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Classical examples of topological quantum field theory can be computed as skein modules of 1-dimensional objects in a 3-manifold. I will discuss various options for defining a TQFT as a skein module of 2-dimensional objects, including how my work on Bar-Natan skein modules fits into the landscape of TQFT. (Received September 12, 2017)