FDC3 Participant (as used in the [Use Case Acceptance Guidelines](https://finosfoundation.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/FDC3/pages/365232129/Use%2BCase%2BAcceptance%2BGuidelines) document) is defined as someone working with :

* A **Member** of the FDC3
* Financial industry **firm**.
* **Application Providers**supplying end-user Applications to the Financial Industry.
An example might be ChartIQ.
Their applications will typically be run at multiple companies, all of whom are running the same code.
* **Platform Providers** supplying services to developers producing end-user Products/Applications.
Examples might be companies like OpenFin, Glue42 and Plexus.
These platforms are often not visible to the User but they are used to make the production of FDC3 compliant applications easier.

For a further detailed definition of Application Providers and Platform Providers, [see Implementors section on the FDC3 Compliance document.](https://fdc3.finos.org/docs/1.0/fdc3-compliance%22%20%5Cl%20%22personas)

Valid FDC3 Personas are used to introduce a use case, typically using the words 'As a <persona> ...'. Valid Persona for FDC3 UCs are:

* A **User** running applications on a desktop
* A **Technologist** enabling a **User** to run applications.  A Technologist could be:
	+ - **In-House Developers** and Architects and Business Analysts (BAs) producing in-house applications the users run.
		The people are often working in-house either as employees or consultants.
		A key differentiator is that their applications are typically only used in one company
		- **Developers** and Architects and BAs working for either Application Providers or Platform Providers in the service of enabling a **User** workflow.
		- **CTOs**, **BA**s, and other enablers of **Users's**business needs.