Body along with  
395 proposed goals and an initial timeline. In addition, the interim chair must identify at least three  
396 Leadership Members that remain committed to the ongoing work. The Parent Body chair then  
397 verifies the submitted information. If no issues exist, the charter and list of committed  
398 Leadership Members are sent to the Parent Body for Ballot following the normal Ballot process.  
399 The charter and Rules of Procedure go to the Board for approval. Issues with the Body's  
400 proposed charter, Rules of Procedure and list of committed members should be raised in the  
401 initial Ballot and then worked to closure.
- 402 5) After Board approval of the Body's initial charter and Rules of Procedure, the appropriate  
403 Committee chair sends a second announcement to all DMTF members indicating the formation  
404 of the new Body and the timing of its first meeting. At the formation meeting for the Body, the  
405 charter and list of committed members are reviewed (and possibly amended); the chairing  
406 method for the Body is decided (single chair, chair and vice chair, or co-chairs); the official chair  
407 nomination process is started; and work on the deliverables commences. Meeting times for the  
408 new Body should also be discussed and Balloted if agreement during the meeting is not  
409 reached.
- 410 6) At the Body's first meeting, any chairs, vice-chairs, co-chairs or other officers are elected  
411 according to the procedure in clause 5.8.2.

## 412 **5.8.2 Quiescing and reactivating a Body, de-chartering**

### 413 **5.8.2.1 Quiescing**

414 Should a Body become inactive for a period of time or plan to become inactive, the Body may be  
415 quiesced as follows:

- 416 • The Body's chair may make a request to its Parent Committee's chair that the Body be  
417 quiesced. A motion is made to quiesce the Body at the parent Committee and a vote is held.  
418 Upon parent Committee approval, the request is forwarded to the Board for approval.
- 419 • After Board approval, an announcement is sent to all the DMTF members indicating that the  
420 Body is quiesced and the web location of its archived information. Questions regarding the work  
421 and deliverables of the Body can continue to be mailed to the DMTF list through the [Contact](#)  
422 page.
- 423 • If the Body has funds under its management, such as potentially Chapters or Forums, those  
424 accounts shall be settled and any excess shall be returned to the DMTF general fund. No  
425 reserve shall be carried forward.

### 426 **5.8.2.2 Reactivating**

427 Bodies that have been quiesced may be reactivated as follows:

- 428 • Any three Leadership Members shall make a request to reactivate to its Parent Committee.
- 429 • The Parent Committee shall vote. Upon an affirmative vote, the Parent Committee shall identify  
430 an interim chair or co-chairs for the reactivated Body. The interim chair(s) must be a Leadership  
431 Member representative. The proposal goes to the Board for approval.
- 432 • After Board approval, the process starting in section 5.8.1 item 2 shall be follow.

### 433 **5.8.2.3 De-chartering**

434 Any Body that has been inactive for a period of three years shall be de-chartered by an affirmative vote of  
435 the Board at any meeting subsequent to the three-year anniversary of inactivity or at the Board's  
436 discretion. It is not necessary that the Body be quiesced at the time of de-chartering.

437 Previously created and archived materials remain as part of the permanent record; however, for the Body  
438 to become reactivated, a new charter must be created that specifies the continuation of the work of the  
439 previously de-chartered Body.

## 440 **5.8.3 Chair and officer elections**

441 The following clause applies to the selection of chairs, co-chairs, vice-chairs and other officers. No  
442 Member may hold more than one chair or officer position in a particular Body.

### 443 **5.8.3.1 Electing Officer**

444 The Electing Officer shall be the Parent Committee's presiding officer for chair, vice-chair, and co-chair  
445 elections. The Electing Officer for other officers shall be the Body's presiding officer.

### 446 **5.8.3.2 Order of Elections**

447 If the Body's chairing model is single chair or chair and vice-chair, then the election for chair shall occur  
448 before any other election. If the Body's chairing model is co-chair, then the co-chair election shall occur  
449 before any other election.

### 450 5.8.3.3 Election Procedure

- 451 • The Electing Officer announces by email to the Body's mailing list that nominations for the  
452 vacant position(s) are being solicited. Nominations can be submitted at a meeting or by email to  
453 the Electing Officer's alias. Nominations shall be open for a minimum of five business days after  
454 announcement to the Body's email list.
- 455 • At the meeting following the close of the nomination period, the Electing Officer announces the  
456 list of candidates nominated for each vacancy. Candidates may describe their background and  
457 interest in the role. If multiple nominees for a vacancy exist, the winning candidate is selected  
458 through an email Ballot to the Electing Officer's alias. Each Member may vote once for each  
459 vacancy on the Ballot, provided that each vote is for different persons.
- 460 • If only one candidate exists for a vacancy, a default selection is made and announced.  
461 Members may voice objections to the default selection by email to the Electing Officer's alias  
462 within five business days of the announcement. Should an objection be received, an attempt  
463 shall be made to resolve it. If resolution is not possible, then an election shall be held after  
464 another five business day call for nominations. Such election shall be held even though only  
465 one candidate stands. A simple majority of the votes is sufficient to elect the candidate.
- 466 • If multiple candidates exist for a vacancy, then the candidate with a simple majority of the votes  
467 is selected. If no candidate has obtained a simple majority, then there shall be a run-off election  
468 between the two candidates with the most votes. The Electing Officer at the conclusion of each  
469 round of voting shall disclose the total number of votes cast for each vacancy as well as the  
470 number of votes achieved by each candidate.
- 471 • In the case of the simultaneous election of two co-chairs, each Member shall have the  
472 opportunity to cast two votes, each of which must be cast for different persons. Any candidate  
473 that receives a number of votes greater than 50% of the number of Members that cast votes is  
474 elected. If one position remains unfilled, then there shall be a run-off election between the  
475 remaining two candidates that had received the most votes. Should there remain unfilled  
476 positions, then each co-chair shall be voted sequentially and the candidate with a plurality of  
477 votes shall be elected.

### 478 5.8.4 Chair responsibilities

479 This clause covers the responsibilities of a chair, vice-chair, or co-chair.

- 480 • The chair is responsible for acting as the presiding officer for all meetings and ensuring that all  
481 DMTF policies and procedures are followed.
- 482 • The chair is responsible for attending meetings of the Body and providing reports to the Parent  
483 Body.
- 484 • The chair is responsible for informing the Parent Body of the progress, schedule, and status of  
485 the specific technologies or programs under development by the Body and its subordinate  
486 bodies on a monthly basis.
- 487 • As goals, schedules, and deliverables change, the chair is responsible for providing that data for  
488 publication on the Body's public web page by sending the request with all necessary information  
489 through the approvals required of an Informative Document (6) and ultimately to [tc-  
490 support@dmf.org](mailto:tc-support@dmf.org) for publication.
- 491 • The chair is responsible for bringing Body issues to the Parent Body for resolution and Body  
492 deliverables to the Parent Body for forwarding to the DMTF Board through the organization for  
493 publication.
- 494 • The chair is responsible for maintaining email lists and rosters for the Body.
- 495 • The chair is responsible for ensuring that accurate minutes of each meeting are taken and  
496 posted on the "Members Only" web site, together with pertinent documents. If a Body chooses

- 497 to rotate responsibility for recording minutes amongst its participants, each such Member is  
498 required to join in the rotation.
- 499 • The chair is responsible for seeing that meeting attendance is tracked by using the tracking tool  
500 in the Body's area of the web site.
  - 501 • The chair is responsible for ensuring that an accurate record of the status of all specifications  
502 owned by the Body is maintained.
  - 503 • The chair is responsible for ensuring the Body and all subordinate Bodies are operating within  
504 their charters and those charters are up to date.
  - 505 • The chair is responsible for publishing the agenda 72 hours prior to meetings and ensuring that  
506 all collateral material for discussions are published 72 hours prior to meetings.
    - 507 • Collateral material, for the purposes of this document, includes any material that is the  
508 subject of discussion, the subject of an electronic ballot or voice vote or any other  
509 document, presentation or deliverable that is not considered feedback on any such ballot  
510 or vote.
  - 511 • The chair is responsible for declaration of voting results.
  - 512 • The chair is responsible for Alliance Partner Work Register ([DSP4003](#)) responsibilities and  
513 milestones as declared in the Work Registers.
  - 514 • The chair is responsible for ensuring adherence to the DMTF Recording Policy.
  - 515 • The chair is responsible for ensuring that the Body and all subordinate Bodies have a vice-chair  
516 or co-chair that can assume the role of chair upon a vacancy or absence of the chair.
  - 517 • The chair is responsible for coordinating with the DMTF Marketing task force so that press  
518 releases or other distribution of information related to those documents produced by the group  
519 are properly targeted and issued in a timely manner.
  - 520 • The chair shall ensure that an appropriate Body representative capable of knowledgably  
521 addressing issues or questions attend the meeting of a Parent Body that is considering an  
522 action or Ballot on behalf of the Body.

### 523 **5.8.5 Chair vacancy**

524 From time to time, events may result in the temporary absence of the chair, co-chair and/or vice-chair(s)  
525 of a DMTF Body. In this event, the chair of the Parent Body(s) may act in their stead. Additionally, the  
526 DMTF President may fill in temporarily in the absence of all of the Parent Body chairs, co-chairs and vice-  
527 chairs or in the temporary absence of any Vice Presidents and their designated alternates.

528 From time to time, events may result in the necessity for the chair, co-chair or vice-chair of a DMTF Body  
529 to vacate permanently. The following clause indicates circumstances when chair changes are warranted  
530 and how they should be managed:

- 531 1) When the chair, co-chair or vice-chair leaves or changes their relationship with the Leadership  
532 Member that they represent (other than through a merger or buyout), the position held by that  
533 person must be vacated and a new election held; or in the case of a Committee, a new Board  
534 appointment is made.
- 535 2) When a Body changes chairing model, the rules in clause 5.8.6 require that an election be held.
- 536 3) When a Leadership Member is purchased by, or merged with, another Leadership Member and  
537 the co-chairs or the chair and vice-chair now represent the same Leadership Member, one of  
538 the positions must be vacated and a new election held for that position; or in the case of a  
539 Committee, a new Board appointment is made.



- 540 4) If no vice-chair or co-chair has been elected at the time of the vacancy, the chair of the Parent  
541 Body assumes the responsibility until a new election can be completed; or in the case of a  
542 Committee, a new Board appointment is made.

### 543 5.8.6 Chairing model changes

544 Should a DMTF Body deem it necessary to change its chairing model (which can be done any time by  
545 motion in the DMTF Body), the following procedures shall be followed:

- 546 • When a Body with a single chair changes to a model with a chair and a vice-chair, the current  
547 chair maintains the position and an election is held for vice-chair.
- 548 • When a Body with a single chair changes to a model with co-chairs, the current chair maintains  
549 the position and an election is held for the other co-chair.
- 550 • When a Body with a chair and vice-chair changes to a model with a single chair, the current  
551 chair maintains the position and the vice-chair position is eliminated.
- 552 • When a Body with a chair and vice-chair changes to a model with co-chairs, the current chair  
553 maintains the positions, the vice-chair position is eliminated and an election is held for the other  
554 chair.
- 555 • When a Body with co-chairs changes to a model with a single chair, the process is more  
556 complex. If one chair resigns, the other chair maintains the position. Otherwise, the chairs  
557 become interim chairs until an election is held for the single chair seat.
- 558 • When a Body with co-chairs changes to a model with a chair and vice-chair, the process is  
559 more complex. If one chair resigns, the other chair maintains the position. Otherwise, the chairs  
560 become interim chairs until an election is held for the single chair seat. The vice-chair position is  
561 then filled through the normal election process.

### 562 5.8.7 Charters

563 All Bodies must have a Board-approved charter that defines the scope of work to be performed by the  
564 Body. Charter format shall be according to that defined in the [Charter Template](#).

#### 565 5.8.7.1 Charter content

566 Charter scope includes the following:

- 567 • Purpose, technology area, problems to be solved, and anticipated work to be performed.
- 568 • General nature of anticipated deliverables such as specifications, test code, example source  
569 code, schemas or other materials.
- 570 • Parent Body.
- 571 • Disambiguate the nature of the Body from any other DMTF Body.

572 Charter scope does not include the following:

- 573 • Specifically named deliverables
- 574 • Chairs
- 575 • Schedule or time-line

#### 576 5.8.7.2 Initial charter creation

- 577 • Committee charters are set by the Board.
- 578 • The initial charters for other bodies are formed according to the initial charter procedures  
579 described in Body formation (clause 5.8.1).

**580 5.8.7.3 Charter modification**

- 581 • Bodies wishing to change their charters may do so by preparing the proposed new charter and  
582 then obtaining Board approval (clause 6).

**583 5.8.8 Meeting notices, agenda, and materials**

584 Meeting notices shall be posted on the DMTF event calendar. Meeting agenda should be included in the  
585 DMTF event calendar and must be sent to the Body's email list at least 72 hours the meeting. Collateral  
586 material, or the material that is the subject of discussion, shall be posted at least 72 hours prior to the  
587 start of the meeting. Bodies may decide on the frequency and nature (teleconference or face-to-face) of  
588 their meetings.

**589 5.8.9 Rules of Order**

590 DMTF Bodies shall operate according to the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of  
591 Order Newly Revised (RONR) unless those rules are inconsistent with the [DMTF Bylaws](#) or any rules or  
592 processes that are defined in this document.

**593 5.8.10 Rules of Procedure**

594 Bodies may establish additional Rules of Procedure that may apply to themselves, to their child Bodies,  
595 or to both. Rules of Procedure may include specific additional processes that must not be inconsistent  
596 with DMTF Bylaws, policies, or this document. Any Member may escalate a Rules of Procedure that they  
597 believe contradicts DMTF Bylaws, policies, or this document by means of the Escalation Procedure  
598 (clause 5.8.11). All effective Rules of Procedure for any Body must be accessible from the Body's public  
599 facing web page. Rules of Procedure are approved by the Board (clause 6).

**600 5.8.10.1 Financial rules**

601 Forums and Chapters may establish additional fees for the purpose of funding their activities.  
602 Participation in such Bodies may be subject to payment of the fees described in their Rules of Procedure.

603 Approval of contracts, budgets, statements of work and expenses for all DMTF Bodies are subject to  
604 DSP4010 - DMTF Financial Process and Procedures

**605 5.8.10.2 Other rules**

606 The following is a non-exclusive list of the types of items that might be contained in a Body's Rules of  
607 Procedure:

- 608 • Procedures for submitting items for consideration and the forms attendant thereto.
- 609 • Specification of tools to be used for test, document generation, or otherwise in the pursuit of the  
610 Body's Charter.
- 611 • Naming conventions, or other sorts of conventions necessary for the orderly pursuit of the  
612 Body's Charter.

**613 5.8.10.3 Prohibited rules**

614 No Rules of Procedure document may:

- 615 • Violate any provision of the DMTF Bylaws, policies, or this document.
- 616 • Diminish any Member's rights as defined in DMTF Bylaws, policies, or this document, including  
617 those rights that accrue based on their membership level.
- 618 • Include any provision disapproved by the Board through escalation or prior escalation.

**619 5.8.10.4 Rules of Procedure approval**

620 The proposing Body's Parent Committee approves Rules of Procedure.

621 Committee-approved Rules of Procedure go into effect 31 days past approval to permit potential  
622 escalations by objecting Members.

623 After a Member notifies the chair that an objection to a Rules of Procedure document not currently in  
624 effect is being escalated, the proposed Rules of Procedure shall be stayed until the escalation is  
625 complete.

**626 5.8.11 Escalations**

627 When an action taken or not taken by a Body or Member is alleged to be in violation of the policies,  
628 processes, and procedures set forth by the DMTF, Members should attempt to resolve the disagreement  
629 within the Body. If resolution is unsuccessful, the dispute must be documented in the Body's minutes. Any  
630 Member may appeal by means of an escalation. The creation of an escalation results in review of the  
631 situation and resolution by the Parent Body.

**632 5.8.11.1 Responsibilities**

633 When a Member raises an escalation, it is the responsibility of the chair of the Parent Body to place the  
634 issue on the agenda for discussion within the earlier of the next 3 regular meetings or 30 days.

- 635 • The Parent Body chair must inform the originating Body chair and the escalating Member of the  
636 escalation as to when it will be on an agenda for discussion. During that agenda slot, the  
637 originator and origin Body's chair are invited to attend regardless of normal participation rights.

**638 5.8.11.2 Escalation requirements**

639 The complaint should state the nature of the objection(s) in writing, including any direct and material  
640 adverse effects upon the appellants; the relevant clause(s) of the DMTF policies, procedures, or  
641 processes at issue; the actions or inactions at issue; and the specific remedial action(s) that would satisfy  
642 the appellants' concerns.

**643 5.8.11.3 Timeline**

644 An escalation must be raised within 30 days of the contested action.

**645 5.8.11.4 Further escalation**

646 If the Member escalating an issue is dissatisfied by the decision of the Parent Body, the escalation may  
647 be raised to the next level in the organization.

**648 5.8.11.5 Final decisions**

649 Escalations that reach and are decided by the Board of Directors are final.

**650 5.8.12 Voting**

651 The voting processes are designed to be adaptable to the size of the Body, the nature of the question,  
652 and efficiency of operation. In the case where there is a manageable number of voters and the chair is  
653 satisfied that the minimum number of voters necessary for the type of Body are present, a call for  
654 unanimous consent is in order and may be used as determined by the chair. If an objection exists, a vote  
655 is taken.

**656 5.8.13 Vote counting**

657 Vote counting may be by any means that the chair determines will yield an accurate count unless an  
658 incidental motion specifying a particular type of counting has been passed. In no case are abstentions  
659 counted or recorded.

660 Each voting Participation Member or Leadership Member may cast only one vote in any DMTF Ballot  
661 conducted by any means. If a Participation Member or Leadership Member casts more than one vote, the  
662 chair shall select the vote cast by the Primary Voter. If the Primary Voter has abstained and there exists  
663 conflict amongst the votes cast by Alternate Voters, the chair shall discard all votes by the Participation  
664 Member or Leadership Member.

**665 5.8.14 DMTF majority rules**

666 All motions in the DMTF, unless specified herein, require a 2/3 majority of votes cast to pass. In addition,  
667 there shall be a minimum of four votes cast by votes taken by a Committee unless specified by the Board;  
668 all other bodies shall have a minimum of three votes cast. A Body may decide to reduce this majority rule  
669 to those majorities stipulated in RONR by means of a motion to waive the 2/3 rule, which shall pass with a  
670 minimum of a 75% majority.

**671 5.8.15 Motions related to methods of voting**

672 Any member may make an incidental motion to specify a voting mechanism during debate on a question  
673 or at any time until but not after the question on another motion has been stated. This incidental motion  
674 shall require a simple majority to pass (RONR §30).

675 Typical incidental motions include:

- 676 • Motion for an Electronic Ballot q.v.
- 677 • Motion for a standing vote (or show of hands)
- 678 • Motion for a roll-call vote

**679 5.8.16 Requesting another Body to Ballot**

680 Should a vote be solicited of a Body other than the originating Body, such as a Ballot request to a Parent  
681 Body, an email containing all the particulars shall be sent to [Ballot-request@dmf.org](mailto:Ballot-request@dmf.org) requesting that a  
682 Ballot be opened to implement that request.

**683 5.8.17 Electronic Ballots**

684 Because RONR discusses but does not specify the procedures for Electronic Ballots, the rules governing  
685 Electronic Ballots are described herein.

**686 5.8.17.1 Validity**

687 Electronic Ballots have equal weight and validity to other voting mechanisms described in Robert's Rules  
688 of Order Newly Revised.

**689 5.8.17.2 Electronic Ballot lifecycle**

- 690 • A motion that will be decided by Electronic Ballot is made, discussed, and potentially amended.
- 691 • An Electronic Ballot is opened by the chair during, or subsequent to, the meeting.
- 692 • The Electronic Ballot remains open for the time agreed unless extended.
- 693 • Votes may be made or changed until the result is declared.

694 • In the meeting in which the Electronic Ballot is scheduled to close, or subsequent to the  
695 scheduled closure of an Electronic Ballot, but before it is declared, comments may be discussed  
696 and voters may change their votes.

697 • After all vote changes have been made, the chair declares the result.

### 698 **5.8.17.3 Amendments**

699 Motions that are to be decided by Electronic Ballot may only be amended until the question has been  
700 called. The question, as well as any associated references or documents, shall remain static for the  
701 duration of the Electronic Ballot and shall be documented therein.

### 702 **5.8.17.4 Comments**

703 Comments, when appropriate, may be considered at the discretion of the chair whether or not the vote  
704 associated with the comment was counted or if the comment is associated with an abstention. Those  
705 wishing to comment who are not Leadership or Participation Members may do so by means of an  
706 abstention with comment.

### 707 **5.8.17.5 Incorporation of comments**

708 Although comments are encouraged to receive the widest possible review, the question, including  
709 attachments and associated documents, shall not be altered during comment disposition. A new Ballot by  
710 any permitted means is required to approve a question or document with changes that are the result of  
711 comments received during the process of an Electronic Ballot.

### 712 **5.8.17.6 Duration**

713 Electronic Ballots shall be open for a period of no less than 152 hours (six days plus eight hours). An  
714 incidental motion made prior to declaration by any member and agreed to by simple majority may extend  
715 the duration. Implicitly, Electronic Ballots are open until the results are declared in the next meeting of the  
716 Body after the agreed closure time has expired or a meeting scheduled for an interval that includes the  
717 scheduled closure time occurs.

### 718 **5.8.17.7 Closure and declaration**

719 If an Electronic Ballot closes between meetings of the voting Body, the declaration of the Ballot must be  
720 part of the next meeting of that Body. It is recommended that chairs set up the Electronic Ballot to close  
721 during the meeting itself. The following procedures are for closing and declaring the results of the  
722 Electronic Ballot:

- 723 • The early part of the agenda for the voting Body must include an item for closing Electronic  
724 Ballots.
- 725 • The voting Body may discuss any comments made during the Balloting period.
- 726 • Members of the voting Body may either cast or change their existing vote. The responsibility for  
727 recording this change falls upon the chair. The votes shall be recorded in the Electronic Ballot.
- 728 • The chair of the voting Body closes the Electronic Ballot and declares the results.

### 729 **5.8.17.8 Recording of Electronic Ballots**

- 730 • Motions subject to Electronic Ballot are recorded in the minutes of each meeting in which an  
731 action is taken with respect to that Electronic Ballot.
- 732 • The question as well as the decision to perform an Electronic Ballot are recorded in the minutes  
733 of the meeting in which they are made.

- 734 • Incidental motions to extend the closure of an Electronic Ballot are recorded in the minutes of  
735 the meeting in which they are made.
- 736 • The results of an Electronic Ballot are recorded in the minutes of the meeting in which they are  
737 declared.

#### 738 **5.8.17.9 Responsibility to manage**

739 Electronic Ballots shall be opened, managed, and closed by the chair or designee.

#### 740 **5.8.17.10 Identification of Electronic Ballots**

741 Electronic Ballots shall be distinguished from other forms of information gathering, such as preference  
742 polls, requests for comments (RFC), or other informal polls, by starting the text of the question with  
743 “Motion to”; shall state the question upon which the Body is voting; and shall have voting options of yes,  
744 no, and abstain. Any other use of electronic voting facilities shall not be considered Electronic Ballots  
745 under this clause.

#### 746 **5.8.18 DMTF recording policy**

747 DMTF meetings of any Body may not be audio or video recorded under any circumstances:

#### 748 **5.8.19 Minimum requirements for meeting minutes**

749 All meetings of any DMTF body, when that Body has adequate participation to permit decisions, must  
750 result in minutes that record decisions made. The contents of such minutes follow rules established in  
751 RONR 11<sup>th</sup> ed.

##### 752 **5.8.19.1 Meeting minutes format**

753 The preamble to the minutes shall include:

- 754 • The kind of meeting – regular, special, adjourned regular or adjourned special; and
- 755 • The name of the Body; and
- 756 • The date and time (hour) of the meeting; and
- 757 • The location of the meeting in the case of a face-to-face meeting or simply the notation that it  
758 was a teleconference if there was no physical location; and
- 759 • The fact that the regular chair, vice-chair, or co-chair and secretary (minute-taker) were present  
760 or, if not, the name of the persons serving in these capacities; and
- 761 • Whether the minutes of the previous meeting(s), identified by date, were approved as posted or,  
762 if corrected, the notation that they were approved as corrected. Corrections are made in the  
763 minutes of the previous meeting and not detailed in the current minutes.

764 The body of the minutes shall include:

- 765 • A separate paragraph for each subject.
- 766 • The wording of each main motion as adopted or otherwise disposed of, as well as the name of  
767 the mover. The seconder (if any) is not recorded. Motions that are withdrawn are not recorded.  
768 The existence of motions to amend or of debate may be recorded but only parenthetically.
- 769 • If a main motion is disposed of temporarily, then any motions to amend and secondary motions  
770 that adhere to the main motion are recorded that are pending at the time of disposal.

771 The minutes shall end with the hour of adjournment.

772 Significantly more detail is provided in RONR (11<sup>th</sup> ed.) §48.

## 773 **6 DMTF release process, document information, and file formats**

774 Documents are sorted into classes and a procedure is defined in this clause for each class. The classes  
775 are:

- 776 • Normative documents such as:
  - 777 • DMTF Standards
  - 778 • DMTF Informative Standards
  - 779 • Schemata
- 780 • Informative documents such as:
  - 781 • Presentations
  - 782 • White papers
  - 783 • Posters
  - 784 • Software (executable or source code)
  - 785 • Use-cases or requirements
  - 786 • Marketing material for distribution to the DMTF Membership
- 787 • Policy documents such as:
  - 788 • This document
  - 789 • Other documents defining DMTF processes or procedures
  - 790 • Corporate policies
  - 791 • Charters
  - 792 • Body Rules of Procedure
  - 793 • Marketing material for public distribution
  - 794 • Budgets
  - 795 • Contracts and their addenda
- 796 • Source code such as:
  - 797 • Open source projects
  - 798 • Test code
  - 799 • Sample implementations

### 800 **6.1 Overview**

801 The steps in the release process for a normative document are as follows:

- 802 • DSP identifier acquisition (clause 6.2)
- 803 • Development (clause 6.3)
- 804 • Work in Progress (recommended) (clause 6.4)
- 805 • Technical Committee approval (clause 6.6)

- 806       • IP solicitation (clause 6.7) and parallel Board approval (clause 6.8)
- 807       • Publication (clause 6.9)

808 The steps in the release process for an Informative document are as follows:

- 809       • DSP identifier acquisition (clause 6.2)
- 810       • Development (clause 6.3)
- 811       • Work in Progress (recommended) (clause 6.4)
- 812       • Parent Committee approval (clause 6.5)
- 813       • Publication (clause 6.9)

814 The steps in the release process for a Policy document are as follows:

- 815       • DSP identifier acquisition (clause 6.2)
- 816       • Development (clause 6.3)
- 817       • Work in Progress (potential) (clause 6.4)
- 818       • Parent Committee approval (clause 6.5)
- 819       • Board approval (clause 6.8)
- 820       • Publication (clause 6.9)

821 The steps in the release process for Source code are as follows:

- 822       • DR approval (clause [6.2](#))
- 823       • Development (clause 6.3)
- 824       • Parent Committee approval (clause 6.5)
- 825       • Board approval (clause 6.8) for initial release
- 826       • Publication (clause 6.9)

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## 828 **6.2 DSP identifier, acquisition, transfer, disposal**

829 Applies to document classes:

- 830       • Policy documents
- 831       • Normative documents
- 832       • Informative documents

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834 As exceptions, the following documents do not require DSP identifiers:

- 835       • Charters
- 836       • Rules of Procedure
- 837       • Press releases or other marketing collateral
- 838       • Newsletters or other Member communications
- 839       • Posters, brochures, or other graphics for promotional display or distribution



- 840       •    Web pages
- 841       •    Bylaws or any other corporate document or filing
- 842       •    Source code

843 DSP identifiers are used to identify all applicable DMTF documents. At most one editing body may have  
844 ownership of any DSP identifier at a time. A document request (DR 6.2.1) is used to acquire a new DSP  
845 identifier, dispose of one previously acquired but unused, obtain ownership for the document associated  
846 with a DSP identifier, obtain approval of a new schema name, obtain approval for publication of DMTF  
847 material to a non-DMTF location, or to change the document's name or disposition. The Editing Body's  
848 Parent Committee must approve DRs before any work begins in an Editing Body.

### 849 **6.2.1 Document Request (DR) content and format**

850 DRs must be created by using the [DR template](#). The content of this template includes:

- 851 • Chair(s) of the Body requesting the DSP identifier
- 852 • Document Class being requested (Normative, Informative, Policy, Source code)
- 853 • Name of the associated document or artifact
- 854 • DSP identifier if previously issued
- 855 • Name of the Editing Body
- 856 • Date the request began
- 857 • Action requested: Issue DSP identifier | Transfer Ownership | Return DSP identifier | Re-title |  
858 Publication of Source | Publication of Executable | Add New GitHub Repository | Publish GitHub  
859 Repository Publicly
- 860 • Background rationale for the accompanying document
- 861 • Intention to publish or submit to (see clause 6.13)

### 862 **6.2.2 DR preparation and submittal**

863 The Editing Body prepares the DR clearly indicating the action proposed. Once prepared, the DR should  
864 be added to the appropriate group's Document Request folder by the DR owner with a status of "Draft."  
865 Documents added to the Document Request folder are automatically named with the following format:  
866 wgabbrevDR\$docnum.\$revnum.\$extension.

867 DRs shall only be submitted by chairs.

868 DRs shall be shared with the Parent Committee prior to voting in the Parent Committee.

### 869 **6.2.3 DR approval**

870 The Editing Body must vote to approve the DR. Once approved by the Editing Body, the DR document  
871 proceeds to the Parent Committee for approval. Some DRs, such as those that take GitHub repositories  
872 public, also require board approval. After the Parent Committee (or DMTF board if applicable) approves  
873 the DR, the Committee Secretary notifies the Editing Body that the DR is approved, the name of the  
874 document that was approved, and the action taken.

### 875 **6.2.4 DSP Number ranges**

876 DSP identifiers associated with DMTF documents fall into the following ranges:

- 877 • 0001-0999 – Technical Specifications
- 878 • 1000-1999 – Profiles
- 879 • 2000-2999 – White Papers, Technical Notes, and other informational documents
- 880 • 3000-3999 – Working Group Charters
- 881 • 4000-4999 – DMTF Process documents
- 882 • 5000-5999 – Conformance Specifications, test scenarios, and other test-related artifacts.
- 883 • 6000-6999 – Machine Readable Profiles
- 884 • 8000-8999 – Schema Representations
- 885 • IS-0000 - IS-9999 – Informational Specifications

886 DMTF documents that were approved before December 31, 2004, may have DSP identifiers that are  
887 outside of the preceding ranges. When these documents are revised, they must be changed to conform  
888 to these ranges. However, documents should not be revised only for the purpose of placing them in the  
889 appropriate number range.

### 890 **6.3 Development**

891 Applies to document classes:

- 892 • All document classes

893 Prerequisites:

- 894 • DSP Identifier has been issued if required (clause 6.2).
- 895 • A DR has been processed and approved if required (clause [6.2](#)).

896 When an Editing Body is in the process of developing a document, the document shall have a document  
897 status of "Draft" and a confidentiality notation of "DMTF Confidential." A document remains in  
898 development until published.

899 For Source Code, the code shall only be developed in a Body with a charter that allows it. The code  
900 repository shall meet the following requirements:

- 901 • There shall be a Readme declaring the scope of the code. This scope shall be in alignment with  
902 the approved DR.
- 903 • There shall be a Licensing statement that conforms with the DMTF Software Submission  
904 Agreement
- 905 • Source Code should be developed within a Body and shall be managed during DMTF meetings.

### 906 **6.4 Work in Progress**

907 Applies to document classes:

- 908 • All document classes

909 Prerequisites:

- 910 • A document in Development (clause 6.3)
- 911 • A vote in the Editing Body to publish a Work in Progress release

912 Working Groups are encouraged to publish Work in Progress documents early and often. An interval  
913 between publications of Work in Progress documents of three months is considered usual. A Work in  
914 Progress release may contain any degree of change.

### 915 **6.5 Parent Committee approval**

916 Applies to document classes:

- 917 • Informative documents
- 918 • Work in Progress documents
- 919 • Process documents

920 Prerequisites:

- 921 • Work is complete for the candidate document.
- 922 • Substantially all non-deferred issues have been resolved.

- 923       • Editorial review in a manner acceptable to DMTF Admin has been completed.  
924       • A vote in the Editing Body to release the document has passed.

925 Exceptions:

- 926       • Work in Progress documents may have any number of open issues.  
927       • Work in Progress documents do not require editorial review.

928 The Parent Committee Ballots the document for publication to assure that it is within the Editing Body's  
929 scope as defined in the charter, and that process has been followed in its production. Documents with  
930 obvious quality problems may be rejected on that basis.

## 931 **6.6 Technical Committee approval**

932 Applies to document classes:

- 933       • Normative documents  
934       • Source code

935 Prerequisites:

- 936       • Work is complete for the candidate document.  
937       • Substantially all non-deferred issues have been resolved.  
938       • Editorial review in a manner acceptable to DMTF Admin has been completed.  
939       • The Editing Body has voted to release the document.

940 The Technical Committee Ballots the document for publication to assure that it is within the Editing Body's  
941 scope as defined in the charter, and that process has been followed in its production. Documents with  
942 obvious quality problems may be rejected on that basis.

943 All normative document approval Ballots shall be electronic. Normal and usual voting methods for  
944 electronic Ballots are observed (clause 5.8.17).

945 Normative documents presented for Technical Committee review may be, subsequent to Technical  
946 Committee approval, published as a Work in Progress at the discretion of the Technical Committee.

947 When the Technical Committee has approved the normative document, it shall be forwarded directly to  
948 DMTF Admin for publication pending completion of IP Solicitation and Board approval, which should  
949 occur in parallel to the extent possible.

950 Upon request or recommendation of a child body, the Technical Committee may delay the publication  
951 date of a normative document if supporting artifacts or dependent documentation have not yet been  
952 brought to the Technical Committee for approval; the delay shall not exceed a period longer than 90 days.

## 953 **6.7 IP solicitation**

954 Applies to document classes:

- 955       • Normative documents  
956       • Source Code

957 Prerequisites:

- 958       • Technical Committee has approved the document or repository for publication.

959 The Technical Committee shall determine if an IP solicitation is needed on any draft normative document  
960 presented for approval. An IP solicitation is required for any new normative document or initial source  
961 code release and may be indicated if changes made by the Editing Body result in new feature or function.  
962 Changes to Source Code licenses or major source code release shall trigger IP solicitation. The  
963 Technical Committee may decide that no IP solicitation is required if the Editing Body makes such a  
964 recommendation and changes from a previously approved version contain no substantive modifications to  
965 function or feature.

966 The chair of the Technical Committee sends the candidate document and a notice asking for claims of  
967 essential patent rights to the DMTF Membership. The DMTF IP solicitation period closes 30 days after the  
968 notification is sent.

969 If no claims of essential patent rights are received by DMTF Admin upon the expiration of the IP  
970 solicitation period, the document or source code shall then be published.

971 If claims of essential patent rights are received, then DMTF Admin shall halt publication and shall inform  
972 the Technical Committee which shall then follow the steps as defined in the DMTF Patent and  
973 Technology Policy (DMTF Patent and Technology Policy). No publication is permitted until those steps  
974 have been completed.

## 975 **6.8 Board approval**

976 Applies to document classes:

- 977 • Policy documents
- 978 • Normative documents
- 979 • Initial release of Source Code

980 Prerequisites:

981 Parent Committee approval has been achieved.

982 Procedure:

983 The document or associated DR is added to the agenda of the next board meeting. It is the responsibility  
984 of the approving committee chair to assure that the document is raised for a vote at the next board  
985 meeting. The document must be made available to the board in time for a reasonable review prior to the  
986 board meeting.

- 987 • If the board approves the document, it shall be forwarded to DMTF Admin for publication.
- 988 • If the board rejects the document, it shall be returned to the Editing Body with comments, if any.
- 989 • If the board fails to act on the document, it shall be added to the agenda for the next board  
990 meeting in the early part of the agenda.

## 991 **6.9 Publication**

992 Applies to document classes:

- 993 • Policy documents
- 994 • Informative documents
- 995 • Normative documents
- 996 • Source Code

997 The DMTF publication process proceeds after there are no more approvals.

998 The secretary or chair of the final approving body forwards the document to DMTF Admin who then  
999 produces and publishes the final version of the document.

1000 The steps in publication include the following activities.

- 1001 • Pre-publication cleanup
- 1002 Consists of assuring correct front-matter format and content, change of document status and
- 1003 publication date, removal of confidentiality notifications, and removal of the version identification
- 1004 except for Work in Progress releases.
- 1005 • Archiving
- 1006 DMTF Admin will copy the document to a secure location for long-term storage.
- 1007 • If a normative document, and an IP solicitation was required, hold publication until verification of
- 1008 successful completion of the IP solicitation.
- 1009 • Movement to the published document location on the DMTF web site
- 1010 DMTF Admin will publish the document on the DMTF web site or public DMTF GitHub
- 1011 repository.
- 1012 • For Source Code, the code repository shall meet the following requirements:
- 1013 • There shall be a Readme declaring the scope of the code.
- 1014 • There shall be a Licensing statement that conforms with the DMTF Software Submission
- 1015 Agreement.
- 1016 • Developer Certificate of Origin (DCO) shall be enabled.

1017 Specifications are published and a URI is generated for the document according to the document name  
1018 (clause 6.11). The document is then published on the “published documents” page and added to the  
1019 appropriate document directory.

## 1020 **6.10 Front matter, numbering, and versioning for DMTF documents**

### 1021 **6.10.1 DMTF document front matter, headers, footers**

1022 Applies to document classes:

- 1023 • Normative documents
- 1024 • Informative documents
- 1025 • Policy documents

1026 Exceptions:

- 1027 • Charters
- 1028 • Rules of Procedure
- 1029 • Press releases or other marketing collateral
- 1030 • Newsletters or other Member communications
- 1031 • Posters, brochures, or other graphics for promotional display or distribution
- 1032 • Web pages
- 1033 • Bylaws or any other corporate document or filing
- 1034 • Marketing materials

1035 DMTF documents must begin with a front page that shall contain the following information. These items  
 1036 are included in the document template.

- 1037 • Title
- 1038 The title of the document as registered when the DSP identifier was obtained.
- 1039 • DSP identifier
- 1040 This must be the DSP identifier obtained according to the policy described in clause 6.2.
- 1041 • Version number
- 1042 This version number must comply with the guidelines in clause 6.11.
- 1043 • Date
- 1044 This must be the effective date of the document.
- 1045 • Logo
- 1046 A DMTF logo should be included on the title page.
- 1047 • Document Class
- 1048 "Policy," "Normative," or "Informative."
- 1049 • Document Status
- 1050 "Draft," "Work in Progress," "Candidate Specification" or "Published."
- 1051 • Document Disclaimer if any
- 1052 In the case of DMTF Works in Progress it shall be:

1053 "IMPORTANT: This document is not final. It does not necessarily reflect the views of the DMTF or its  
 1054 members. Because this document is a Work in Progress, this document may still change, perhaps  
 1055 profoundly and without notice. This document is available for public review and comment until  
 1056 superseded."

- 1057 • Documents Superseded, if any
- 1058 • Document Language
- 1059 • "DMTF Confidential" label for all DMTF documents prior to public release by DMTF

1060 Page 2 of the document shall contain the following information:

- 1061 • DMTF Copyright Notice
- 1062 • DMTF Patent Policy Notice (DMTF Patent and Technology Policy)
- 1063 • Notice that "The English version of this specification is the only normative version"
- 1064 • Notice that all feedback or comment is to be provided through the DMTF Feedback Portal
- 1065 <http://www.dmtf.org/standards/feedback>

1066 Page headers shall contain:

- 1067 • DSP identifier
- 1068 • Document Title

1069 Page footers shall contain;

- 1070 • Page number
- 1071 • Confidentiality notation
- 1072 "DMTF Confidential" unless published as final or as a Work in Progress
- 1073 • Status
- 1074 "Draft," "Work in Progress," or "Published"

- 1075       • Version number

## 1076   **6.10.2 Exception for non-display formats**

1077   Non-display formats such as XML files, source codes, and other machine-readable formats shall contain  
1078   a comment or a file within its collection that contains the same information as in 6.10.1 above; however,  
1079   the DMTF Logo is optional.

## 1080   **6.11 Document numbering and versioning, and filenames**

### 1081   **6.11.1 Normative, Informational and Draft Versioning**

1082   Versioning of DMTF documents takes the form *m.n.u*[*d*], where:

1083       *m*   represents the major version identifier in numeric form. This number starts at 1 for new  
1084       documents. A change in this number representing an update to the document indicates that the  
1085       document contains changes that are not compatible with prior versions.

1086       *n*   represents the minor version identifier in numeric form. This number starts at 0 for new  
1087       documents. A change in this number representing an update to the document indicates that the  
1088       document contains changes that are compatible with prior versions.

1089       *u*   represents the update (errata or coordination changes) in numeric form. This number starts at 0  
1090       for new documents. A change in this number representing an update to the document indicates  
1091       that the document contains changes that are corrections to errors in prior versions or changes  
1092       in coordination with other documents. This digit may not be changed for Work in Progress  
1093       documents.

1094       *dd*   represents the draft level in alphabetic form. This indicator is required for DMTF draft  
1095       documents.

1096   Updated versions of documents must have one of these digits or letters changed from prior versions in  
1097   increasing order; gaps in the order are permitted.

1098   Published documents are represented using only numeric entries (for example, 2.1.0 or 2.2.1).

1099   All DMTF document in draft status must have the draft level identified. Any references to the specification  
1100   version must include the alpha identifier (*dd*) appended to the identifying version number. Drafts are  
1101   denoted starting with a single alpha character and, if necessary, progressing to two-letter notation: a, b, c  
1102   ... x, y, z, aa, ab...zz.

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### 1104   **6.11.2 Work in Progress Versioning**

1105   Versioning of DMTF Work in Progress documents shall adhere to the format defined in the following  
1106   table:

Published File Name	Description of Approximate Stage of Development
DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.01-29	First draft with outline and initial text
DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.30-49	Base features complete, major updates expected
DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.50-59	Most major additions complete, minor changes expected



<b>DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.60-89</b>	All major release features included, solicitation for feedback advertised
<b>DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.90-98</b>	All major release features complete, minor updates remaining
<b>DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP.99</b>	Complete in final review and ready for standard or informational release
<b>DSPXXXX_1.0.0WIP</b>	Co-released when a completed document is currently in the approval process

1107 WIP artifacts are released at the discretion of the editing body. The editing body shall determine the WIP  
 1108 version based on the approximate developmental stage of the WIP artifact. Editing bodies are not  
 1109 required to release WIP versions at each stage. The component pieces of a WIP.zip bundle shall reflect  
 1110 the WIP version of the bundle where possible.

1111 **6.11.3 File names**

1112 The filename for published DMTF documents should use this format:  
 1113 "DSP"<4 digit document number>"\_ "<m>"."<n>"."<u>"WIP."<WIPNUM>"-"<t>"."<file extension>" where:

- 1114 **WIPNUM** is the Work in Progress designation assigned by the authoring body
- 1115 **t** is the two letter ISO language identifier as specified in ISO 639-1:2002.

1116 The language identifier, **t**, and the preceding “-“ may be omitted in English-language normative  
 1117 documents but are required for all translations..

1118 Additionally, this information must be embedded inside the specification itself. When specifying the  
 1119 document number for DMTF specifications numbered below 1000, the leading zero must be specified.  
 1120 For example, "DSP0825\_1.0.0.pdf" is correct, while "DSP825\_1.0.0.pdf" is not.

1121 **6.12 Accepted file formats**

1122 DMTF sources should be in one of the formats indicated in Table 2.

1123 **Table 2 – Accepted source formats**

Source Type	Approved Formats
MOF	UTF-8 text format (.txt)
UML	XML (.xmi)
Diagrams	Visio (.vsd, vsdx), SVG (.svg), ODF (.odg) or PlantUML (.puml)
Presentations	PowerPoint (.ppt, pptx), Visio (.vsd, .vsdx), or ODF (.odp)
Specifications	Word (.doc, .docx), ODF (.odt), Hypertext (.html, .htm), UTF-8 or UTF-16 text format (.txt), or Markdown (.md)
Text	Text (.txt)
Web	Hypertext (.html, .htm)
Image	JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg), Raster (.eps, .png,) Vector (.svg)
Source Code	Varies per programming language
Internal Document	Excel (.xlsx, .xls) Word (.doc, .docx) PowerPoint (.ppt, .pptx) Markdown (.md)

1124 Note that source for graphical representations of UML or for class or instance diagrams can be either XML  
1125 or Visio.

1126 The Editing Body must submit DMTF documents for approval in a format indicated in Table 3. The Editing  
1127 Body must also provide access to the document source.

1128 **Table 3 – Permitted published formats**

Artifact Type	Approved Formats
Source Code and other machine readable artifacts	UTF-8 text, or as required
UML	PDF
Specifications, DMTF Standards, White Papers, Technical Notes	PDF and HTML
Bundled Schema, Mockups, Informational Specification Bundles	ZIP (.zip - may contain .pdf, .xml, .yaml, .json, .bin, .map)

1129 Supplemental information may be provided in HTML (for example, hyperlinked MOF documentation),  
1130 UTF-8 text format (for example, XML MOF rendering), PDF, Visio, or as appropriate for the intended use.

1131 Published artifacts or collections of artifacts, may be provided in compressed (.zip) format for download  
1132 convenience.

## 1133 **6.13 Document disposition**

1134 DMTF documents, after reaching their final approval at either the Board or the Committee levels, are  
1135 usually published through the DMTF web site. Some circumstances require that DMTF documents be  
1136 released in an alternate manner instead of, or in addition to, publication on the DMTF web site, for  
1137 example, when a document is released to another entity. This clause describes the requirements and  
1138 methods for the dispensation of documents.

### 1139 **6.13.1.1 Submission and transfer**

1140 When the document is intended to be either transferred or submitted to another organization, the  
1141 document needs to have a statement regarding the nature of the submission or transfer and a statement  
1142 about copyright grant. This statement can be either a part of the document or a separate document, such  
1143 as a cover letter. An IP disclaimer should be included if the document is a specification. When the  
1144 document is source code, an open source license conformant with DMTF policy should be included in the  
1145 source. If included, the document is subject to approval by DMTF legal counsel before release.

1146 Documents intended to be published by, submitted or transferred to another organization are subject to  
1147 DMTF Board approval regardless of Document Type and Final Document Status, with the exception of  
1148 informational presentations to be presented at public forums such as conferences and symposiums. A  
1149 DR should be prepared that contains the appropriate information about the request and then taken  
1150 through the process as defined in clause 6.2 prior to DMTF Board approval.

### 1151 **6.13.2 Availability of document versions and obsolescence**

1152 The release of a new version of a specification, white paper, or document does not make previous  
1153 versions obsolete. Versions become obsolete when the market no longer requires them. The underlying  
1154 goal is upward compatibility between versions. This goal should be approached with caution because  
1155 maintaining upward compatibility between versions may not always be possible.

1156 Updates to a specification, white paper, or document are submitted to the Editing Body. Each  
1157 specification must contain a change history. (For graphical documents, such as UML diagrams, that are  
1158 not conducive to including a change history, this history is included in the MOF file.) The status of these  
1159 documents must be indicated as “Work in Progress,” “Informational,” “DMTF Draft Standard,” or “DMTF

1160 Standard.” A change log and completed Change Request forms must be maintained for all specifications,  
1161 white papers, and documents.

1162 Specifications and other documents that have reached a level of maturity where they are no longer  
1163 actively being updated should be posted to a clause of the DMTF web site dedicated to “historical”  
1164 documents. The web site must contain information indicating that this specification is still relevant to the  
1165 industry but new versions should not be expected. Specifications that are greater than five years old and  
1166 are DMTF Standard should be reviewed by the owning Parent Committee annually to see if they should  
1167 be moved to this portion of the web site, but the URL to the document should not change. Previous  
1168 versions of MOF Schema that are greater than two years old may fall into the “historical” category and  
1169 should be treated appropriately. Note that the URI of the document should remain persistent (remain the  
1170 same over time) to allow other specifications to reference DMTF Standards.

## 1171 **7 Issue resolution**

### 1172 **7.1 Issue resolution process**

1173 During the normal course of document development or approval, issues may be raised against  
1174 documents. It is expected that all issues shall be resolved or addressed before the issue is closed. Issues  
1175 may be raised by members of the Editing Body in committee or during Ballot, by Parent Bodies during  
1176 review or approval, during the IP solicitation phase of document approval, or by external entities for  
1177 Works in Progress.

#### 1178 **7.1.1 Issue tracking and recordkeeping**

1179 All issues reported shall be recorded and the record kept as part of the Editing Body’s permanent records.  
1180 The record shall contain the following minimum information:

- 1181 • Date issue was reported
- 1182 • Issue reporter
- 1183 • Issue description
- 1184 • Date issue was resolved
- 1185 • Resolution description
- 1186 • Document revision containing resolution
- 1187 • Evidence that the issue reporter has accepted the resolution in the case of an external reporter

#### 1188 **7.1.1.1 Recordkeeping mechanism**

1189 Any method may be used to track issues. The DMTF provides a number of tools that may be used;  
1190 however, any method that is persistent and that may be archived can be utilized.

#### 1191 **7.1.2 Editing Body final decisions**

1192 Issues are decided according to voting rules defined herein (clause 5.8.14). In the case that a reporter  
1193 does not agree with the issue resolution as proposed by the editing Body and provides a rationale that  
1194 may be considered new information, a simple majority vote in the Editing body may be performed to re-  
1195 open the issue. Should that simple majority vote fail, the resolution of record may be considered final.

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## 1200 **8 DMTF Management Initiatives**

1201 “Management Initiative” is a term used to describe a set of activities, specifications, or documents that  
1202 address a domain of DMTF organizational emphasis. Management Initiatives may be proposed by any  
1203 Member, but are reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors due to the anticipated strategic  
1204 importance and commitment of resources of such initiatives.

- 1205 • Management Initiatives must have technical components involving one or more Bodies.
- 1206 • Management Initiatives must have requirements for messaging or technical evangelism to  
1207 promote the Management Initiative for the mutual benefit of the DMTF membership.
- 1208 • Proposals for new Management Initiatives are presented to the Board and are enacted when  
1209 approved. Proposals should include the reason why it is a particularly good opportunity for the  
1210 DMTF, the activities expected, a schedule, and any anticipated budget impact.

### 1211 **8.1 Management Initiative coordination**

1212 The Board may appoint a lead for the purpose of coordinating each Management Initiative. If no lead is  
1213 appointed, the Marketing Taskforce shall coordinate all messaging components with the chairs of the  
1214 participating Bodies.

## 1215 **9 Information access**

1216 A policy of the DMTF is to have stable information available to its members. Body members are entitled to  
1217 have access to any pertinent data related to the decisions and operations of the team.

### 1218 **9.1 Web posting**

1219 It is the responsibility of the chairs to ensure that all of the data required for the work of the team is made  
1220 available to all participants. Chairs accomplish this by posting to the Body’s web page in the "Members  
1221 Only" clause of the DMTF web site.

### 1222 **9.2 Email lists**

1223 The DMTF maintains email lists for each Body for distributing information to its members. The email lists  
1224 are for the internal use of the Body’s members in support of their development or marketing activities.  
1225 These lists are not for general dissemination of information.

### 1226 **9.3 Information restriction**

1227 The restriction of unpublished information to a Body and those that are necessary to approve publication  
1228 is to protect the DMTF and all its members from partial ideas or incomplete or inaccurate information  
1229 taken out of context. Participants understand the history and context of this internal information.

### 1230 **9.4 Information dissemination**

1231 Members are permitted to disseminate unreleased DMTF information within their organization as long as  
1232 the information is marked as "DMTF Confidential." Confidential information should not be redistributed to  
1233 any non-member without the permission of the DMTF Board of Directors.

### 1234 **9.5 Document information**

1235 Document information is generally disseminated through the DMTF web site, and the members are  
1236 informed of document updates through the DMTF newsletter or other means. Access to the published  
1237 document web pages is open to anyone.

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## Change log

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Version	Date	Description
1.0.0	2013-10-22	Consolidated DSP4002 and DSP4004, normalized some duplicate language, re-wrote electronic voting rules to tighten, clarify, and bring into conformance with RONR
1.0.1	2013-10-29	Corrected vote counting to "votes cast"
1.1.0	2014-03-20	Policy change on publication and expiration of WIP documents Forums may be formed by any Body Process defined for returning DSP identifiers DR form removed from DSP4014 Member level roles and rights clarified. Eliminated Sponsored Member
2.0.0	2014-10-31	Removed Technical Committee specific processes, Removed subcommittees Simplified issue tracking requirements Moved DSP number ranges Added requirements for meeting minutes Prohibited audio or video recording Defined Task Forces replacing Subteams Defined new Document Release process Defined regular means to quiesce, re-activate, and de-charter Bodies
2.1.0	2015-02-13	Changed order of document approval and IP solicitation at the Technical Committee Added an Observer role
2.2.0	2015-08-06	Added once more a board vote on specification releases
2.3.0	2015-12-10	Added DSP4010 to the list of referenced documents Updated clauses 5.8.10.1 (Financial rules) and 6.5 (Parent Committee approval)
2.4.0	2016-05-31	Added ability to publish DMTF material on non-DMTF locations. Clarified process around such publication.
2.5.0	2016-08-01	Clarified ability for academic members to observe in DMTF bodies, including Forums.
2.6.0	2016-11-18	Clarified roles and responsibilities. Cleaned up the introduction for consistency.
2.6.1	2017-08-09	Updates to the document disposition clause.
2.7.0	2019-06-25	Normative documents may be released as WIP in parallel with IP solicitation. Upon request of a child body, the TC may delay the publication of an approved document by no more than 90 days. Editorial fixes and corrections.
2.7.1	2020-04-07	Editorial fix

Version	Date	Description
2.8.0	2021-05-15	Added WIP versioning format changes Added zip as accepted file format Added GitHub Repository actions Added Source code as a document class and modified release process to account for the new designation
2.9.0	2021-06-29	Updated the amount of time in which the agenda and meeting notices must be published Added a description for collateral material as it relates to this document
2.10.0	2021-12-14	Updated the software release process to include open source projects started in the open Added SVG files as a valid diagram format Clarified Task Force participation
2.11.0	2022-04-08	Updated the process for reactivating a working body
2.12.0	2022-05-17	Defined terms “Leadership Member” and “Participation Member”
2.13.0	2023-10-13	Added .puml as accepted source format. Cleanup of 6.12 Table 2 source format files and extensions.

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