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Registries for Internet and Web protocols fulfill a wide range of tasks, ranging from low-level networking aspects such as packet type identifiers, all the way up to application-level protocols and standards. This document summarizes some of the reasons of why, when, and how to use registries. It serves as an informative reference for specification writers considering whether to create and manage a registry, allowing them to better understand some of the issues associated with certain design and operational decisions.

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