

# Supplemental Reading for RFCs and Standards

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In the video about **non-routable address space**, we introduced the concept of an RFC, or **Request for Comments**. RFCs started as a way for academics to discuss how their computers might talk to each other.

An RFC would be published, people would leave comments, eventually a consensus would be formed, and a new standard would be developed.

Over many decades, RFCs have come to belong to the IETF, or **Internet Engineering Task Force**, which is an open community charged with developing and maintaining the standards required for the Internet to continue to operate.

You can browse the impressively large collections of RFCs [here](#).

By the way, RFCs [have a long history of April Fool's Day jokes](#). My personal favorites are [RFC 1149](#) and [RFC 3514](#), both of which might be funnier once we've tackled the next module.