# Concept for the DDI Alliance Collaboration Platform

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## Introduction

The three systems of the Atlassian collaboration platform, the wiki (Confluence), the issue tracking system (Jira), and the version control system (Bitbucket) should be used in a way that the work of the DDI Alliance is supported in an efficient way. This comprehends all working groups, special projects, and the DDI community. Most of the groups work in a publicly transparent way. The systems should be used accordingly.

The goal is to have all working documents, issues, and files etc. in the systems. All items should be publicly available and detectable by search engines.

*Note: It is currently not clear if the systems (open source license) could be used in a way that information is not publicly available.*

The collaboration systems should be complemented by an email system with publicly visible email lists and searchable email archives.

*Note: It is currently not clear if Atlassian supports email lists or if additional systems like Google groups should be used.*

## Possible Groups

* *Governance*
	+ Executive Board
	+ Scientific Board
	+ Executive Director’s Advisory Group
	+ Technical Committee
* *Working Groups like*
	+ Controlled Vocabularies Working Group
	+ Qualitative Data Model Working Group
	+ RDF Vocabularies Working Group
	+ Survey Design and Implementation Working Group
	+ Tools Catalog Group
	+ Web Site Development Group
* *Projects like*
	+ Moving Forward
* *Individual Member Representatives*
	+ Possibly for each member?
* *DDI Community*
	+ *Special Interest Groups like*
		- Developers Community
			* Software projects
		- DDI Community

*Note: Headers in italic font are for ordering purposes. It is not clear if it makes sense to understand them as a group.*

## Details

Each group in this sense should have an own work space in each of the systems.

Each person should have an individual account and/or email subscription.

Each person can be member in multiple groups.

Each group could have a person who is responsible for administrative purposes like configuration of user accounts, organizing the systems in a consistent way. The other option is that this is done in a centralized way. This is dependent from the questions how simple or complicated the administration is and if human resources are available for centralized tasks.

All main entry points of all systems should be available on the main page ddi-alliance.atlassian.net to ensure easy access to the information.

The assumption is that some groups tend to do work mostly in a publicly non-visible way. This comprehends: Executive Board, Scientific Board and the Executive Director’s Advisory Group.