

Data Standards Paths

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Known Pathways

- De facto, single business or entity
- De facto, single business group
- De facto, community
- Formal consensus, SDO
- Formal consensus, consortium
- Off the beaten path

Wild Cards

- Regulation
- Espionage and dirty tricks
- Coexistence
- Proprietary \$\$ vs IP royalty free

Observations

- The closer the use of a standard is tied to consumer-oriented business cases, and to use cases in support of those, the more likely it is to be developed, maintained, and used.
- Business case trumps theoretical use-case
- Standards can be as much about protection of an industry or the companies in that industry, as it can be about progress or innovation