

W3C Publishing Working Group Affordances Task Force

Spin-up Plan

Logistics

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Email subject tag: [affordances]

Inaugural meeting time: Friday, 3/16, 13:00 UTC

Location: WebEx - <https://mit.webex.com/meet/iherman>

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Follow-up meeting time: Thursday, 4/26, 11:00 EDT

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Task Force Directive

This task force collects use cases, and their requirements, for user agent and user experience affordances within a Web Publication context. We identify, classify, and understand these requirements by working with publishers, authors, user agents, and the broader standards and W3C communities. The goal is to formalize the technical requirements for publication-specific affordances so they can be integrated into the [Web Publications specification](#).

Contributors

The task force welcomes participation from anyone, regardless of self-perceived technical fluency. Affordances need input from both the technical and non-technical perspectives. We especially encourage input from authors, publishers, and developers with experience in ebook production and user experience design, quality assurance, reading system testing, and reading system development.

Scope

- Only Web Publication-specific affordances with an implementation pathway (e.g., can we either draft our spec or extend an existing spec to describe a specific affordance and its technical needs)
- Task force will not take on affordance-related issues that should be addressed by other working groups or specifications (e.g., CSS-related issues)
- Issues around personalization and accessibility should be taken into account in concrete affordance examples, not on a generalized Web Publications level (i.e., disregard manifest/metadata requirements—we can normalize our work once we have a well defined set of affordance requirements)

Starting Work Items

- Review [affordance-related issues](#) in the PWG's [wpub repository](#), identify those that can be technically prescribed, and [mark remaining issues for closure](#)
 - Katie Haritos-shea
 - Tzviya Siegman
- Review [Web Publications Use Cases and Requirements \(WP UCR\)](#) document for affordance-related issues, document those issues in Github, and classify for/against spec implementation (as above)
 - Mateus Teixeira
 - Katie Haritos-shea
- Identify affordance requirements that could be unique to [Packaged Web Publications](#) and their use cases, also outline in detail in the WP UCR document
 - David Wood (?) - Tzviya will reach out.
- Per [wpub#143](#), does it make sense to classify affordances in a formalized template and taxonomy as prep work for their integration into the specification? — **As discussed in 3/16 call, yes, and we'll aim for 3/31.**
 - Zheng Xu

Timeline

The goal is to have a tentatively completed Affordances section in the specifications by the May 30-31 [F2F meeting](#).