

# OWL(ED?) W3C Community Group

Inventing the future  
or  
enormous time sink?

# OWLED

- Original **goal**:
  - Advance the state of practice
  - and the state of standards
  - **Activist!**
- Huge **success!**
  - The fact of OWLED critical to getting WG going
  - OWL 1.1 → **OWL 2**
    - They look nearly the same!
- Few **other bits**
  - Some **RIF** stuff
  - OWL entailment regime for **SPARQL 1.1**
- But the **future isn't here yet!**
  - **A** future always comes
  - We should work to get the **future we want**

# Why a CG?

A [W3C Community Group](#) is an open forum, without fees, where Web developers and other stakeholders develop specifications, hold discussions, develop test suites, and connect with W3C's international community of Web experts.

- Open & free (no W3C membership requirement)
- IPR coverage
- “tuned for transition to standards-track”
- (I like to think that OWLED was an inspiration)

# What would we do?

- **Write** stuff up!
  - Relax restrictions
  - New datatypes? (xsd:duration, owl:quantity)
  - Extensions (DL Safe rule syntax)
  - Tutorials & Propaganda
  - Case studies
  - Tool catalogs
- **Plot** the future!
  - Build momentum for OWL 3

# What would we get?

- **Infrastructure**
  - Blog (with RSS feeds)
  - Mailing lists
  - Wiki
  - IRC (with access to IRC tools for meeting management)
  - Issue tracking tool
  - Mercurial repository
  - etc.
- **Visibility**
  - On the W3C website
  - W3C team knows we exist
- **Momentum**

# Is it a PITA to get going?

## How do I start a group?


Anyone with a [W3C account](#) may create a group:

1. Push one of the buttons below and provide a name and description for the group.
2. Once four other people support the group (by pushing a button), W3C creates it.
3. Join the group and start using the [tools and infrastructure](#) to build your community.

**START A COMMUNITY GROUP**

# So...

Should I **push...**



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(I'm not **quite sure** what will happen!!!)

Will **someone else** push the button?



# What next!

- Rest of **this meeting**
  - Sign up
  - Select chairs
  - Do an initial list of projects
  - Blog the hell out of stuff
- **Future**
  - **Participate** and **Recruit!**
  - Get **older** and collectively **wiser**

