

3.2.8 Finalization and Revision

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Any specification adopted by OMG, by any mechanism, whether through an RFP or otherwise, is subject to finalization.

A Finalization Task Force (FTF) is chartered by the Technical Committee that recommended the specification. The FTF corrects problems reported by early users of the published specification.

The FTF first collaborates with OMG's Technical Editor to prepare a cleaned-up version of the Alpha Specification by removing submission-specific material. This cleaned-up version is the Beta 1 specification, which OMG makes publicly available on its website.

The FTF then works through the list of bug reports (issues) submitted by users of the Beta 1 specification. The FTF produces a Finalization Report and another Beta specification, usually Beta 2, which becomes a candidate for formal publication.

Once endorsed by the Architecture Board and adopted by the relevant Technical Committee and Board of Directors, OMG publishes the specification as the final Formal Specification.

Long-term maintenance of OMG specifications is handled by a sequence of Revision Task Forces (RTFs). Each RTF is chartered to address residual problems in the most recently published version of the specification.

For full details, see Policies and Procedures Section 4.4 [P&P].

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