

FIBO Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Where is the most simple description of FIBO Content based products?

Go to the FIBO [Primer](#). It is updated as FIBO products are added, changed or deprecated.

2. How Can I Contribute to FIBO?

FIBO is managed and developed by various permanent and special purpose [Teams](#) using the FIBO Build-Test-Deploy-Maintain [methodology](#). At the discretion of the Team leader, Subject Matter Experts (SME) are invited to participate on FIBO Teams. SMEs comment on existing FIBO content, propose additional content and comment on proposed content. Tooling vendors link (or incorporate) FIBO into their products thus enhancing the value of their products. Ontologists work alongside of SMEs to ensure that the logic of FIBO RDF/OWL matches the intended meaning of FIBO content. Ontologists also contribute to development of the FIBO BTDM Methodology.

3. What is the Process for Submission of Contributions to Reflect the Contribution Content in the Production Version of FIBO?

[Click Here for Access to the FIBO Developers Guide](#)

FIBO content contributions can be proposed in one of 3 ways.

a) ***Work on an Existing FIBO Content Team (FCT)***

<https://wiki.edmcouncil.org> contains the names, descriptions and URLs of existing FCT's. FCT membership is open to all. Each FCT meets at least weekly. For a description of how FCTs work, [see](#). Working on an FCT requires a username and password for the FIBO JIRA and Wiki systems. More on this is explained at <https://spec.edmcouncil.org>

b) ***Establish a New FCT***

An FCT can be established by any current EDMC member. For a description of how FCTs work, [see](#).

c) ***Request a FIBO JIRA User Name and Create an Issue Relevant to a Specific FIBO Project.***

Any person can request a FIBO JIRA user name and password (*EDM Council membership is not required*). Your user name/password will also grant you access to the FIBO wiki server. With access to JIRA, a person can write a JIRA

issue tied to a specific FIBO product, FCT or process for consideration by a FIBO team leader. JIRA refers to all work as a “project.” It is a FIBO policy that all issues be accompanied by a proposed solution.

4. Is Making the Actual Data Used in a POC a Part of FIBO?

This entirely depends on the owner of the PoC. It is the ideal situation because others with similar use cases would be able to test their work. This would be particularly useful to test real world assumptions. In its routine development, FIBO FCTs populate some limited number of individuals to test for valid inferencing over their ontologies.

5. How are Contributors Credited?

In general, FIBO individual contributions are anonymous. That is, they are the work of a FIBO Team, not the work of individual people or organizations. However, the FIBO Leadership Team (FLT) makes every effort to recognize the extraordinary efforts of some contributors.

6. Are There Design and Build Guidelines (i.e. naming standards, dos and don'ts, etc.)?

The the FIBO Build-Test-Deploy-Maintain Methodology ([BTDM](#)) is the ultimate guide to all of FIBO. [The FIBO Developers Guide provides “how to” instructions.](#) In addition, the [FIBO wiki home page](#) has a list of “Featured Pages”. These pages have the most current information used by the FIBO Team to BTDM. This includes:

- [State Street Bank PoC VIDEO](#)
- [Installing and Using the EDMC RDF Serializer](#)
- [A 15 minute video on How the FIBO GitHub Repository works](#)
- [SIMF Profile](#)
- [HOW TO - A Process Guide for Updating FIBO](#)
- [FIBO Decisions and Policies](#)