

Solid26

A stable foundation to build on

Solid26 is the first annual release of the Solid specification — a curated, tested collection of standards, best practices, and documentation that gives developers, organisations, and communities a stable target to build against.

Whether you're a developer building your first Solid app, an enterprise evaluating the technology, or a researcher exploring new data architectures — Solid26 is your starting point.

What is Solid26?

Solid has been evolving since its creation by Sir Tim Berners-Lee at MIT in 2014. Over a decade of development has produced a rich set of specifications, tools, and community knowledge — but until now, there has been no single, clearly defined version that says: *this is ready to build on*.

Solid26 changes that. It brings together the core Solid specifications alongside new best practice documents, developer guidance, and sector-specific materials into one coherent release. Think of it as a stable snapshot of the Solid platform — a known-good baseline that application developers and server implementers can target with confidence.

The name "Solid26" signals that Solid is a living, rolling standard. Like modern browsers and platforms, it will continue to evolve — with the Community Group making annual releases that build on real-world feedback and adoption.

What's included

Core specifications

The Solid26 release curates fixed versions of the most critical and stable specification documents required to build functional Solid servers and applications. These include the [Solid Protocol](#) (v0.11.0), [Solid WebID Profile](#) (v1.0.0), [Solid-OIDC](#) (v0.1.0), and the [Access Control Policy](#) (v0.9.0) specification — alongside specifications for notifications, access requests, and client authentication for scripts. The release document clearly signposts where there may be breaking changes in future releases, so developers can plan accordingly.

Full technical details, including specific version pinning and amendment notes, are available in the [Solid26 Primer](#).

Best practice documents

New guidance covering practical topics that developers and organisations need, including:

- How to organise data within a Solid Pod — including conventions for application-specific data namespacing and container structure
- How to store and share digital credentials (such as digital driving licences) using Verifiable Credentials
- How to record data provenance and usage controls — where data came from and what you're permitted to do with it — using PROV-O and ODRL

These best practices should be considered early-stage and are likely to mature into standalone specification documents in future releases.

Developer tools and documentation

A growing suite of open-source libraries, templates, and resources hosted at dev.solidproject.org, including an RDF object mapping library, project templates for popular frameworks like Next.js, and SKILLS.md documents to support AI-assisted development with tools like GitHub Copilot and Claude Code.

Sector-specific adoption packs

Tailored materials for distinct communities — from enterprise and government to social good, research, and individual users — containing domain-relevant demos, ontology guidance, and onboarding resources.

Non-technical materials

UX demonstrations, explainers, and education materials designed to help non-technical audiences understand what Solid makes possible and why it matters.

Who is Solid26 for?

Developers who want a clear, stable specification to build applications against — with documentation, tutorials, and tools that make it straightforward to get started.

Organisations exploring how Solid can support their data strategy — whether in financial services, healthcare, government, or other sectors — with adoption packs tailored to their domain.

Researchers investigating decentralised data architectures, personal AI, or privacy-preserving technologies, with a production-ready platform and an active academic community.

The Solid community — contributors, implementers, and advocates — who now have a shared reference point for collaboration, feedback, and growth.

Relationship to Linked Web Storage

The [Linked Web Storage \(LWS\) W3C Working Group](#) is currently developing a W3C specification with the Solid specification as one of its input documents. LWS is expected to define a subset of Solid's functionality as a formal W3C standard – with some breaking changes as compared to Solid. Future Solid releases will align with and extend the LWS specification as it matures.

Get involved

Solid26 is launching alongside **Solid Week** at the end of April 2026 — a series of events designed to bring the community together:

- [Solid Hackathon](#) (April 27–29) — A hybrid international event with in-person participation in London, and remote nodes in Belgium, Australia, the United States, and beyond. Build with Solid26 and help shape the next generation of applications.
- [Solid Symposium](#) (April 30 – May 1) — An international conference dedicated to Solid, featuring talks from researchers, implementers, and organisations working across the ecosystem.
- [Linked Web Storage Working Group focus meeting](#) (April 27–28) — An in-person meeting in London advancing the W3C specification work that underpins Solid's future.

Following the launch, sector-specific working groups will form to test Solid26 in their domains, gather feedback, and identify where the standard needs to go next. If you're interested in leading or joining a working group in your sector, get in touch.

Help shape what comes next

Solid26 is the beginning, not the destination. We are actively tracking the [barriers to adoption](#) that the community has identified, and feedback from developers, organisations, and working groups will feed directly into the Solid Community Group — informing priorities for the specification and tooling throughout 2026 and beyond.

The Open Data Institute, as steward of the Solid Project with support from Google.org, is coordinating this work in collaboration with the global Solid community. [Learn more about how the project is governed](#) or [explore the developer documentation](#) to start building today.

