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Abstract

This document updates RFC 3978 "IETF Rights in Contributions" to recognize that the IETF Trust is now the proper custodian of all IETF-related intellectual property rights.

This document does not constrain how the IETF Trust exercises those rights.

1. Introduction

1.1. IETF Trust

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The IETF Trust was recently formed to act as the administrative custodian of all copyrights and other intellectual property rights relating to the IETF Standards Process that had previously been held by ISOC and the Corporation for National Research Initiatives (CNRI) (see [IETF_Trust_Agmt]).

The IETF is supported by an IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA) defined in BCP 101 [BCP101]. BCP 101 was updated by [RFC4371] to recognize the creation of the IETF Trust.

This document updates RFC 3978 in order to recognize the IETF Trust and to implement the structure needed to support it. Most importantly, it alters the license-grant path as follows: whereas previously, authors of Contributions to the IETF would grant a license to ISOC, such authors will grant a license to the IETF Trust (in Section 3.3). This document concerns itself only with changes to RFC 3978 needed to recognize the creation of the IETF Trust.

This introductory section is to provide context for the reader. Section 2 of this document is intended to be normative.

2. Updates to RFC 3978

The text of RFC 3978 is hereby updated as set forth below to reflect the creation of the IETF Trust.

2.1. Update Introduction

In the third paragraph of Section 2, replace "IETF and Internet Society (ISOC)" with "IETF Trust and the IETF" and replace "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.2. Update Section 3.3

In Section 3.3, replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.3. Update Section 3.4

In Section 3.4(b), add "IETF Trust, " after "IETF,".

2.4. Update Section 4.2

In Section 4.2, replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust and the IETF".

2.5. Update Section 5

In Section 5 change two instances of "ISOC" to "IETF Trust".

2.6. Update Copyright Statement

Replace "Internet Society" with "IETF Trust" in the copyright statement in Section 5.4.

2.7. Update Section 5.5

In Section 5.5 insert ", THE IETF TRUST" after "INTERNET SOCIETY".

2.8. Update Section 5.6

In Section 5.6, replace all occurrences of "Internet Society" or "ISOC" with "IETF Trust".

2.9. Update Section 7.1

In Section 7.1, replace two instances of "IETF/ISOC" with "IETF Trust and IETF".

2.10. Update Section 8

In Section 8, insert ", the IETF Trust" after "ISOC".

3. Security Considerations

This type of process document does not have a direct impact on the security of the Internet or Internet protocols.

4. References

4.1. Normative References

[RFC3978] Bradner, S., Ed., "IETF Rights in Contributions", BCP 78, RFC 3978, March 2005.

[BCP101] Austein, R. and B. Wijnen, "Structure of the IETF Administrative Support Activity (IASA)," BCP 101, RFC 4071, April 2005.

[RFC4371] Carpenter, B. and L. Lynch, Ed., "BCP 101 Update for IPR Trust," RFC 4371, January 2006.

[IETF_Trust_Agmt] www.ietf.org/trust/IETFtrustAgreement20051208.pdf

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