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Introduction

A discussion of the standardization process and the RFC document series is presented first, followed by an explanation of the terms. Sections 6.2 - 6.10 contain the lists of protocols in each stage of standardization. Finally are pointers to references and contacts for further information.

This memo is intended to be issued approximately quarterly; please be sure the copy you are reading is current. Current copies may be obtained from the Network Information Center (INTERNIC) or from the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) (see the contact information at the end of this memo). Do not use this edition after 15-Nov-94.

See Section 6.1 for a description of recent changes. In the official lists in sections 6.2 - 6.10, an asterisk (*) next to a protocol denotes that it is new to this document or has been moved from one protocol level to another, or differs from the previous edition of this document.

1. The Standardization Process

The Internet Architecture Board maintains this list of documents that define standards for the Internet protocol suite. See RFC-1358 for the charter of the IAB and RFC-1160 for an explanation of the role and organization of the IAB and its subsidiary groups, the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and the Internet Research Task Force (IRTF). Each of these groups has a steering group called the IESG and IRSG, respectively. The IETF develops these standards with the goal of co-ordinating the evolution of the Internet protocols; this co-ordination has become quite important as the Internet protocols are increasingly in general commercial use. The definitive description of the Internet standards process is found in RFC-1602.

The majority of Internet protocol development and standardization activity takes place in the working groups of the IETF.

Protocols which are to become standards in the Internet go through a series of states or maturity levels (proposed standard, draft standard, and standard) involving increasing amounts of scrutiny and testing. When a protocol completes this process it is assigned a STD number (see RFC-1311). At each step, the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) of the IETF must make a recommendation for advancement of the protocol.

To allow time for the Internet community to consider and react to standardization proposals, a minimum delay of 6 months before a proposed standard can be advanced to a draft standard and 4 months before a draft standard can be promoted to standard.

It is general practice that no proposed standard can be promoted to draft standard without at least two independent implementations (and the recommendation of the IESG). Promotion from draft standard to standard generally requires operational experience and demonstrated interoperability of two or more implementations (and the recommendation of the IESG).

In cases where there is uncertainty as to the proper decision concerning a protocol a special review committee may be appointed consisting of experts from the IETF, IRTF and the IAB with the purpose of recommending an explicit action.

Advancement of a protocol to proposed standard is an important step since it marks a protocol as a candidate for eventual standardization (it puts the protocol "on the standards track"). Advancement to draft standard is a major step which warns the community that, unless major objections are raised or flaws are discovered, the protocol is likely to be advanced to standard in six months.

Some protocols have been superseded by better ones or are otherwise unused. Such protocols are still documented in this memorandum with the designation "historic".

Because it is useful to document the results of early protocol research and development work, some of the RFCs document protocols which are still in an experimental condition. The protocols are designated "experimental" in this memorandum. They appear in this report as a convenience to the community and not as evidence of their standardization.

Other protocols, such as those developed by other standards organizations, or by particular vendors, may be of interest or may be recommended for use in the Internet. The specifications of such protocols may be published as RFCs for the convenience of the Internet community. These protocols are labeled "informational" in this memorandum.

In addition to the working groups of the IETF, protocol development and experimentation may take place as a result of the work of the research groups of the Internet Research Task Force, or the work of other individuals interested in Internet protocol development. The the documentation of such experimental work in the RFC series is encouraged, but none of this work is considered to be on the track for standardization until the IESG has made a recommendation to advance the protocol to the proposed standard state.

A few protocols have achieved widespread implementation without the approval of the IESG. For example, some vendor protocols have become very important to the Internet community even though they have not been recommended by the IESG. However, the IAB strongly recommends that the standards process be used in the evolution of the protocol suite to maximize interoperability (and to prevent incompatible protocol requirements from arising). The use of the terms "standard", "draft standard", and "proposed standard" are reserved in any RFC or other publication of Internet protocols to only those protocols which the IESG has approved.

In addition to a state (like "Proposed Standard"), a protocol is also assigned a status, or requirement level, in this document. The possible requirement levels ("Required", "Recommended", "Elective", "Limited Use", and "Not Recommended") are defined in Section 4.2. When a protocol is on the standards track, that is in the proposed standard, draft standard, or standard state (see Section 5), the status shown in Section 6 is the current status.

Few protocols are required to be implemented in all systems; this is because there is such a variety of possible systems, for example,

gateways, routers, terminal servers, workstations, and multi-user hosts. The requirement level shown in this document is only a one word label, which may not be sufficient to characterize the implementation requirements for a protocol in all situations. For some protocols, this document contains an additional status paragraph (an applicability statement). In addition, more detailed status information may be contained in separate requirements documents (see Section 3).

2. The Request for Comments Documents

The documents called Request for Comments (or RFCs) are the working notes of the "Network Working Group", that is the Internet research and development community. A document in this series may be on essentially any topic related to computer communication, and may be anything from a meeting report to the specification of a standard.

Notice:

All standards are published as RFCs, but not all RFCs specify standards.

Anyone can submit a document for publication as an RFC. Submissions must be made via electronic mail to the RFC Editor (see the contact information at the end of this memo, and see RFC 1543).

While RFCs are not refereed publications, they do receive technical review from the task forces, individual technical experts, or the RFC Editor, as appropriate.

The RFC series comprises a wide range of documents, ranging from informational documents of general interests to specifications of standard Internet protocols. In cases where submission is intended to document a proposed standard, draft standard, or standard protocol, the RFC Editor will publish the document only with the approval of the IESG. For documents describing experimental work, the RFC Editor will notify the IESG before publication, allowing for the possibility of review by the relevant IETF working group or IRTF research group and provide those comments to the author. See Section 5.1 for more detail.

Once a document is assigned an RFC number and published, that RFC is never revised or re-issued with the same number. There is never a question of having the most recent version of a particular RFC. However, a protocol (such as File Transfer Protocol (FTP)) may be improved and re-documented many times in several different RFCs. It is important to verify that you have the most recent RFC on a particular protocol. This "Internet Official Protocol Standards"

memo is the reference for determining the correct RFC for the current specification of each protocol.

The RFCs are available from the INTERNIC, and a number of other sites. For more information about obtaining RFCs, see Sections 7.4 and 7.5.

3. Other Reference Documents

There are three other reference documents of interest in checking the current status of protocol specifications and standardization. These are the Assigned Numbers, the Gateway Requirements, and the Host Requirements. Note that these documents are revised and updated at different times; in case of differences between these documents, the most recent must prevail.

Also, one should be aware of the MIL-STD publications on IP, TCP, Telnet, FTP, and SMTP. These are described in Section 3.4.

3.1. Assigned Numbers

The "Assigned Numbers" document lists the assigned values of the parameters used in the various protocols. For example, IP protocol codes, TCP port numbers, Telnet Option Codes, ARP hardware types, and Terminal Type names. Assigned Numbers was most recently issued as RFC-1340.

3.2. Gateway Requirements

This document reviews the specifications that apply to gateways and supplies guidance and clarification for any ambiguities. Gateway Requirements is RFC-1009. A working group of the IETF is actively preparing a revision.

3.3. Host Requirements

This pair of documents reviews and updates the specifications that apply to hosts, and it supplies guidance and clarification for any ambiguities. Host Requirements was issued as RFC-1122 and RFC-1123.

3.4. The MIL-STD Documents

The Internet community specifications for IP (RFC-791) and TCP (RFC-793) and the DoD MIL-STD specifications are intended to describe exactly the same protocols. Any difference in the protocols specified by these sets of documents should be reported to DISA and to the IESG. The RFCs and the MIL-STDs for IP and TCP differ in style and level of detail. It is strongly advised that the two sets

of documents be used together, along with RFC-1122 and RFC-1123.

The Internet and the DoD MIL-STD specifications for the FTP, SMTP, and Telnet protocols are essentially the same documents (RFCs 765, 821, 854). The MIL-STD versions have been edited slightly. Note that the current Internet specification for FTP is RFC-959 (as modified by RFC-1123).

Note that these MIL-STD are now somewhat out of date. The Gateway Requirements (RFC-1009) and Host Requirements (RFC-1122, RFC-1123) take precedence over both earlier RFCs and the MIL-STDs.

Internet Protocol (IP)	MIL-STD-1777
Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)	MIL-STD-1778
File Transfer Protocol (FTP)	MIL-STD-1780
Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)	MIL-STD-1781
Telnet Protocol and Options (TÈLNET)	MIL-STD-1782

These documents are available from the Naval Publications and Forms Center. Requests can be initiated by telephone, telegraph, or mail; however, it is preferred that private industry use form DD1425, if possible.

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4. Explanation of Terms

There are two independent categorization of protocols. The first is the "maturity level" or STATE of standardization, one of "standard", "draft standard", "proposed standard", "experimental", "informational" or "historic". The second is the "requirement level" or STATUS of this protocol, one of "required", "recommended", "elective", "limited use", or "not recommended".

The status or requirement level is difficult to portray in a one word label. These status labels should be considered only as an indication, and a further description, or applicability statement, should be consulted.

When a protocol is advanced to proposed standard or draft standard, it is labeled with a current status.

At any given time a protocol occupies a cell of the following matrix. Protocols are likely to be in cells in about the following proportions (indicated by the relative number of Xs). A new protocol is most likely to start in the (proposed standard, elective) cell, or the (experimental, not recommended) cell.

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What is a "system"?

Some protocols are particular to hosts and some to gateways; a few protocols are used in both. The definitions of the terms below will refer to a "system" which is either a host or a gateway (or both). It should be clear from the context of the particular protocol which types of systems are intended.

4.1. Definitions of Protocol State

Every protocol listed in this document is assigned to a "maturity level" or STATE of standardization: "standard", "draft standard", "proposed standard", "experimental", or "historic".

4.1.1. Standard Protocol

The IESG has established this as an official standard protocol for the Internet. These protocols are assigned STD numbers (see RFC-1311). These are separated into two groups: (1) IP protocol and above, protocols that apply to the whole Internet; and (2) network-specific protocols, generally specifications of how to do IP on particular types of networks.

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4.1.2. Draft Standard Protocol

The IESG is actively considering this protocol as a possible Standard Protocol. Substantial and widespread testing and comment are desired. Comments and test results should be submitted to the IESG. There is a possibility that changes will be made in a Draft Standard Protocol before it becomes a Standard Protocol.

4.1.3. Proposed Standard Protocol

These are protocol proposals that may be considered by the IESG for standardization in the future. Implementation and testing by several groups is desirable. Revision of the protocol specification is likely.

4.1.4. Experimental Protocol

A system should not implement an experimental protocol unless it is participating in the experiment and has coordinated its use of the protocol with the developer of the protocol.

Typically, experimental protocols are those that are developed as part of an ongoing research project not related to an operational service offering. While they may be proposed as a service protocol at a later stage, and thus become proposed standard, draft standard, and then standard protocols, the designation of a protocol as experimental may sometimes be meant to suggest that the protocol, although perhaps mature, is not intended for operational use.

4.1.5. Informational Protocol

Protocols developed by other standard organizations, or vendors, or that are for other reasons outside the purview of the IESG, may be published as RFCs for the convenience of the Internet community as informational protocols.

4.1.6. Historic Protocol

These are protocols that are unlikely to ever become standards in the Internet either because they have been superseded by later developments or due to lack of interest.

4.2. Definitions of Protocol Status

This document lists a "requirement level" or STATUS for each protocol. The status is one of "required", "recommended", "elective", "limited use", or "not recommended".

4.2.1. Required Protocol

A system must implement the required protocols.

4.2.2. Recommended Protocol

A system should implement the recommended protocols.

4.2.3. Elective Protocol

A system may or may not implement an elective protocol. The general notion is that if you are going to do something like this, you must do exactly this. There may be several elective protocols in a general area, for example, there are several electronic mail protocols, and several routing protocols.

4.2.4. Limited Use Protocol

These protocols are for use in limited circumstances. This may be because of their experimental state, specialized nature, limited functionality, or historic state.

4.2.5. Not Recommended Protocol

These protocols are not recommended for general use. This may be because of their limited functionality, specialized nature, or experimental or historic state.

5. The Standards Track

This section discusses in more detail the procedures used by the RFC Editor and the IESG in making decisions about the labeling and publishing of protocols as standards.

5.1. The RFC Processing Decision Table

Here is the current decision table for processing submissions by the RFC Editor. The processing depends on who submitted it, and the status they want it to have.

**************	======================================	S O U R C E				
Desired Status	IAB	IESG	IRSG	Other		
Standard or Draft Standard	Bogus (2)	Publish (1)	Bogus (2)	Bogus (2)		
Proposed Standard	Refer (3)	Publish (1)	Refer (3)	Refer (3)		
Experimental Protocol	Notify (4)	Publish (1)	Notify (4)	Notify (4)		
Information or Opinion Paper	Publish (1)	Publish (1)	Discretion (5)	Discretion (5)		

- (1) Publish.
- (2) Bogus. Inform the source of the rules. RFCs specifying Standard, or Draft Standard must come from the IESG, only.
- (3) Refer to an Area Director for review by a WG. Expect to see the document again only after approval by the IESG.
- (4) Notify both the IESG and IRSG. If no concerns are raised in two weeks then do Discretion (5), else RFC Editor to resolve the concerns or do Refer (3).
- (5) RFC Editor's discretion. The RFC Editor decides if a review is needed and if so by whom. RFC Editor decides to publish or not.

Of course, in all cases the RFC Editor can request or make minor changes for style, format, and presentation purposes.

The IESG has designated the IESG Secretary as its agent for forwarding documents with IESG approval and for registering concerns in response to notifications (4) to the RFC Editor. Documents from Area Directors or Working Group Chairs may be considered in the same way as documents from "other".

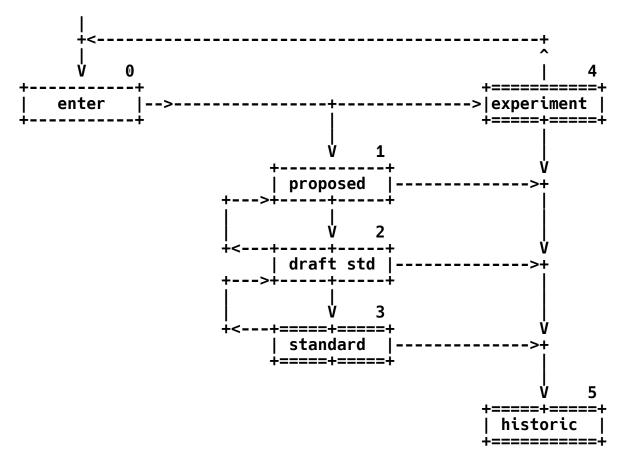
5.2. The Standards Track Diagram

There is a part of the STATUS and STATE categorization that is called the standards track. Actually, only the changes of state are significant to the progression along the standards track, though the status assignments may change as well.

The states illustrated by single line boxes are temporary states, those illustrated by double line boxes are long term states. A protocol will normally be expected to remain in a temporary state for several months (minimum six months for proposed standard, minimum four months for draft standard). A protocol may be in a long term state for many years.

A protocol may enter the standards track only on the recommendation of the IESG; and may move from one state to another along the track only on the recommendation of the IESG. That is, it takes action by the IESG to either start a protocol on the track or to move it along.

Generally, as the protocol enters the standards track a decision is made as to the eventual STATUS, requirement level or applicability (elective, recommended, or required) the protocol will have, although a somewhat less stringent current status may be assigned, and it then is placed in the the proposed standard STATE with that status. So the initial placement of a protocol is into state 1. At any time the STATUS decision may be revisited.



The transition from proposed standard (1) to draft standard (2) can only be by action of the IESG and only after the protocol has been proposed standard (1) for at least six months.

The transition from draft standard (2) to standard (3) can only be by action of the IESG and only after the protocol has been draft standard (2) for at least four months.

Occasionally, the decision may be that the protocol is not ready for standardization and will be assigned to the experimental state (4). This is off the standards track, and the protocol may be resubmitted to enter the standards track after further work. There are other paths into the experimental and historic states that do not involve IESG action.

Sometimes one protocol is replaced by another and thus becomes historic, or it may happen that a protocol on the standards track is in a sense overtaken by another protocol (or other events) and becomes historic (state 5).

6. The Protocols

Subsection 6.1 lists recent RFCs and other changes. Subsections 6.2 - 6.10 list the standards in groups by protocol state.

6.1. Recent Changes

6.1.1. New RFCs:

1640 - The Process for Organization of Internet Standards Working Group (POISED)

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1639 - FTP Operation Over Big Address Records (F00BAR)

An Experimental protocol.

1638 - PPP Bridging Control Protocol (BCP)

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1637 - DNS NSAP Resource Records

An Experimental protocol.

1636 - Report of IAB Workshop on Security in the Internet Architecture - February 8-10, 1994

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1635 - How to Use Anonymous FTP

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1634 - Novell IPX Over Various WAN Media (IPXWAN)

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1633 - Integrated Services in the Internet Architecture: an Overview

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1632 A Revised Catalog of Available X.500 Implementations
 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1631 The IP Network Address Translator (NAT)

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1630 Universal Resource Identifiers in WWW: A Unifying Syntax for the Expression of Names and Addresses of Objects on the Network as used in the World-Wide Web

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1629 Guidelines for OSI NSAP Allocation in the Internet
 A Draft Standard protocol.
- 1628 UPS Management Information Base
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1627 Network 10 Considered Harmful (Some Practices Shouldn't be Codified)

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1626 Default IP MTU for use over ATM AAL5

 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1625 WAIS over Z39.50-1988

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1624 Computation of the Internet Checksum via Incremental Update

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1623 Definitions of Managed Objects for the Ethernet-like Interface Types

A Standard protocol.

1622 - Pip Header Processing

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1621 - Pip Near-term Architecture

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1620 - Internet Architecture Extensions for Shared Media

This is an information document and does not specify any

level of standard.

1619 - PPP over SONET/SDH

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1618 - PPP over ISDN

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1617 - Naming and Structuring Guidelines for X.500 Directory Pilots

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1616 - X.400(1988) for the Academic and Research Community in Europe

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1615 - Migrating from X.400(84) to X.400(88)

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

1614 - Network Access to Multimedia Information

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1613 cisco Systems X.25 over TCP (XOT)
 - This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- **1612 DNS Resolver MIB Extensions**

A Proposed Standard protocol.

- 1611 DNS Server MIB Extensions
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1610 This memo.
- 1609 Charting Networks in the X.500 Directory

 An Experimental protocol.
- 1608 Representing IP Information in the X.500 Directory

 An Experimental protocol.
- 1607 A View from the 21st Century

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1606 A Historical Perspective On The Usage Of IP Version 9

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1605 SONET to Sonnet Translation

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1604 Definitions of Managed Objects for Frame Relay Service
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1603 IETF Working Group Guidelines and Procedures

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1602 The Internet Standards Process -- Revision 2

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1601 Charter of the Internet Architecture Board (IAB)
 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1599 Not yet issued.
- 1598 PPP in X.25

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1597 - Address Allocation for Private Internets

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

- 1596 Definitions of Managed Objects for Frame Relay Service
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1587 The OSPF NSSA Option
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1586 Guidelines for Running OSPF Over Frame Relay Networks

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1585 MOSPF: Analysis and Experience

 This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.
- 1584 Multicast Extensions to OSPF
 A Proposed Standard protocol.
- 1583 OSPF Version 2

 A Draft Standard protocol.

1580 - Guide to Network Resource Tools

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard.

6.1.2. Other Changes:

The following are changes to protocols listed in the previous edition.

None to report.

6.2. Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	_	STD *
	Internet Official Protocol Standards	Rea	1610	1
	Assigned Numbers	Reg	1340	2
	Host Requirements - Communications	Reg	1122	3
	Host Requirements - Applications	Reg	1123	3 3 4
	Gateway Requirements	Reg	1009	4
IP	Internet Protocol	Reg	791	5
	as amended by:			
	IP Subnet Extension	Req	950	5
	IP Broadcast Datagrams	Reg	919	5
	IP Broadcast Datagrams with Subnets	Reg	922	5 5 5 5 6 7
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol	Reg	792	5
IGMP	Internet Group Multicast Protocol	Rec	1112	5
UDP	User Datagram Protocol	Rec	768	6
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol	Rec	793	7
TELNET	Telnet Protocol		4,855	8
FTP	File Transfer Protocol	Rec	959	9
SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol	Rec	821	10
MAIL	Format of Electronic Mail Messages	Rec	822	11
CONTENT	Content Type Header Field	Rec	1049	11
NTPV2	Network Time Protocol (Version 2)	Rec	1119	12
DOMAIN	Domain Name System	Rec 1034	,1035	13
DNS-MX	Mail Routing and the Domain System	Rec	974	14
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol	Rec	1157	15
SMI	Structure of Management Information	Rec	1155	16
Concise-MI	B Concise MIB Definitions	Rec	1212	16
MIB-II	Management Information Base-II	Rec	1213	17
EGP	Exterior Gateway Protocol	Rec	904	18
NETBIOS	NetBIOS Service Protocols	Ele 1001	,1002	19
ECH0	Echo Protocol	Rec	862	20
DISCARD	Discard Protocol	Ele	863	21
CHARGEN	Character Generator Protocol	Ele	864	22
QUOTE	Quote of the Day Protocol	Ele	865	23
ÙSERS	Active Users Protocol	Ele	866	24
DAYTIME	Daytime Protocol	Ele	867	25
TIME	Time Server Protocol	Ele	868	26
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol	Ele	1350	33
RIP	Routing Information Protocol	Ele	1058	34
TP-TCP	ISO Transport Service on top of the TCP	Ele	1006	35
ETHER-MIB	Ethernet MIB	Req	1623	50 *

Applicability Statements:

IGMP -- The Internet Architecture Board intends to move towards general adoption of IP multicasting, as a more efficient solution than broadcasting for many applications. The host interface has been standardized in RFC-1112; however, multicast-routing gateways are in the experimental stage and are not widely available. An Internet host should support all of RFC-1112, except for the IGMP protocol itself which is optional; see RFC-1122 for more details. Even without IGMP, implementation of RFC-1112 will provide an important advance: IP-layer access to local network multicast addressing. It is expected that IGMP will become recommended for all hosts and gateways at some future date.

SMI, MIB-II SNMP -- The Internet Architecture Board recommends that all IP and TCP implementations be network manageable. At the current time, this implies implementation of the Internet MIB-II (RFC-1213), and at least the recommended management protocol SNMP (RFC-1157).

RIP -- The Routing Information Protocol (RIP) is widely implemented and used in the Internet. However, both implementors and users should be aware that RIP has some serious technical limitations as a routing protocol. The IETF is currently developing several candidates for a new standard "open" routing protocol with better properties than RIP. The IAB urges the Internet community to track these developments, and to implement the new protocol when it is standardized; improved Internet service will result for many users.

TP-TCP -- As OSI protocols become more widely implemented and used, there will be an increasing need to support interoperation with the TCP/IP protocols. The Internet Engineering Task Force is formulating strategies for interoperation. RFC-1006 provides one interoperation mode, in which TCP/IP is used to emulate TPO in order to support OSI applications. Hosts that wish to run OSI connection-oriented applications in this mode should use the procedure described in RFC-1006. In the future, the IAB expects that a major portion of the Internet will support both TCP/IP and OSI (inter-)network protocols in parallel, and it will then be possible to run OSI applications across the Internet using full OSI protocol "stacks".

6.3. Network-Specific Standard Protocols

All Network-Specific Standards have Elective status.

Protocol	Name	State	RFC	STD *
====== IP-ATM IP-FR	Classical IP and ARP over ATM Multiprotocol over Frame Relay	==== Prop Draft	===== 1577 1490	=== =
ATM-ENCAP	Multiprotocol Encapsulation over ATM	Prop	1483	
IP-TR-MC IP-FDDI	IP Multicast over Token-Ring LANs Transmission of IP and ARP over FDDI Net	Prop Std	1469 1390	36
IP-HIPPI	IP and ARP on HIPPI	Prop	1374	30
IP-X.25	X.25 and ISDN in the Packet Mode	Draft	1356	
IP-SMDS IP-FDDI	IP Datagrams over the SMDS Service Internet Protocol on FDDI Networks	Prop Draft	1209 1188	
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol	Std	826	37
RARP IP-ARPA	A Reverse Address Resolution Protocol Internet Protocol on ARPANET	Std Std BBI		38 39
IP-WB	Internet Protocol on Wideband Network	Std	907	40
IP-E	Internet Protocol on Ethernet Networks	Std	894	41
IP-EE IP-IEEE	Internet Protocol on Exp. Ethernet Nets Internet Protocol on IEEE 802	Std Std	895 1042	42 43
IP-DC	Internet Protocol on DC Networks	Std	891	44
IP-HC IP-ARC	Internet Protocol on Hyperchannel Transmitting IP Traffic over ARCNET Nets	Std	1044 1201	45 46
IP-SLIP	Transmission of IP over Serial Lines	Std	1055	47
	Transmission of IP over NETBIOS	Std	1088	48
IP-IPX	Transmission of 802.2 over IPX Networks	Std	1132	49

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Applicability Statements:

It is expected that a system will support one or more physical networks and for each physical network supported the appropriate protocols from the above list must be supported. That is, it is elective to support any particular type of physical network, and for the physical networks actually supported it is required that they be supported exactly according to the protocols in the above list. See also the Host and Gateway Requirements RFCs for more specific information on network-specific ("link layer") protocols.

6.4. Draft Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
OSI-NSAP	Guidelines for OSI NSAP Allocation	Elective	1629*
OSPF2	Open Shortest Path First Routing V2	Elective	1583*
ISO-TS-ECH	O Echo for ISO-8473	Elective	1575
	DECNET MIB	Elective	1559
PPP_HDLC	PPP in HDLC Framing	Elective	1549
PPP ⁻	Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP)	Elective	1548
	Message Header Ext. of Non-ASCII Text	Elective	1522
MIME	Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions	Elective	1521
802.3-MIB	IEEE 802.3 Repeater MIB	Elective	1516
BRIDGE-MIB	BRIDGE-MIB	Elective	1493
NTPV3	Network Time Protocol (Version 3)	Elective	1305
IP-MTU	Path MTU Discovery	Elective	1191
FINGER	Finger Protocol	Elective	1288
BGP3	Border Gateway Protocol 3 (BGP-3)	Elective	1267,1268
POP3	Post Office Protocol, Version 3	Elective	1460
B00TP	Bootstrap Protocol	Recommended	l 951,1497
NICNAME	WhoIs Protocol	Elective	954

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Applicability Statements:

PPP -- Point to Point Protocol is a method of sending IP over serial lines, which are a type of physical network. It is anticipated that PPP will be advanced to the network-specifics standard protocol state in the future.

6.5. Proposed Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
PPP-BCP	PPP Bridging Control Protocol	Elective	1638*
UPS-MIB		Elective	1628*
	UPS Management Information Base		
AAL5-MTU	Default IP MTU for use over ATM AAL5	Elective	1626*
PPP-SONET	PPP over SONET/SDH	Elective	1619*
PPP-ISDN	PPP over ISDN	Elective	1618*
DNS-R-MIB	DNS Resolver MIB Extensions	Elective	1612*
DNS-S-MIB	DNS Server MIB Extensions	Elective	1611*
FR-MIB	Frame Relay Service MIB	Elective	1604*
PPP-X25	PPP in X.25	Elective	1598*
OSPF-NSSA	The OSPF NSSA Option	Elective	1587*
OSPF-Multi		Elective	1584
SONET-MIB	MIB SONET/SDH Interface Type	Elective	1595
RIP-DC	Extensions to RIP to Support Demand Cir.		1582
	Evolution of the Interfaces Group of MIB-	IT Flective	1573
PPP-LCP	PPP LCP Extensions	Elective	1570
X500-MIB	X.500 Directory Monitoring MIB	Elective	1567
MAIL-MIB	Mail Monitoring MIB	Elective	1566
NSM-MIB	Network Services Monitoring MIB	Elective	1565
CIPX	Compressing IPX Headers Over WAM Media	Elective	1553
IPXCP	PPP Internetworking Packet Exchange Contr	ol Elective	1552
CON-MD5	Content-MD5 Header Field	Elective	1544
DHCP-BOOTP	Interoperation Between DHCP and BOOTP	Elective	1534
DHCP-BOOTP	DHCP Options and BOOTP Vendor Extensions	Elective	1533
B00TP	Clarifications and Extensions BOOTP	Elective	1532
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol	Elective	1531
SRB-MIB	Source Routing Bridge MIB	Elective	1525
CIDR-STRA	CIDR Address Assignment	Elective	1519
CIDR-ARCH	CIDR Architecture	Elective	1518
CIDR-APP	CIDR Applicability Statement	Elective	1517
	802.3 MAU MIB	Elective	1515
UOCT MTD		_	
HOST-MIB	Host Resources MIB	Elective	1514
EDDI MID	Token Ring Extensions to RMON MIB	Elective	1513
FDDI-MIB	FDDI Management Information Base	Elective	1512
KERBEROS	Kerberos Network Authentication Ser (V5)		1510
GSSAPI	Generic Security Service API: C-bindings		1509
GSSAPI	Generic Security Service Application	Elective	1508
DASS	Distributed Authentication Security	Elective	1507
	X.400 Use of Extended Character Sets	Elective	1502
HARPOON	Rules for Downgrading Messages	Elective	1496
Mapping	MHS/RFC-822 Message Body Mapping	Elective	1495
Equiv	X.400/MIME Body Equivalences	Elective	1494
X.500syn	X.500 String Representation	Elective	1488
X.5001ite	X.500 Lightweight	Elective	1487
STR-REP	String Representation	Elective	1485
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OSI-Dir	OSI User Friendly Naming	Elective	1484
IDPR	Inter-Domain Policy Routing Protocol	Elective	1479
IDPR-ARCH	Architecture for IDPR	Elective	1478
	MIB Bridge PPP MIB	Elective	1474
PPP/IP MIB		Elective	1473
•	S Security Protocols of PPP MIB	Elective	1472
		_	1472
	B Link Control Protocol of PPP MIB	Elective	
X25-MIB	Multiprotocol Interconnect on X.25 MIB	Elective	1461
SNMPv2	Coexistence between SNMPv1 and SNMPv2	Elective	1452
SNMPv2	Manager-to-Manager MIB	Elective	1451
SNMPv2	Management Information Base for SNMPv2	Elective	1450
SNMPv2	Transport Mappings for SNMPv2	Elective	1449
SNMPv2	Protocol Operations for SNMPv2	Elective	1448
SNMPv2	Party MIB for SNMPv2	Elective	1447
SNMPv2	Security Protocols for SNMPv2	Elective	1446
SNMPv2	Administrative Model for SNMPv2	Elective	1445
SNMPv2	Conformance Statements for SNMPv2	Elective	1444
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SNMPv2	Textual Conventions for SNMPv2	Elective	
SNMPv2	SMI for SNMPv2	Elective	1442
SNMPv2	Introduction to SNMPv2	Elective	1441
SMTP-SIZE	SMTP Service Ext for Message Size	Elective	1427
SMTP-8BIT	SMTP Service Ext or 8bit-MIMEtransport	Elective	1426
SMTP-EXT	SMTP Service Extensions	Elective	1425
PEM-KEY	PEM - Key Certification	Elective	1424
PEM-ALG	PEM - Algorithms, Modes, and Identifiers		1423
PEM-CKM	PEM - Certificate-Based Key Management	Elective	1422
PEM-ENC	PEM - Message Encryption and Auth	Elective	1421
SNMP-IPX	SNMP over IPX	Elective	1420
			1419
SNMP-AT	SNMP over AppleTalk	Elective	
SNMP-OSI	SNMP over OSI	Elective	1418
FTP-FTAM	FTP-FTAM Gateway Specification	Elective	1415
IDENT-MIB	Identification MIB	Elective	1414
IDENT	Identification Protocol	Elective	1413
DS3/E3-MIB	DS3/E3 Interface Type	Elective	1407
DS1/E1-MIB	DS1/E1 Interface Type	Elective	1406
BGP-OSPF	BGP OSPF Interaction	Elective	1403
	Route Advertisement In BGP2 And BGP3	Elective	1397
RIP2-MIB	RIP Version 2 MIB Extension	Elective	1389
RIP2	RIP Version 2-Carrying Additional Info.	Elective	1388
SNMP-X.25	SNMP MIB Extension for X.25 Packet Layer		1382
	SNMP MIB Extension for X.25 LAPB		
SNMP-LAPB		Elective	1381
PPP-ATCP	PPP AppleTalk Control Protocol	Elective	1378
	PPPP OSI Network Layer Control Protocol	Elective	1377
PPP-DNCP	PPP DECnet Phase IV Control Protocol	Elective	1376
TABLE-MIB	IP Forwarding Table MIB	Elective	1354
SNMP-PARTY-	-MIB Administration of SNMP	Elective	1353
SNMP-SEC	SNMP Security Protocols	Elective	1352
SNMP-ADMIN	SNMP Administrative Model	Elective	1351
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TOS	Type of Service in the Internet	Elective	1349
PPP-AUTH	PPP Authentication	Elective	1334
PPP-LINK	PPP Link Quality Monitoring	Elective	1333
PPP-IPCP	PPP Control Protocol	Elective	1332
	X.400 1988 to 1984 downgrading	Elective	1328
	Mapping between X.400(1988)	Elective	1327
TCP-EXT	TCP Extensions for High Performance	Elective	1323
	Def. Man. Objs Parallel-printer-like	Elective	1318
	Def. Man Objs RS-232-like	Elective	1317
	Def. Man. Objs. Character Stream	Elective	1316
FRAME-MIB	Management Information Base for Frame	Elective	1315
NETFAX	File Format for the Exchange of Images	Elective	1314
SIP-MIB	SIP Interface Type MIB	Elective	1304
IARP	Inverse Address Resolution Protocol	Elective	1293
FDDI-MIB	FDDI-MIB	Elective	1285
	Encoding Network Addresses	Elective	1277
	Replication and Distributed Operations	Elective	1276
	COSINE and Internet X.500 Schema	Elective	1274
RMON-MIB	Remote Network Monitoring MIB	Elective	1271
BGP-MIB	Border Gateway Protocol MIB (Version 3)	Elective	1269
ICMP-ROUT	ICMP Router Discovery Messages	Elective	1256
OSPF-MIB	OSPF Version 2 MIB	Elective	1253
IPS0	DoD Security Options for IP	Elective	1108
AT-MIB	Appletalk MĬB ˙	Elective	1243
OSI-UDP	OSI TS on UDP	Elective	1240
STD-MIBs	Reassignment of Exp MIBs to Std MIBs	Elective	1239
IPX-IP	Tunneling IPX Traffic through IP Nets	Elective	1234
802.5-MIB	IEEE 802.5 Token Ring MIB	Elective	1231
GINT-MIB	Extensions to the Generic-Interface MIB	Elective	1229
PPP-EXT	PPP Extensions for Bridging	Elective	1220
IS-IS	OSI IS-IS for TCP/IP Dual Environments	Elective	1195
IP-CMPRS	Compressing TCP/IP Headers	Elective	1144
NNTP	Network News Transfer Protocol	Elective	977

Applicability Statements:

OSPF - RFC 1370 is an applicability statement for OSPF.

6.6. Telnet Options

Protocol	Name	Number		Status	RFC	
TOPT-BIN	Binary Transmission	0	Std	Rec	856	27
TOPT-ECHO	Echo	1	Std	Rec	857	28
TOPT-RECN	Reconnection	2	Prop	Ele	• • •	
TOPT-SUPP	Suppress Go Ahead		Std	Rec	858	29
TOPT-APRX	Approx Message Size Negotiatio	n 4	Prop	Ele	:::	
TOPT-STAT	Status	5	Std	Rec	859	30
TOPT-TIM	Timing Mark	. 6	Std	Rec	860	31
TOPT-REM	Remote Controlled Trans and Ec	ho 7	Prop	Ele	726	
TOPT-OLW	Output Line Width	8	Prop	Ele	• • •	
TOPT-OPS	Output Page Size	9	Prop	Ele		
TOPT-OCRD	Output Carriage-Return Disposi		Prop	Ele	652	
TOPT-OHT	Output Horizontal Tabstops	11 ion 12	Prop	Ele Ele	653 654	
TOPT-OHTD	Output Horizontal Tab Disposit	13	Prop	Ele	654 655	
TOPT-OFD TOPT-OVT	Output Formfeed Disposition Output Vertical Tabstops	13	Prop	Ele	656	
TOPT-OVT	Output Vertical Tab Dispositio		Prop Prop	Ele	657	
TOPT-OVID	Output Linefeed Disposition	16	Prop	Ele	658	
TOPT-EXT	Extended ASCII	17	Prop	Ele	698	
TOPT-LOGO	Logout	18	Prop	Ele	727	
TOPT-BYTE	Byte Macro	19	Prop	Ele	735	
TOPT-DATA	Data Entry Terminal	20	Prop	Ele	1043	
TOPT-SUP	SUPDUP	21	Prop	Ele	736	
TOPT-SUPO	SUPDUP Output	22	Prop	Ele	749	
TOPT-SNDL	Send Location	23	Prop	Ele	779	
TOPT-TERM	Terminal Type	24	Prop	Ele	1091	
TOPT-EOR	End of Record	25	Prop	Ele	885	
TOPT-TACACS	S TACACS User Identification	26	Prop	Ele	927	
TOPT-OM	Output Marking	27	Prop	Ele	933	
TOPT-TLN	Terminal Location Number	28	Prop	Ele	946	
TOPT-3270	Telnet 3270 Regime	29	Prop	Ele	1041	
TOPT-X.3	X.3 PAD	30	Prop	Ele	1053	
TOPT-NAWS	Negotiate About Window Size	31	Prop	Ele	1073	
TOPT-TS	Terminal Speed	32	Prop	Ele	1079	
TOPT-RFC	Remote Flow Control	33	Prop	Ele	1372	
TOPT-LINE	Linemode	34	Draft		1184	
TOPT-XDL	X Display Location	35	Prop	Ele	1096	
	Telnet Environment Option	36	<u>H</u> ist	Not	1408	
TOPT-AUTH	Telnet Authentication Option	37	Exp	Ele	1416	
TOPT-ENVIR	Telnet Environment Option	39	Prop	Ele	1572	
TOPT-EXTOP	Extended-Options-List	255	Std	Rec	861	32

6.7. Experimental Protocols

All Experimental protocols have the Limited Use status.

Protocol	Name	RFC
F00BAR	FTP Operation Over Big Address Records	1639*
DNS-NSAP	DNS NSAP RRs	1637*
	Charting Networks in the X.500 Directory	1609*
X500-DIR	Representing IP Information in the X.500 Directory	1608*
SNMP-DPI	SNMP Distributed Protocol Interface	1592
CLNP-TUBA	Use of ISO CLNP in TUBA Environments	1561
REM-PRINT	TPC.INT Subdomain Remote Printing - Technical	1528
EHF-MAIL	Encoding Header Field for Internet Messages	1505
REM-PRT	An Experiment in Remote Printing	1486
RAP	Internet Route Access Protocol	1476
TP/IX	TP/IX: The Next Internet	1475
X400	Routing Coordination for X.400 Services	1465
DNS IRCP	Storing Arbitrary Attributes in DNS	1464
-	Internet Relay Chat Protocol	1459 1455
TOS-LS SIFT/UFT	Link Security TOS Sender-Initiated/Unsolicited File Transfer	1440
DIR-ARP	Directed ARP	1433
TEL-SPX	Telnet Authentication: SPX	1412
TEL-KER	Telnet Authentication: Srx Telnet Authentication: Kerberos V4	1411
MAP-MAIL	X.400 Mapping and Mail-11	1405
TRACE-IP	Traceroute Using an IP Option	1393
DNS-IP	Experiment in DNS Based IP Routing	1383
RMCP	Remote Mail Checking Protocol	1339
TCP-HIPER	TCP Extensions for High Performance	1323
MSP2	Message Send Protocol 2	1312
DSLCP	Dynamically Switched Link Control	1307
	X.500 and Domains	1279
IN-ENCAP	Internet Encapsulation Protocol	1241
CLNS-MIB	CLNS-MIB	1238
CFDP	Coherent File Distribution Protocol	1235
SNMP-DPI	SNMP Distributed Program Interface	1228
IP-AX.25	IP Encapsulation of AX.25 Frames	1226
ALERTS	Managing Asynchronously Generated Alerts	1224
MPP	Message Posting Protocol	1204
ST-II	Stream Protocol	1190
SNMP-BULK		1187
DNS-RR	New DNS RR Definitions	1183
IMAP2	Interactive Mail Access Protocol	1176
NTP-OSI	NTP over OSI Remote Operations	1165

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Digest Message Format for Mail	1153
Reliable Data Protocol	908,1151
TCP Alternate Checksum Option	1146
	1137
	1075
Versatile Message Transaction Protocol	1045
Authentication Scheme	1004
Bulk Data Transfer Protocol	998
Internet Reliable Transaction Protocol	938
Loader Debugger Protocol	909
Resource Location Protocol	887
Network Voice Protocol	ISI-memo
Packet Video Protocol	ISI-memo
	Reliable Data Protocol TCP Alternate Checksum Option Mapping full 822 to Restricted 822 IP Distance Vector Multicast Routing Versatile Message Transaction Protocol Authentication Scheme Bulk Data Transfer Protocol Internet Reliable Transaction Protocol Loader Debugger Protocol Resource Location Protocol Network Voice Protocol

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6.8. Informational Protocols

Information protocols have no status.

Protocol	Name	RFC
====== IPXWAN	Novell IPX Over Various WAN Media	===== 1634*
SNPP	Simple Network Paging Protocol - Version 1(b)	1568
ADSNA-IP	Advanced SNA/IP: A Simple SNA Transport Protocol	1538
AUBR	Appletalk Update-Based Routing Protocol	1504
TACACS	Terminal Access Control Protocol	1492
SUN-NFS	Network File System Protocol	1094
SUN-RPC	Remote Procedure Call Protocol Version 2	1057
GOPHER	The Internet Gopher Protocol	1436
	Data Link Switching: Switch-to-Switch Protocol	1434
LISTSERV	Listserv Distribute Protocol	1429
	Replication Requirements	1275
PCMAIL	Pcmail Transport Protocol	1056
MTP	Multicast Transport Protocol	1301
BSD Login	BSD Login	1282
DIXIE	DIXIE Protocol Specification	1249
IP-X.121		1236
OSI-HYPER		1223
HAP2	Host Access Protocol	1221
	On the Assignment of Subnet Numbers	1219
	Defining Traps for use with SNMP	1215
DAS	Directory Assistance Service	1202
MD4	MD4 Message Digest Algorithm	1186
LPDP	Line Printer Daemon Protocol	1179

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6.9. Historic Protocols

All Historic protocols have Not Recommended status.

Protocol	Name	RFC =====
SNMP-MUX		1227
	OSI Internet Management: MIB-II	1214
IMAP3	Interactive Mail Access Protocol Version 3	1203
SUN-RPC	Remote Procedure Call Protocol Version 1	1050
802.4-MIP	IEEE 802.4 Token Bus MIB	1230
CMOT	Common Management Information Services	1189
	Mail Privacy: Procedures	1113
	Mail Privacy: Key Management	1114
	Mail Privacy: Algorithms	1115
NFILE	A File Access Protocol	1037
HOSTNAME	HOSTNAME Protocol	953
SFTP	Simple File Transfer Protocol	913
SUPDUP	SUPDUP Protocol	734
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol	1163,1164
MIB-I	MIB-I	1156
SGMP	Simple Gateway Monitoring Protocol	1028
HEMS	High Level Entity Management Protocol	1021
STATSRV	Statistics Server	996
POP2	Post Office Protocol, Version 2	937
RATP	Reliable Asynchronous Transfer Protocol	916
HFEP	Host - Front End Protocol	929
THINWIRE	Thinwire Protocol	914
HMP	Host Monitoring Protocol	869
GGP	Gateway_Gateway Protocol	823
RTELNET	Remote Telnet Service	818
CLOCK	DCNET Time Server Protocol	778
MPM	Internet Message Protocol	759
NETRJS	Remote Job Service	740
NETED	Network Standard Text Editor	569
RJE	Remote Job Entry	407
XNET	Cross Net Debugger	IEN-158
	Host Name Server Protocol	IEN-116 IEN-90
MUX GRAPHICS	Multiplexing Protocol	NIC-24308
GVALUTC2	Graphics Protocol	NTC-24300

6.10. Obsolete Protocols

Some of the protcols listed in this memo are described in RFCs that are obsoleted by newer RFCs. "Obsolete" or "obsoleted" is not an official state or status of protocols. This subsection is for information only.

While it may seem to be obviously wrong to have an obsoleted RFC in the list of standards, there may be cases when an older standard is in the process of being replaced. This process may take a year or two.

For example, the Network Time Protocol (NTP) [RFC 1119] is in its version 2 a full Standard, and in its version 3 is a Draft Standard [RFC 1305]. Once version 3 is a full Standard, version 2 will be made Historic.

Many obsoleted protocols are of little interest and are dropped from this memo altogether. Some obsoleted protocols have received enough recognition that it seems appropriate to list them under their current status and with the following reference to their current replacement.

RFC		RFC	Status	Title	*
1305 1533 1331 1574 1573 1559 1548 1541 1592 1528 1320 1057	obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes	1119 1497 1171 1139 1229 1289 1331 1531 1228 1486 1186 1050	Status ====================================	Title ====================================	* =
1422 1423 1267	obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes obsoletes	1114 1115 1163	Hist /Not Hist /Not Hist /Not Hist /Not	Mail Privacy: Procedures Mail Privacy: Key Management Mail Privacy: Algorithms Border Gateway Protocol Border Gateway Protocol	

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Please refer to the document "Assigned Numbers" (RFC-1340) for further information about the status of protocol documents. There are two documents that summarize the requirements for host and gateways in the Internet, "Host Requirements" (RFC-1122 and RFC-1123) and "Gateway Requirements" (RFC-1009).

How to obtain the most recent edition of this "Internet Official Protocol Standards" memo:

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file /ftp/rfc/rfcnnnn.yyy where 'nnnn' is the RFC number. and 'yyy' is 'txt' or 'ps'.

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help: ways_to_get_rfcs

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