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# Membership has its privileges

How software developers, nonprofits and government agencies use the PDF Association





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#### The PDF Association

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- A non-profit organization based in Berlin, Germany "Association for Digital Document Standards" (ADDS)
- 111 commercial and 31 individual members from 22 countries (April, 2018)
- 20 non-profit organizations, including the Library of Congress and the US National Archives and Records Administration, are "liaison members"
- The meeting-place of the PDF industry and the learning-place for developers implementing PDF technology





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#### The PDF Association's mission

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# "To promote the adoption and implementation of International Standards for PDF technology."





# International standards for PDF technology

- ISO 15930 (PDF/X)
- ISO 19005 (PDF/A)
- ISO 24517 (PDF/E)
- ISO 32000 (PDF)
- ISO 14289 (PDF/UA)
- ISO 16612-2 (PDF/VT)
- More coming soon!

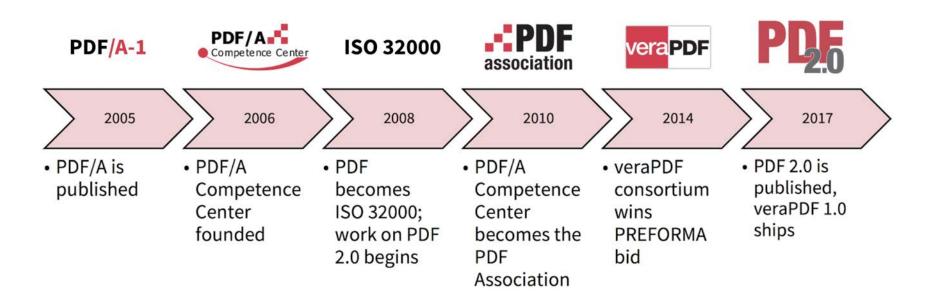






# International standards for PDF technology

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# Supporting adoption and implementation

- Technical Working Groups
- Technical notes
- Application notes
- Test Suites
- Reference Suites
- Best-practice documents
- Technical conferences
- Participation in ISO committees
- Open-source validation software







# How non-profits and gov. agencies use the PDF Association

- Stay up-to-date on developments in core technologies
- Make proposals for specifications or advisory content specific to their domains
- Develop informal liaisons with industry members to address their questions
- Seek expert opinion on matters relating to PDF technology
- Find partners for software projects (e.g. veraPDF)

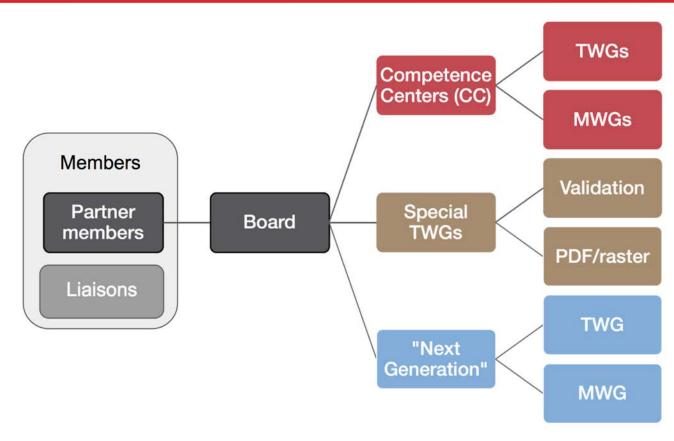






# Organization structure

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# Organization activities

- Technical
  - Standards drafts and comments
  - Interop workshop(s)
  - Publications (for developers)
- Marketing
  - Events
  - Movies
  - Publications (for users)
  - Specialized marketing initiatives
  - Platform for members' commercial and educational content





## Tour of the PDF Association's online presences

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#### Social Media YouTube Website Intranet Jira Articles ISO drafts Interop Session videos LinkedIn workshop Publications Working Group Meeting Groups meetings and ISO comments recordings Xing News (private) minutes (coming soon) Member Facebook profiles, Twitter products, content





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## PDF Association website for members

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- Company description
- Products and services
- White papers
- Company and product news
- Educational events and
- Thought-leadership

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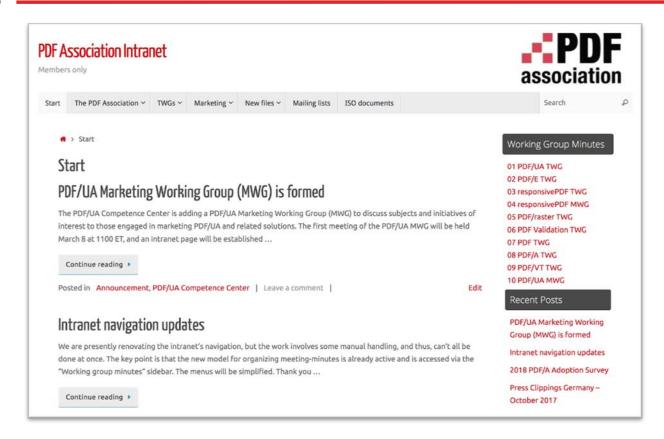
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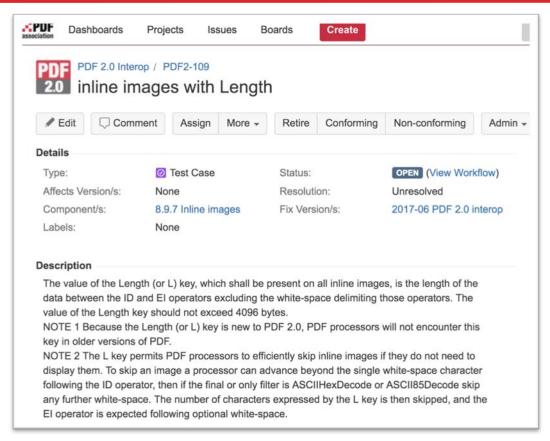






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**Technical Conference North** America 2013

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PDFA Day, Seattle - August 16, 2013

**PDF Technical Conference** 2015

PDF Accessibility Days 2015, Copenhagen/Denmark

PDF/UA Workshop - 10. Juni 2015 - Köln

PDF Days Europe 2015



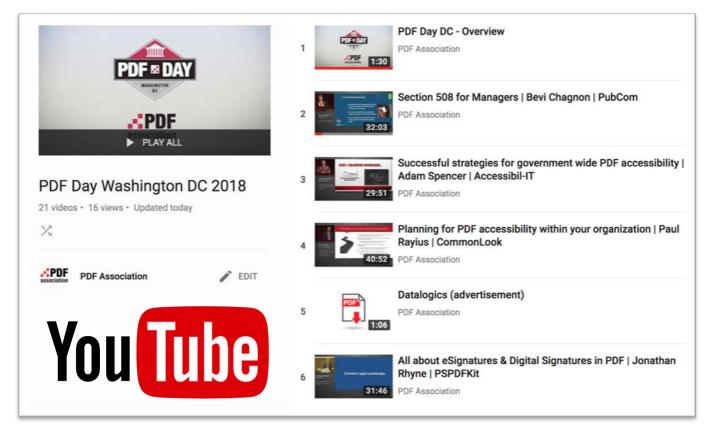
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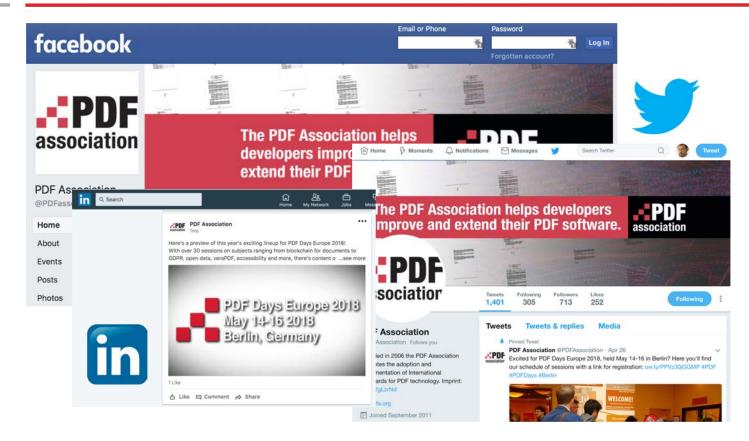






#### PDF Association social media

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# Organization governance

- Members
  - Participate in Working Groups
  - Elect Board of Directors
- Working Groups
  - Self-organizing to produce formal content
  - Staff provides: logistical and publishing support
- Partner members
  - Review formal content developed by Working Groups
  - Eligible for invitation to the Board of Directors
- Board of Directors
  - Establishes policies and procedures
  - Determine activities and priorities







# Membership benefits: technical

- Technical resources for developers and product managers
- A vendor-neutral meeting-place to discuss shared interests
- Participation on an equal footing in industry working groups
- Mechanisms to develop common understandings







# Membership benefits: marketing

- A 3rd party "dot org" identity
- Industry-oriented activities
- Opportunities to demonstrate leadership
- Vendor-neutral information to support the marketplace and lift all boats







# Getting stuff done

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- Company and product listings on pdfa.org
- Accessing the intranet and Jira
- Leading and participating in Working Groups
- Membership in Google Groups
- Membership in LinkedIn Groups
- Sponsorship and speaking at events
- Publishing articles on pdfa.org





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# What's coming soon!

- Interop Workshop 24/7/365
- Jira-based commenting on ISO specifications
- New procurement and decisionmaker -oriented content
- More movies and webinars
- Editorial calendar







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# Time to hear from you!

- What works about the PDF Association?
- What would you like to see?
- What could be done better?
- What should be abandoned?
- What MUST be done better, or else?









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# Thank you! Any questions?

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