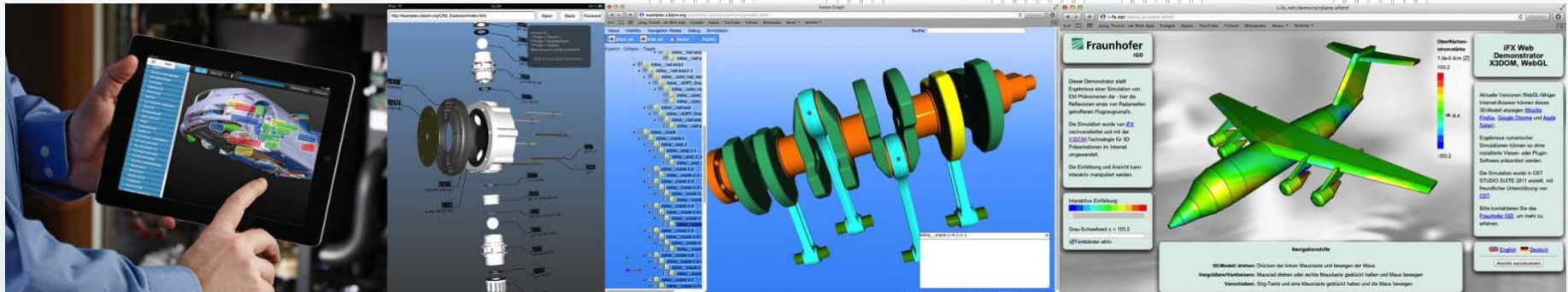




Web3D Consortium and X3D Graphics International Standards



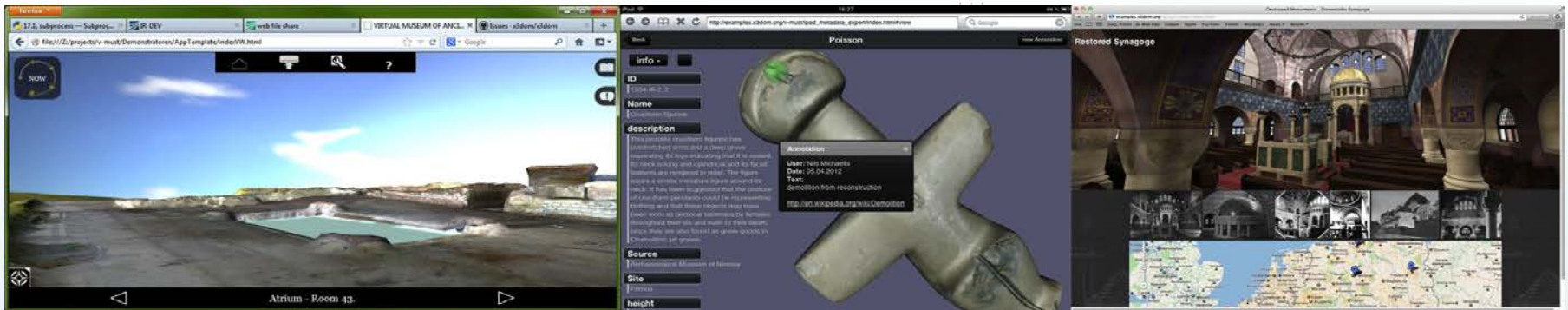
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Next-Generation 3D Web Applications

Open Immersive 3D worlds in your browser – Web your platform



Enhancing user experience with sophisticated visualizations

- Yesterday: Flash-based site with videos
- Today: Immersive 3D inside your native Browsers

Increase Interest in 3D Web applications - The Web is your platform

- Geospatial
- Product presentation
- Visualization of abstract information
- Experiencing Natural and Cultural Heritage data in 3D
- Virtual Engineering



Industry is looking at building highly synthetic 3D worlds on the Web

Cities - Weather - building - Engineering - scientific

and the Web is their delivery method of choice





Mission:

Convergence of standards

International Collaboration

Industry Support





Why Are Open Standards Important for 3D?

Creating quality 3D content is expensive:

Both in time and software costs



Something just as expensive is recreating 3D content:

When the underlying technology no longer works

Well-kept secret of proprietary 3D technologies:

Rarely interoperable





Is your technology stable and long term?



[Download Lively](#)

Lively no more

After careful consideration, we have decided to shut down Lively. Since Lively's launch, we have been delighted to see the creative ways you've used the product. We enjoyed hanging out in [Jett's coffee house](#), and checking out the [Grand Party room](#). We got a kick out of the YouTube videos in a variety of languages telling stories about your avatars. And we've been awed by the elaborate rooms that you've constructed, using mosaic tiles and photo gadgets in novel ways. We will shut down Lively on December 31, 2009. Embedded rooms in blogs and other web pages will continue to show an image, but users will no longer be able to enter Lively rooms and interact.

Between now and the end of the year we encourage you to capture all your hard work by taking videos and screenshots of your rooms. Thank you for sharing this experience with us. We've learned a lot about how users interact in rich social environments, and we hope you've enjoyed your time with Lively.

For more information, please read our [blog post](#).

Here's a shout-out to some of the rooms we particularly enjoyed:

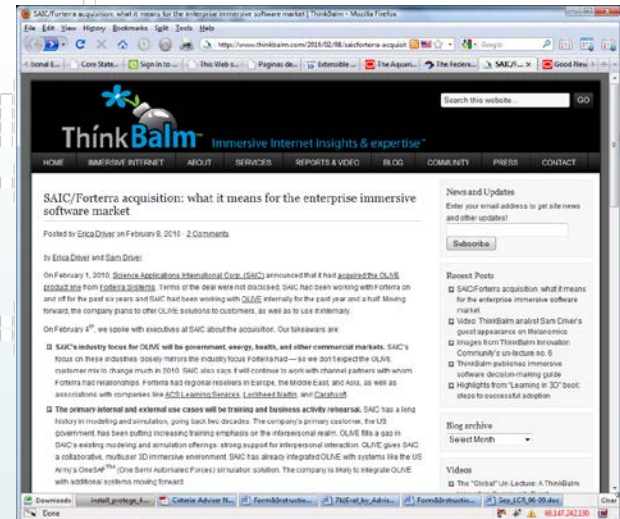


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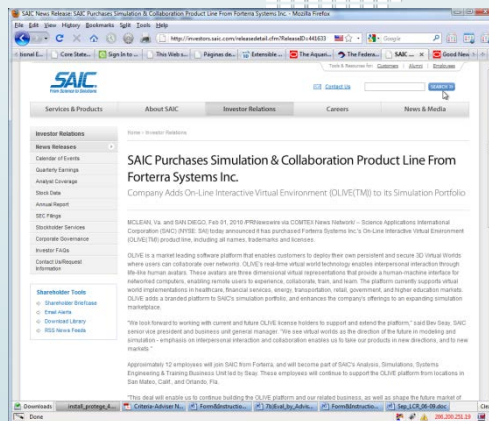
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Where are these tools now?



Single vendor proprietary solutions are almost always limited





Is your technology extensible?

Does it converge with open standards?

Market Dominance: Biggest competitor wins?

- Companies hope to “own” 3D
- Success short lived
- Close technologies
- No open standards
- Single vendor solutions

Therefore NO Interoperability and extensibility



Is your technology Interoperable?

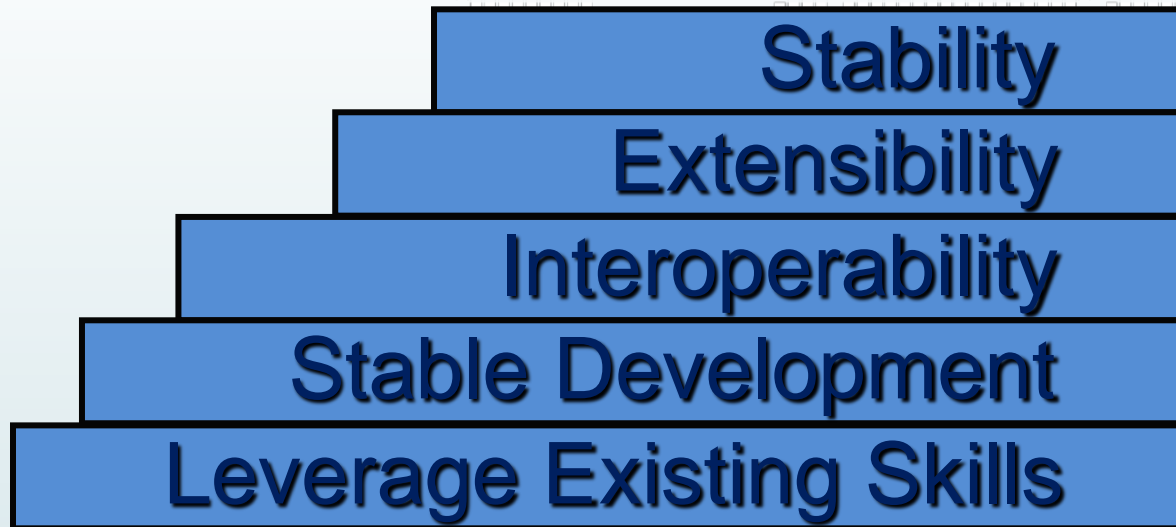


All browsers
All platforms





Building blocks for stable 3D solutions





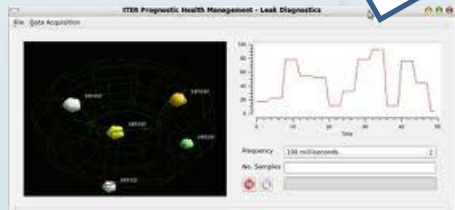
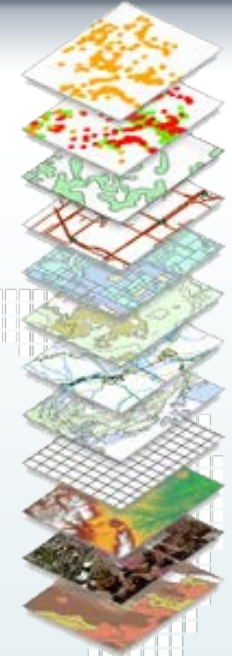
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CAM

Design

Laser Scan



Data Can Coexist





Standards are already in place to be used





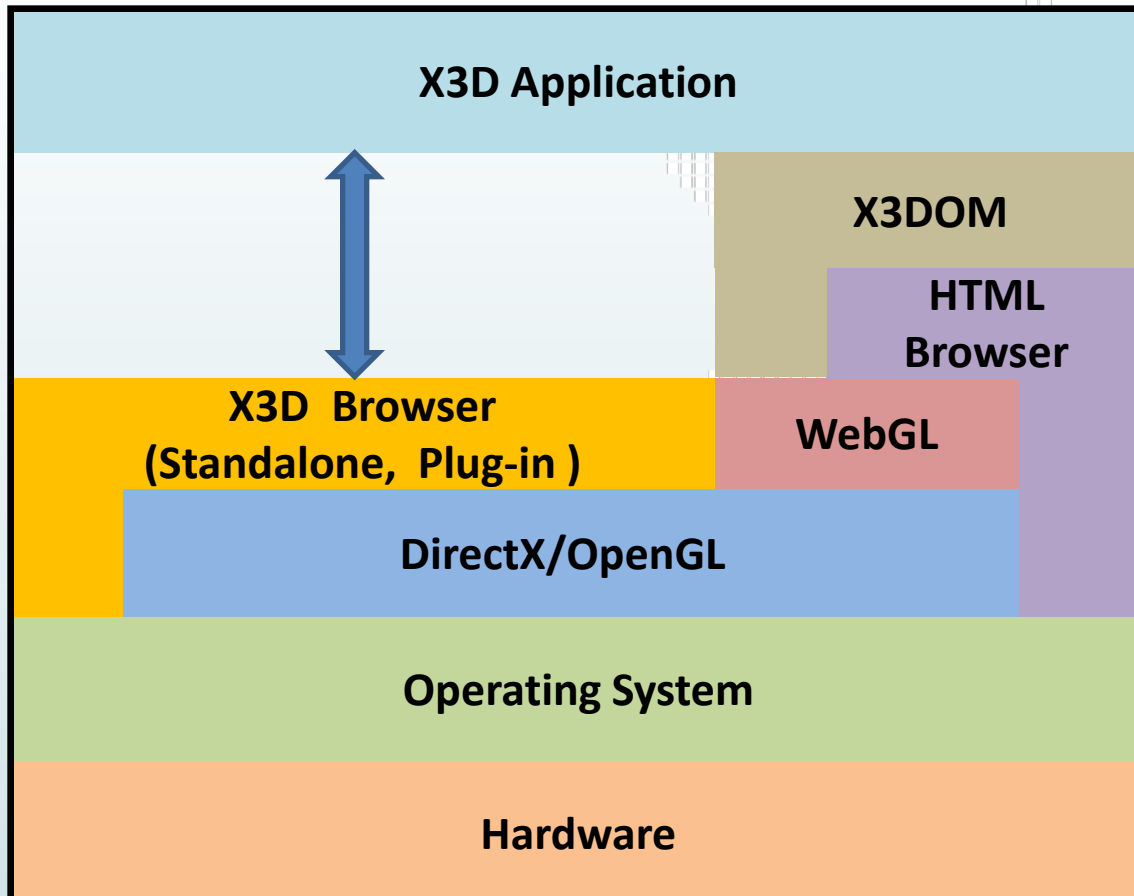
Industry Support Web Browser Support



WebGL



Graphics Stack



**X3D Declarative:
For Web Authors Vs
3D graphics application
programmers**

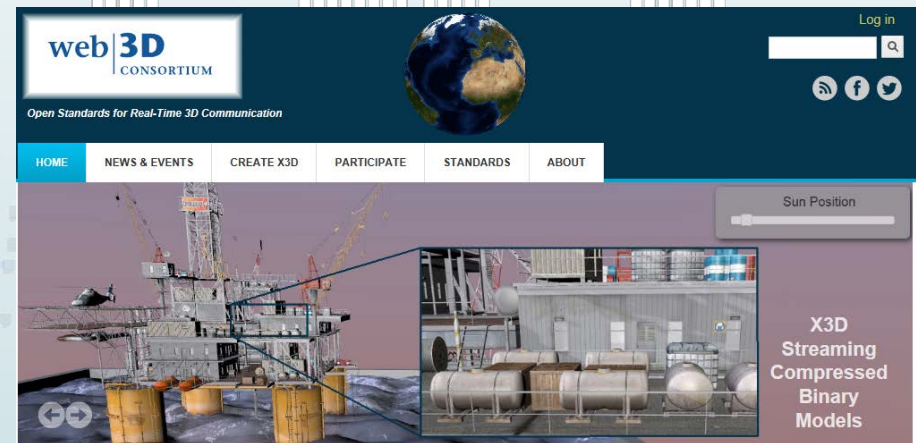
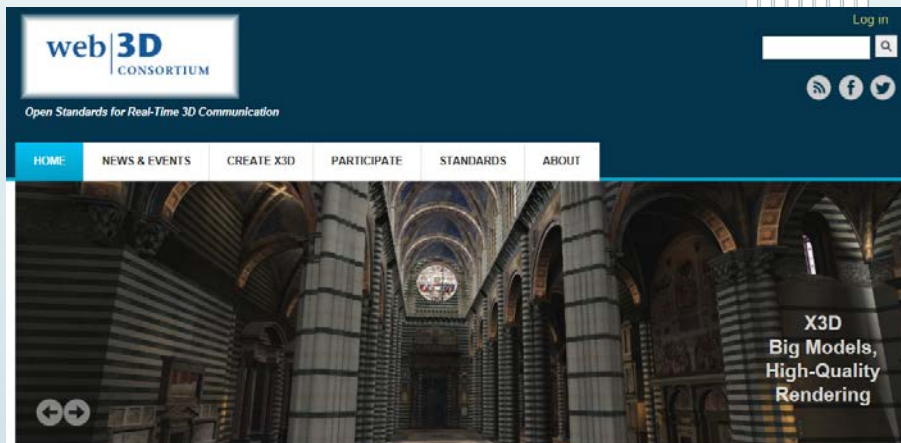
**X3DOM
A layer above WebGL**



Your Web3D world is here...

Extensible 3D (X3D) Graphics International Standards

X3D technology ensures an open 3D framework that is open, interoperable and extensible





Who is developing X3D?

Web3D Consortium founded in 1997 to support and advance the VRML specification now called X3D

- International
- Non-profit
- Member-funded
- Industry group



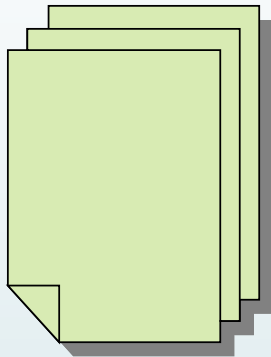
Our members span business, academia, government and the military



What is X3D?

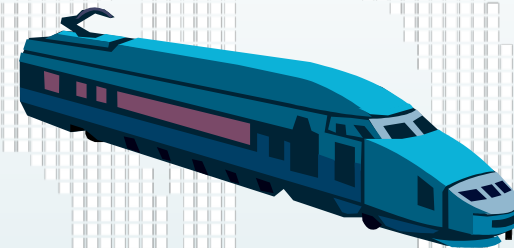
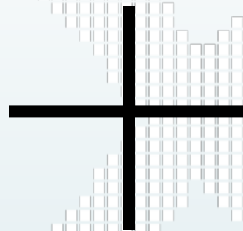
Second Generation VRML

A complete solution for 3D on the Web



File Formats:

XML, ClassicVRML, Binary



Run-Time Engine (player)

1 open source and 9 players

Real-Time • Web-based • Interactive • Animation • Extensible • Scriptable

Meshes • lights • materials • textures • shaders

Interaction • Animation • Audio/Video



X3D - Interactive Real-time 3D publishing standard for the Web

- Royalty Free
- Open ISO Standard
- Evolutionary - 1997
- Durable
- Interoperable
- Multi Platform

A screenshot of the web3D Consortium website. The page features a navigation menu with links for HOME, NEWS & EVENTS, ABOUT WEB3D, JOIN, WIKI, SPECIFICATIONS, and MEMBER LOGIN. The main content area displays a 3D street view of San Francisco, Washington St, with a yellow arrow indicating the camera's path. Below the main view, there are four featured sections: Case Studies, X3D & VRML, 3D in HTML, and Web3D Videos. The footer contains copyright information and a description of the consortium's mission.

web3D CONSORTIUM *Open Standards for Real-Time 3D Communication*

HOME NEWS & EVENTS ABOUT WEB3D JOIN WIKI SPECIFICATIONS MEMBER LOGIN

San Francisco Washington St

Street View Left View Right View **3D** Area View

Courtesy of Planet 9 Studios 3fps Left on Montgomery Planet 9 Studios

Case Studies Great Projects by Our Members

X3D & VRML The Most Widely Used Formats

3D in HTML X3DOM... 3D Without Plugins

Web3D Videos X3D and VRML

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A nonprofit organization that develops and maintains the X3D, VRML, and H-Anim standards – 3D file formats and runtime specifications for the delivery and integration of interactive 3D data over networks: open, royalty-free and ISO-ratified.

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Scene graph for real-time interactive 3D

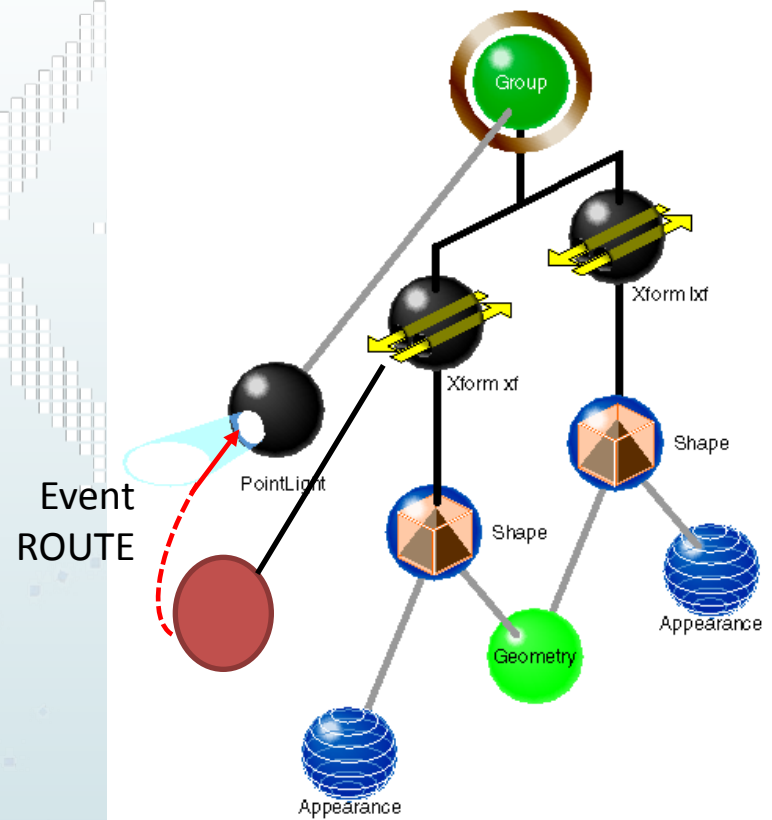
Delivery of virtual environments over the web

Multiple ISO-ratified encodings

- XML (.x3d)
- Classic VRML (.x3dv)
- Compressed Binary (.x3db)

• Multiple APIs

- ECMAScript (JavaScript)
- Java





X3D Profiles

<http://www.web3d.org/files/specifications/19775-1/V3.0/index.html>

General Goal:

- A 3D visualization component for any runtime environments
- Reduced complexity and implementation effort

A lightweight X3D

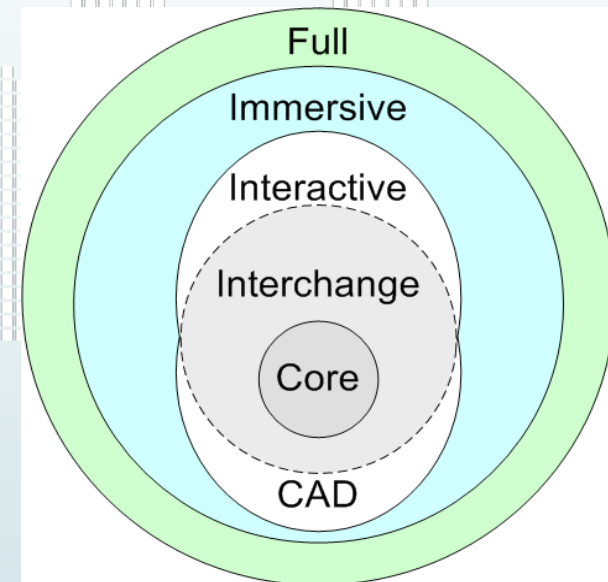
- Lightweight runtime essentials
- A Stripped down X3D Scene Graph Rendering System
- Complimentary to other external runtime systems (HTML5, Mobile, OGC, W3C...)

Eliminate

- X3D-Script
- Protos
- High-Level Sensors

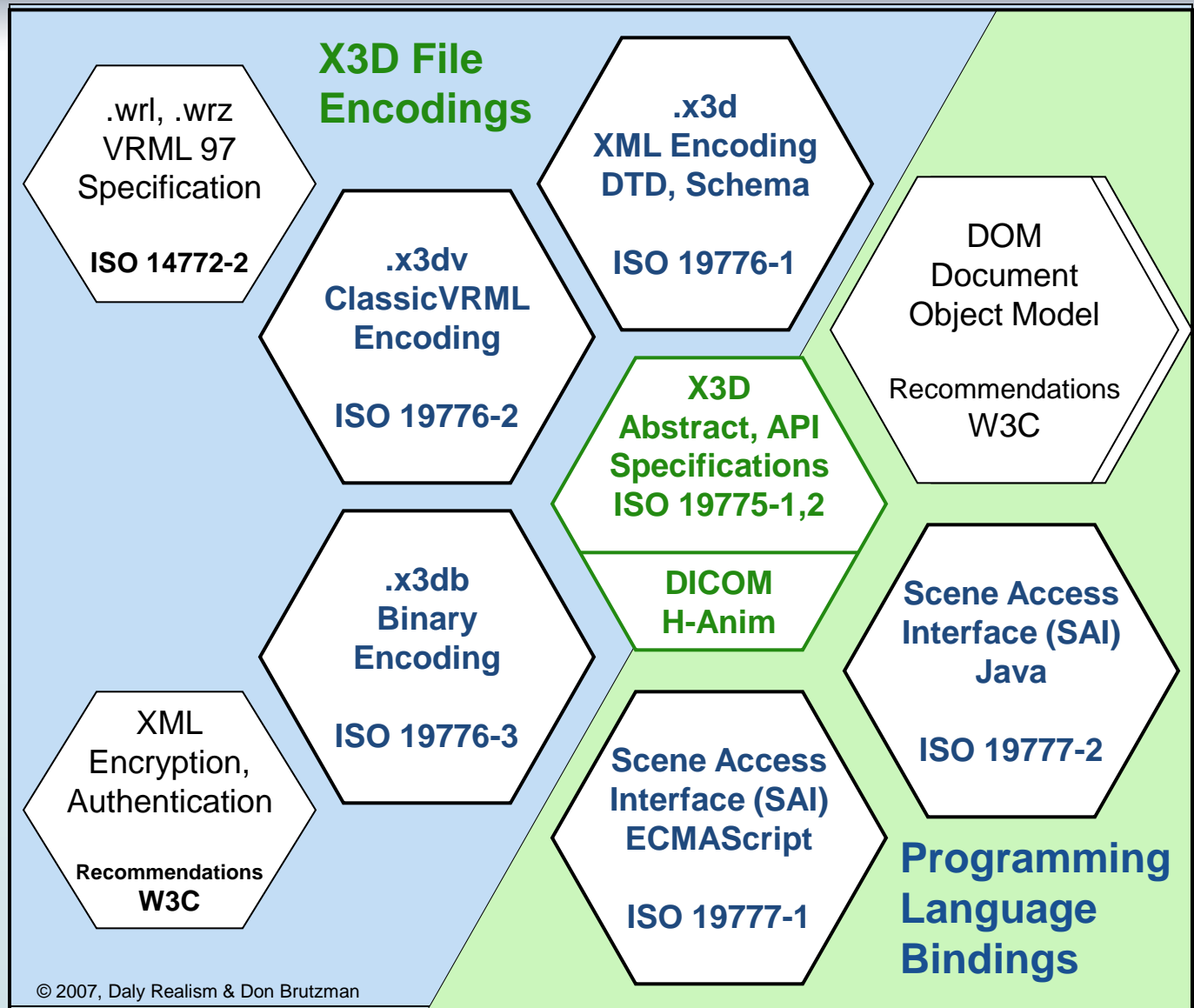
Use

- Mobile applications
- Lightweight HTML web pages
- Augmented Reality Applications

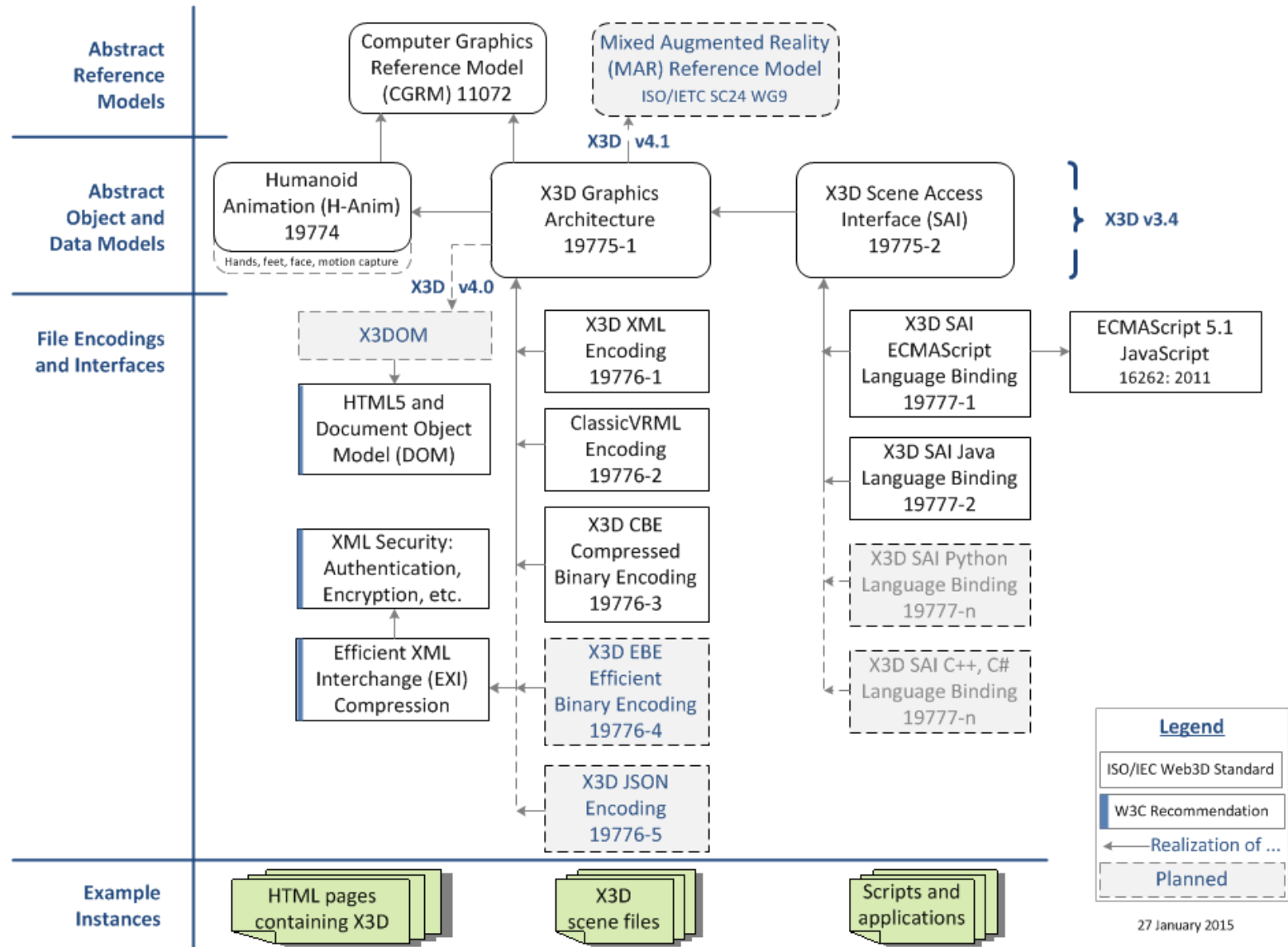




X3D Specifications



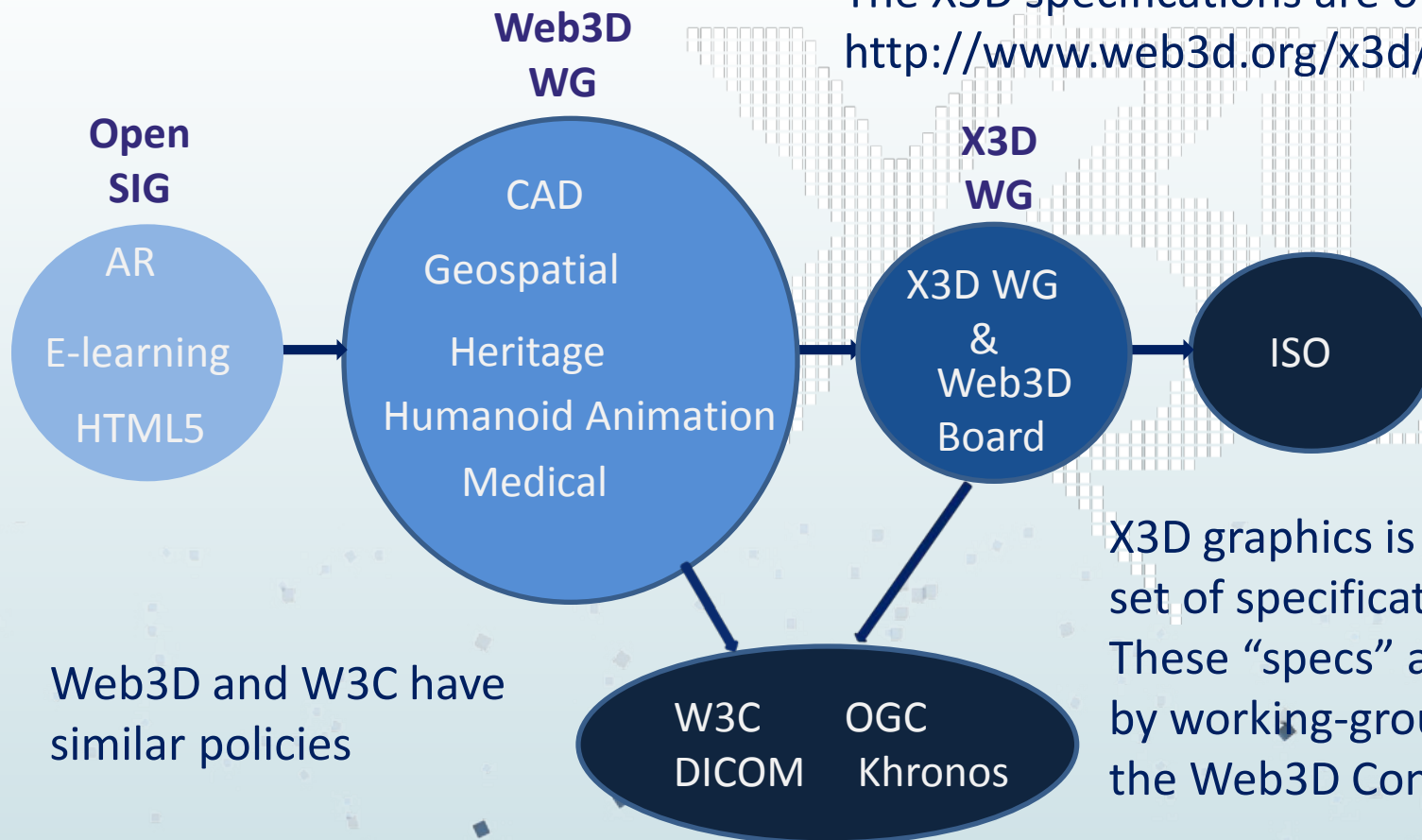
X3D Graphics Standards: Specification Relationships





X3D standardization Process

The X3D specifications are online at:
<http://www.web3d.org/x3d/specifications>



Web3D and W3C have similar policies

X3D graphics is defined by a set of specifications
These “specs” are developed by working-groups as part of the Web3D Consortium



Proposal Requirements for Standards Contributions

Clear definitions are needed, what is the technology being proposed?

Specification text will eventually be needed that formally describes these capabilities.

Compatibility/evolution plan for integration with existing X3D/H-Anim standards, if needed.

Two independent implementations to show feasibility, at least one in open source.

Example X3D scenes that demonstrate common use cases for authors who want to utilize the technology.

Intellectual property rights (IPR) commitment that, if accepted, the technology is Royalty Free (RF) for any use.



Adoption Process

1. Identify Standard or Extension to existing standards

- Study Market Trends/Requirements
- Identify Consortium Members' Interest
- Identify if this requirement falls under an existing working group charter
- Form a new working group if this does not fall under an existing working group charter

2. Form a Working Group

- Identify Working Group Leadership
- Identify Working Group Members (open to all Web3D Consortium members)
- Create Working Group Charter, Goals and Milestones
- Plan Meeting frequency and schedules
- Allow Invited Experts if needed



Adoption Process

3. Identify Previous Work

- Identify any related Member activities'
- Identify output from related SIG (Special Interest Group)
- Identify Open Source contributions available for adoption and submission

4. Identify Requirements

Create Use Cases

Create specification requirements from these use cases

Create Proof of Concept/Interoperability experiments

Explore partnership with other organizations as needed



Adoption Process

5. Create Standard or Extension

- Follow Consortium's IP Policy
- Ensure Open and Consensus based solution
- Identify at least two independent and interoperable
- Create conformance testing suites
- Announce member/public review of 30 days
- Review comments and incorporate or discard with cause.
- Complete standard or extension for submission

6. Submit Standard or Extension for Board approval and Member vote

- Web3D Consortium Board of Directors review
- Board determines if a Web3D Members vote is necessary
- Tabulate Member vote results
- Start ISO certification process after final Board approval

7. ISO Certification - Follows ISO policy for all standards



X3D Convergence



+ web | 3D
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And supported by these relationships.





Standards are already in place to be used

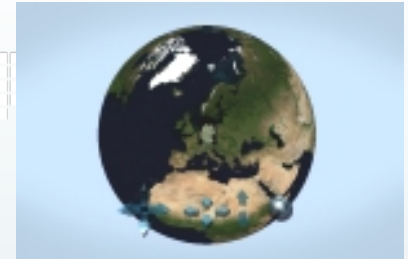




Geospatial X3D

Geospatial scenes have requirements beyond ordinary 3D scenes

- **Double-precision accuracy** on floating-point displays
- Diverse yet **coherent spatial reference** systems



11 X3D Geospatial nodes add Geo functionality to X3D

- Integrates the globe with X3D scenes

Generation of local regions or full-scale globes using any data

Spatial data creation

Spatial representation/analysis and

Spatial 3D Presentations

Real-time sharing and Interactive/Immersive 3D visualization

Without license restrictions, openly scalable



OGC/Web3D Convergence **Provide improved location enabled 3D web services for Geo data**

OGC Vision: Achieve the full societal, economic and scientific benefits of integrating **location resources** into commercial and institutional processes worldwide

Web3D Consortium Vision: Provide a forum for the creation of open standards for **3D Web**, and to integrate these standards and resources into commercial markets and user education programs.



X3D OGC standards Interoperability

- **GML**
- **CityGML**
- **KML Encoding Standard**

Correlating approaches with OGC formats and tools

- **3D Portrayal Interoperability Experiment (3DPIE)**
- **3DIM DWG**
- **3D Portrayal SWG**



OGC 3DPIE and X3D

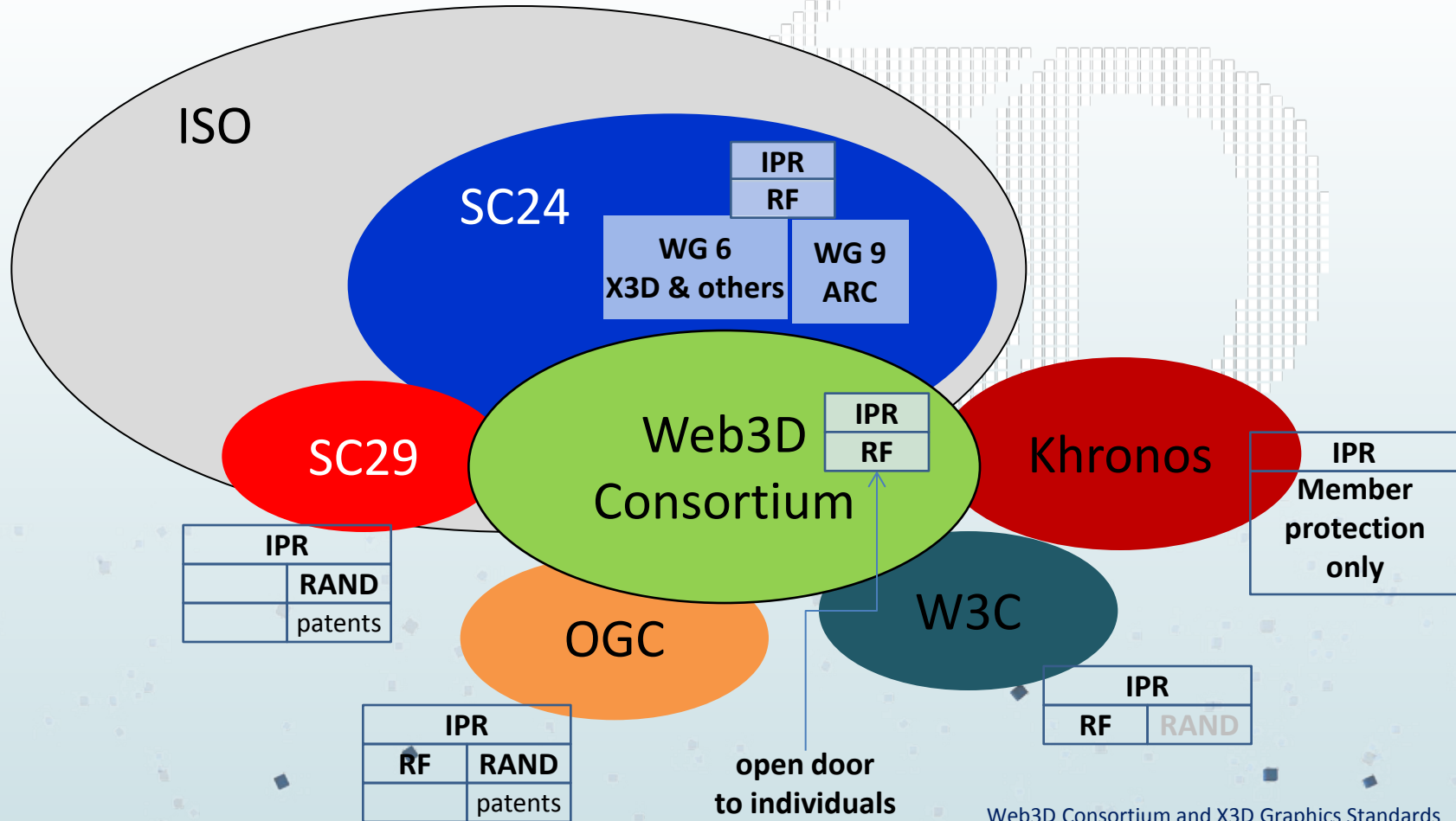
- X3D aligns with OGC 3D visualization goals
 - 3D Portrayal Interoperability Experiment
 - 3D Portrayal SWG participation
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- Web3D Member Contributions
 - Virginia Tech – 3D Blacksburg Project
 - Bitmanagement – BS Contact Geo Browser
 - Fraunhofer – Instant Reality Browser/X3dom
 - MBARI – Sensor data underwater visualization
 - NPS – X3D Earth Project



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Web3D Liaison Relationships





Why do our members use X3D

- Build 3D products based on a stable 3D standard
- Avoid proprietary lock-in
- International, Conformant/ISO Standard
- Their customer are asking for open standards based technology
- Vendor neutral environment/ consensus based development
- Access to a community of world-wide 3D experts
- Consensus based participation from both end-users and software developers
- Converge with other 3D related standards



Open Standards - X3D

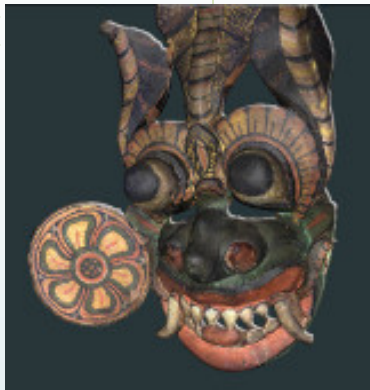
Deliver New Dimensions on the Web





X3D: Foundation for All Markets

Cultural Heritage



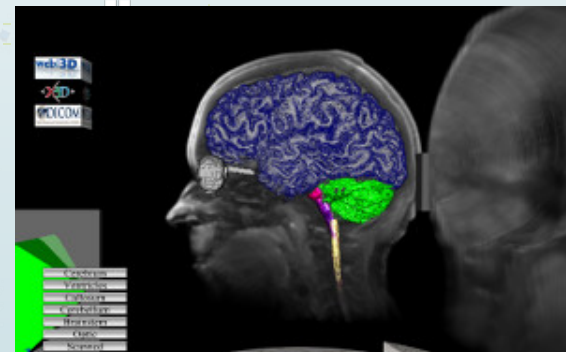
Geospatial



Augmented Reality



Medical





X3D: Run Anywhere



All browsers
All platforms





X3D: High-Fidelity Graphics





X3D: Archival Open Standards for Natural and Cultural Heritage





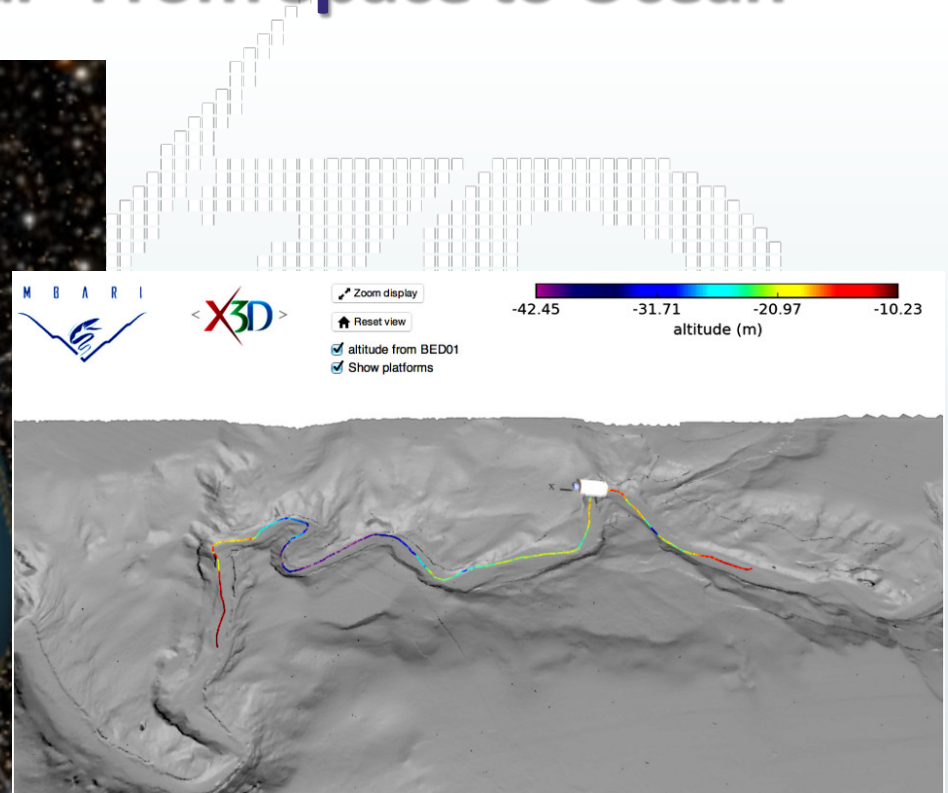
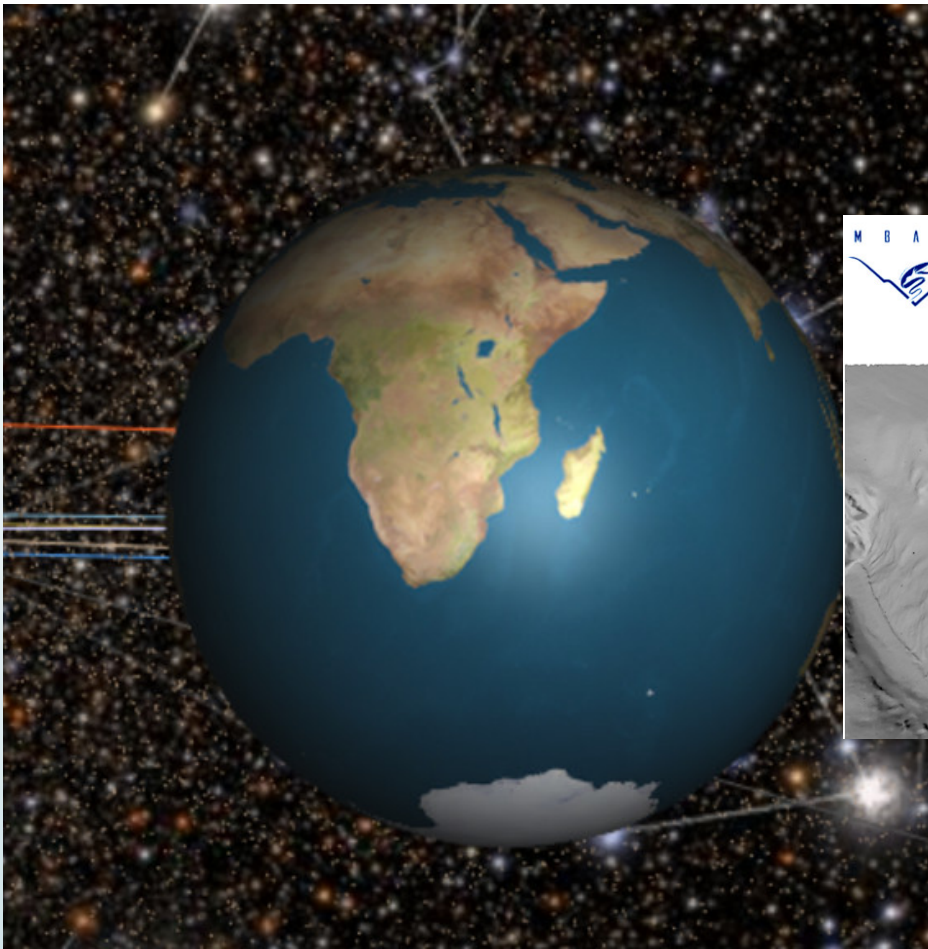
X3D: Training & Maintenance

Mixed Augmented Reality



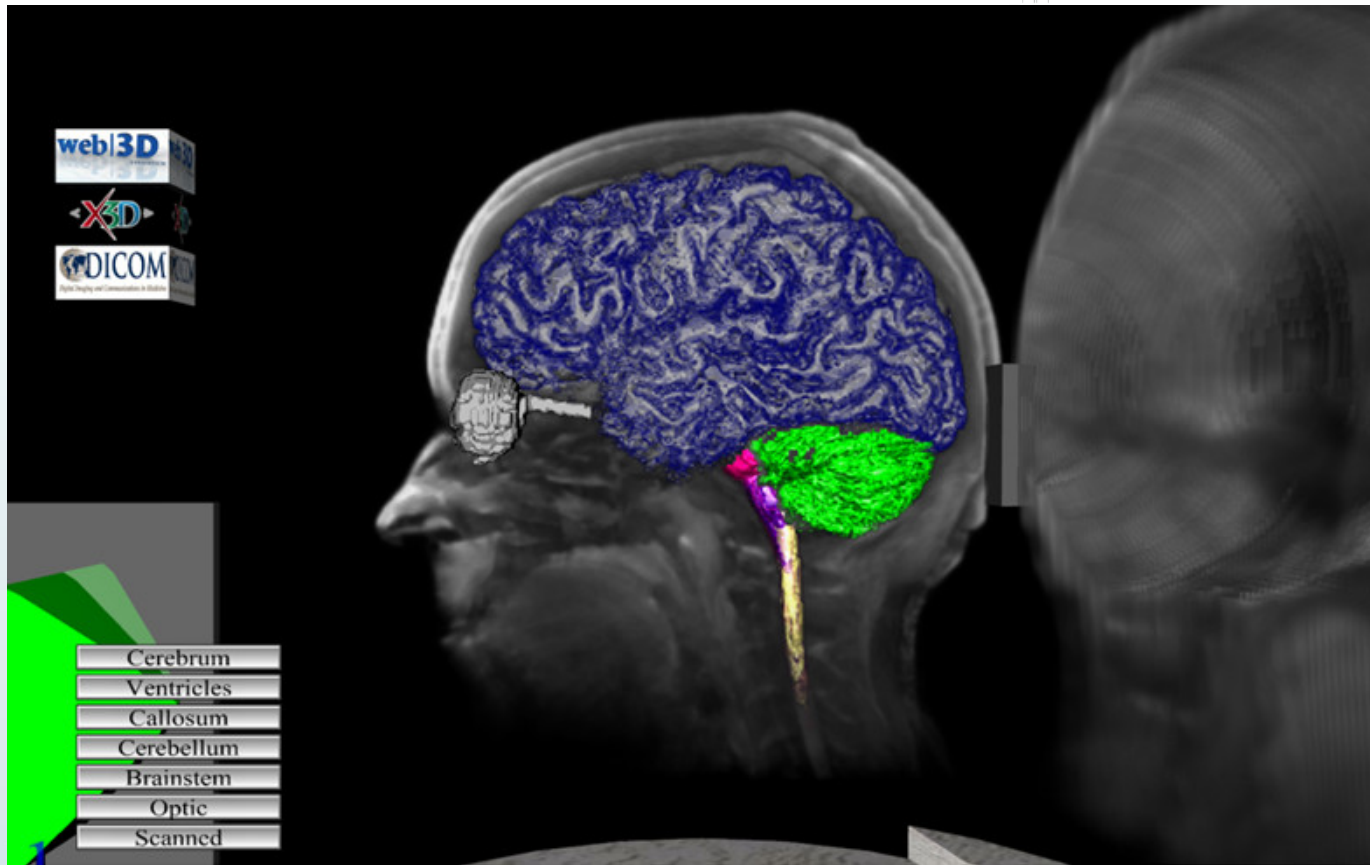


X3D: Geospatial - From Space to Ocean



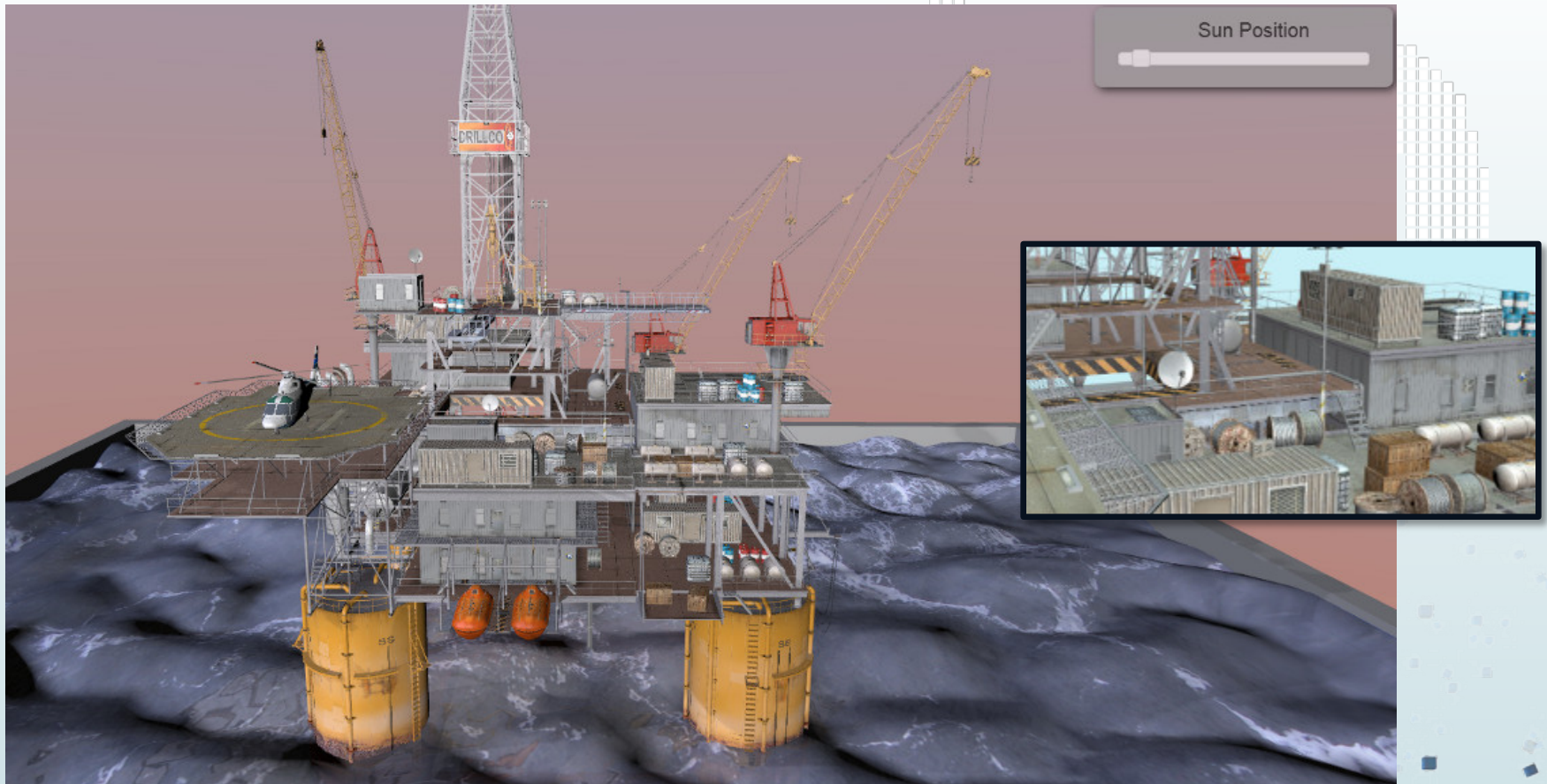


X3D: Medical Imaging -Volume Rendering





X3D: Large-Model Compression Streaming, Shadows, Animation





World Wide Adoption





What are we working on now?

X3D version 3.4. Evolution of Capabilities tracks steady improvements across all 3D graphics for the Web.

X3D version 4.0. HTML5 support using X3DOM as a prototype and Open Web Platform (OWP) Integration for deployment in any Web page.

X3D version 4.1. Mixed and Augmented Reality (MAR) for emerging VR-AR devices and user interfaces.

Humanoid Animation. H-Anim models that include hands, feet, face and motion capture (mocap), also suitable for medical use.

X3D Efficient Binary Encoding. Smaller file sizes, faster decompression, and streamable deployment of animation.

X3D JSON. Complete JavaScript Object Notation encoding for Javascript programmers.



2015 Web3D Conference

20th International Conference on 3D Web Technology

A MAJOR EVENT FOR RESEARCHERS, DEVELOPERS, ENTREPRENEURS, EXPERIMENTERS, ARTISTS AND CONTENT CREATORS, FOCUSED ON NEW 3D WEB AND MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGIES.

Heraklion, Crete, Greece 18-20 June

The conference highlights capabilities and trends in interactive 3D graphics across a wide range of applications and supports research from mobile devices up to high-end immersive environments.

Explore methods of using, new 3D Web technologies such X3DOM, WebGL and HTML5, Flash/ Stage 3D, X3D, COLLADA, and the MPEG family.



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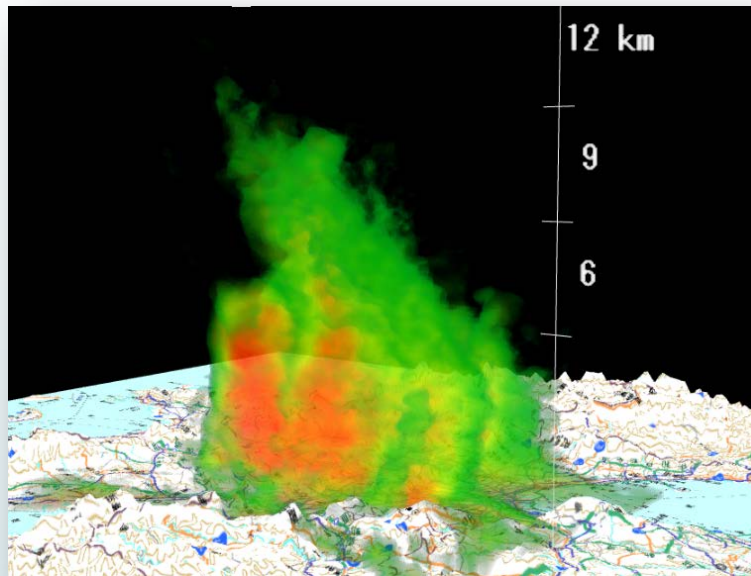
The National Institutes of Health joins Web3D Consortium



X3D standards for model archive and 3D printing



The Toshiba joins Web3D Consortium

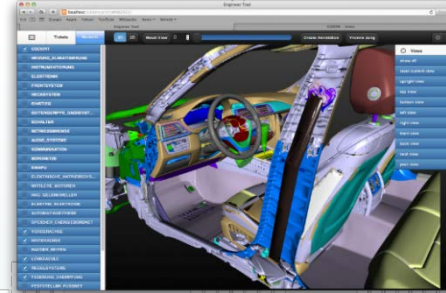
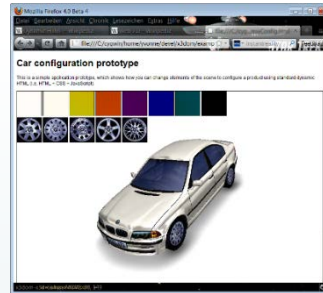


Weather data 3D
visualization for observing
the complete lifecycle of
torrential rain

X3D standards for Volumetric Data



Why use X3D?



- Open source, free, and royalty-free ISO standard
- Build highly detailed synthetic spaces
- Combines 3D geometry and animation
- Provides an Interactive and immersive 3D experience
- Scenes can run on many platforms from mobile to caves
- **Archival stability that stands the test of time**
- Efficient compressed binary encodings for high performance
- Converges with other open Standards



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