

# 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, as applicable, that Joined Working Group Charter will be bound by its terms and be permitted to participate in this Working Group.

1. Working Group Name. **DID Methods WG**.

2. Working Group Scope. Create specifications to standardize an initial set of commonly used DID methods and develop strategies for collaborative, scalable, self-help standardization of DID methods more broadly.

Working Group activities include:

- Identify and document criteria for selection of an initial set of DID methods of strategic importance. This could include selection of useful and/or promising methods from among web-based, ephemeral, and decentralized DID methods.
- Develop specifications, conformance criteria, test suites, interoperability guidelines, security requirements, and privacy requirements for the selected DID methods.
- Contribute specifications to external standards bodies (such as W3C) for further standardization where appropriate.
- Identify mechanisms and recommendations to assist standardization of DID methods more broadly, including identifying categories for grouping DID methods to facilitate cross-cutting standardization efforts.
- Engage with standards groups and organizations interested in DID Method creation and standardization to foster ecosystem collaboration.

Out of Scope

- Standardization of DID methods not selected for the initial set of commonly used methods.
- Creation of new DID methods beyond those identified for standardization.
- Modification of the core DID and DID Resolution specifications (which is under the purview of the W3C DID Working Group).
- Development of applications or services that use DIDs (beyond what's necessary for testing and validation).
- Standardization of Verifiable Credentials or other identity-related specifications not directly related to DID methods.
- Creation of new cryptographic algorithms or protocols.
- Regulatory compliance assessment or advice regarding the use of DIDs or specific DID methods.

Additional details set forth in the Working Group Operating Agreement.

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,

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- W3C Mode, as set forth in Appendix A,

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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.

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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

By making a Contribution to this Working Group or adding its name to this Working Group's member list, the member agrees to the terms of this Working Group Charter.