

Whereas, it is the intention of OIDF to make its Specifications broadly available is evidenced throughout the OIDF documentation, including:

Section 1 of the OIDF Contribution Agreement which provides that “OIDF intends to make Specifications (defined in the OpenID Intellectual Property Rights Policy) broadly available for implementation by others without a fee. . .”

And the “Intellectual Property and Contribution Agreements” tab on the OIDF website, in which the following statement is made:

One of the jobs of the OpenID Foundation is to ensure that OpenID specifications are freely implementable. As Brad Fitzpatrick (the father of OpenID) said, *“Nobody should own this. Nobody’s planning on making any money from this. The goal is to release every part of this under the most liberal licenses possible, so there’s no money or licensing or registering required to play. It benefits the community as a whole if something like this exists, and we’re all a part of the community.”*

And the OIDF local chapter policy, which provides that:

Chapters must agree that any intellectual property or trademarks developed or held by the Chapter must be freely available for use to the OpenID Community. . .

And Whereas, OIDF has received comments from developers, implementers and others suggesting that it would be helpful to make the OIDF licensing provision more explicit, providing OIDF with the opportunity to set forth a more affirmative expression of its intention to make its specification broadly available for reference and use by the developer and implementer community.

Therefore, it is resolved, that the following statement be appended to each OIDF Implementers Draft and Final Specification:

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