

Working Group Charter

This Working Group Charter establishes the Scope and intellectual property terms used to develop the materials identified in this Working Group Charter for the Project. Only Project Steering Members, Associates, and Contributors that Joined the Working Group will be bound by its terms and be permitted to participate in this Working Group.

1. Working Group Name. **Sidetree Development & Operating Group**

2. Working Group Scope.

- Develop and maintain the official Sidetree protocol specification.
- Develop and maintain the official Sidetree protocol test suite.
- Work to ensure protocol adherence across different implementations.
- Serve as a hub of coordination for Sidetree-based DID Method node operators.
- Host development and maintenance of libraries, tooling, and documentation to aid Sidetree-based DID Method node operators.
- Host development and maintenance of Resolver packages for Sidetree-based DID Method implementations.
- Provide a framework for handling any security issues and CVE responses.

Out of scope

- Development of higher-level protocols, including authentication, credential management (exchange, issuance, etc.), and other uses of the protocols and code that extend beyond DID Method implementations.
- Modification of the processes, protocols, and code to address subjective beliefs, jurisdiction-specific issues, or proprietary business needs.
- Establishment of governance mechanisms for the core protocol, Sidetree-based DID Method implementations, and operation of Sidetree-based DID Method networks that position the Group as a central body with exclusive authority over users, implementers, and operators of these technologies.

3. Copyright Policy. Each Working Group must specify the copyright mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The copyright mode for this Working Group is:

- Creative Commons Attribution 4.0, as set forth in Appendix A,

4. Approved Deliverable Patent Licensing. Each Working Group must specify the patent mode under which it will operate prior to initiating any work on any Draft Deliverable or Approved Deliverable other than source code. The patent mode for this Working Group is:

- W3C Mode, as set forth in Appendix A,

The assurances provided in the selected patent mode are binding on the Working Group Participant's successors-in-interest. In addition, each Working Group Participant will include in any documents transferring ownership of patents subject to the assurance provisions sufficient to ensure that the commitments in the assurance are binding on the transferee, and that the transferee will similarly include appropriate provisions in the event of future transfers with the goal of binding each successor-in-interest.

5. Source Code. Working Group Participants contributing source code to this Working Group agree that those source code contributions are subject to the Developer Certificate of Origin version 1.1, available at <http://developercertificate.org/>, and the license indicated below. Source code may not be a required element of an Approved Deliverable specification.

- Apache 2.0, available at <http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html>.

6. **Non-Working Group Participant Feedback and Participation.** Upon the Approval of the Working Group Participants, the Working Group can request feedback from and/or allow Non-Working Group Participant participation in a Working Group, subject to each Non-Working Group Participant executing the Feedback Agreement set forth in DIF Feedback Agreement
7. By executing this Membership Agreement, I agree to be bound by this Membership Agreement, the Project Charter, and the terms of the Working Groups I Join.

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