

1.3 W3C - World Wide Web Consortium

- Independent consortium for developing technical standards in the World Wide Web
- Started 1994
- 1995: companies join W3C
- Members of W3C: companies or organizations (not single persons)
 - join W3C in three-years contracts
 - pay membership fees
 - work on and develop web-standards
- Structure of W3C:
 - main building block: so called *Activities*”
 - Activities: e.g. for HTML, XML, CSS, XSLT, RDF, OWL, ...
 - Each activity has: *Working Groups* (developing ”standards”) and *Interest Groups* (consultation of working group members)