

# Proposal - FDC3 Standard WG

## Problem Statement / Objectives

- Too many meetings and fragmentation
- Use cases are not getting integrated into the standards process
- Need to maintain focus on regular updates to the standard

## Solution:

- Eliminate existing working groups
- Replace with a single, permanent, working group - working title: *FDC3 Standard WG*
- Leverage ad hoc groups to focus around specific topics outside the scope of setting standards (example code, docs, etc)

## The Standard WG

This working group would have the specific purpose of defining and releasing subsequent updates to the standard.

The group will meet once a month (Thursdays in the usual slot) and have an open participation model - like existing WGs.

## New Releases / Standards Lifecycle

1. At the beginning of a release cycle, the WG will draft a statement of intent for the next FDC3 release.
2. Any non-trivial change to the standard will require a proposal submitted to the WG as pull request - in markdown format - to the (new) *drafts* directory of the FDC3 project.
3. Draft proposals MUST include business justification / documented use cases that provide the context and objective for the proposed change.
  - a. A template draft should be set up by the working group
4. If approved and merged, the draft proposal will then be translated into a PR against the technical spec.
  - a. This technical PR will then go through the normal debate, approved/rejected by the WG

5. Drafts can also be rejected (not merged) or approved as drafts but deferred. Deferred drafts would live in the drafts section of the FDC3 repo and provide a record that can then be picked up later.
6. Once the final scope and content of the release is decided by the WG and all changes/additions are drafted, the WG will vote to ratify. This vote is then finalized by the PMC after an RFC period (as current practice).