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IAB OFFICIAL PROTOCOL STANDARDS

Status of this Memo

This memo describes the state of standardization of protocols used in the Internet as determined by the Internet Activities Board (IAB). Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

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Introduction

Discussion of the standardization process and the RFC document series is presented first, followed by an explanation of the terms. Sections 6.2 - 6.9 contain the lists of protocols in each stage of standardization. Finally come pointers to references and contacts for further information.

This memo is intended to be issued quarterly; please be sure the copy you are reading is current. Current copies may be obtained from the Network Information Center or from the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (see the contact information at the end of this memo). Do not use this edition after 31-July-92.

See Section 6.1 for a description of recent changes. In the official lists in sections 6.2 - 6.9, 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 Activities Board maintains this list of documents that define standards for the Internet protocol suite (see 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)). The IAB provides 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-1310.

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

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 and the IAB must ratify it. If a recommendation is not ratified, the protocol is remanded to the IETF for further work.

To allow time for the Internet community to consider and react to standardization proposals, the IAB imposes 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 IAB 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 the IAB may convene a special review committee consisting of experts from the IETF, IRTF and the IAB with the purpose of recommending an explicit action to the IAB.

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 the IAB believes 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 IAB encourages the documentation of such experimental work in the RFC series, 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, and the IAB has approved this step.

A few protocols have achieved widespread implementation without the approval of the IESG and the IAB. For example, some vendor protocols have become very important to the Internet community even though they have not been recommended by the IESG or ratified by the IAB. However, the IAB strongly recommends that the IAB standards process be used in the evolution of the protocol suite to maximize interoperability (and to prevent incompatible protocol requirements from arising). The IAB reserves the use of the terms "standard", "draft standard", and "proposed standard" in any RFC or other publication of Internet protocols to only those protocols which the IAB 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. For a proposed or draft standard, however, the IAB will also endeavor to indicate the eventual status this protocol will have after adoption as a standard.

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

gateways, 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 is 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 1111).

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 both the IESG and the IAB. 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 "IAB 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 Network Information Center at SRI International, 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

This 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-1060.

Another document, Internet Numbers, lists the assigned IP network numbers, and the autonomous system numbers. Internet Numbers was most recently issued as RFC-1166.

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 DCA and to the IAB. 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 IAB 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 (TELNET)	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. These five documents are included in the 1985 DDN Protocol Handbook (available from the SRI Network Information Systems Center, see Section 7.6).

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Philadelphia, PA 19120
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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 and when possible, the IAB also notes the status that the protocol is expected to have when it reaches the standard state.

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.

		STATUS				
		Req	Rec	Ele	Lim	Not
	Std	X	XXX	XXX		
S						
	Draft	X	X	XXX		
T						
	Prop		X	XXX		
A						
	Info		X	XXX	XX	X
T						
	Expr			X	XXX	XX
E						
	Hist				X	XXX

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 IAB 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.

4.1.2. Draft Standard Protocol

The IAB 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 IAB. 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 IAB 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 IAB, may be published as RFCs for the convenience of the Internet community as informational protocols. Such protocols may in some cases also be recommended for use in the Internet by the IAB.

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 IAB 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 or RG	Other
Standard or Draft Standard	Publish (1)	Vote (3)	Bogus (2)	Bogus (2)
Proposed Standard	Publish (1)	Vote (3)	Refer (4)	Refer (4)
Experimental Protocol	Publish (1)	Notify (5)	Notify (5)	Notify (5)
Information or Opinion Paper	Publish (1)	Discretion (6)	Discretion (6)	Discretion (6)

(1) Publish.

(2) Bogus. Inform the source of the rules. RFCs specifying Standard, or Draft Standard must come from the IAB, only.

(3) Vote by the IAB. If approved then do Publish (1), else do Refer (4).

(4) Refer to an Area Director for review by a WG. Expect to see the document again only after approval by the IESG and the IAB.

(5) Notify both the IESG and IRSG. If no concerns are raised in two weeks then do Discretion (6), else RFC Editor to resolve the concerns or do Refer (4).

(6) 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 (5) to the RFC Editor. Documents from Area Directors or Working Group Chairs may be considered in the same way as documents from "other".

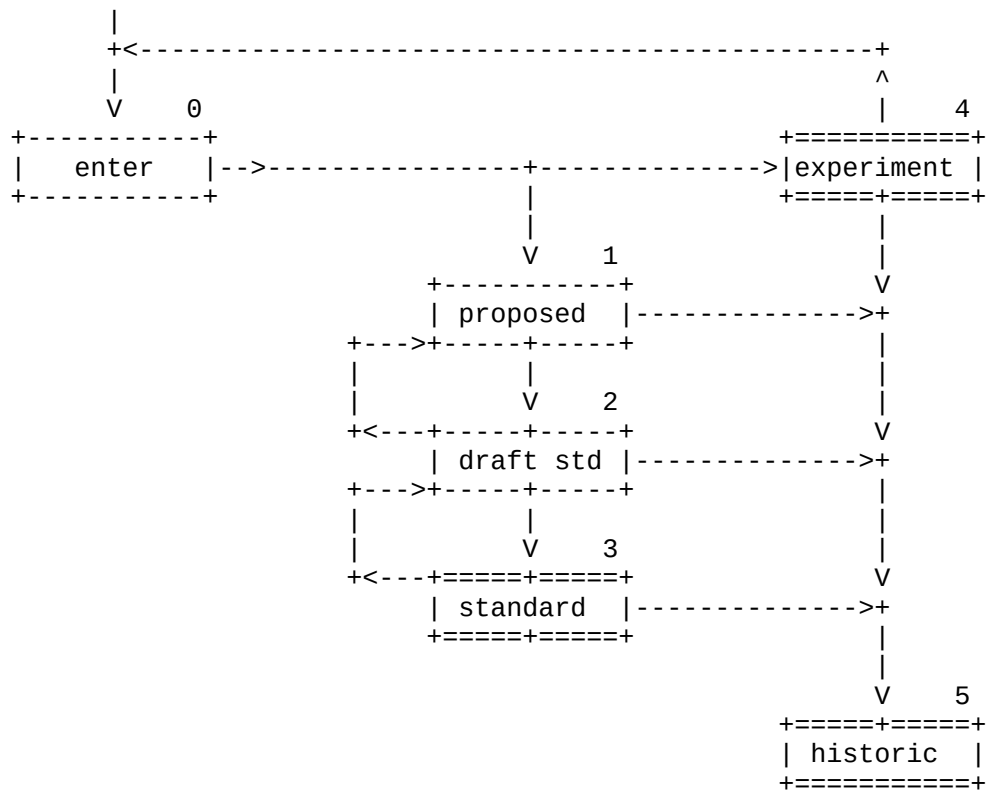
5.2. The Standards Track Diagram

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 be changed 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 by action of the IAB; and may move from one state to another along the track only on the recommendation of the IESG and by action of the IAB. That is, it takes both the IESG and the IAB 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 IAB on the recommendation 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 IAB on the recommendation 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 IAB 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 - 6.9 list the standards in groups by protocol state.

6.1. Recent Changes

6.1.1. New RFCs:

1311 - Introduction to the STD Notes

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

1310 - The Internet Standards Process

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

1309 - Technical Overview of Directory Services Using the X.500 Protocol

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

1308 - Executive Introduction to Directory Services Using the X.500 Protocol

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

1307 - Dynamically Switched Link Control Protocol

An Experimental Protocol.

1306 - Experiences Supporting By-Request Circuit-Switched T3 Networks

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

1304 - Definitions of Managed Objects for the SIP Interface Type

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1303 - A Convention for Describing SNMP-based Agents

This is an information document and does not specify any

level of standard.

1302 - Building a Network Information Services Infrastructure

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

1301 - Multicast Transport Protocol

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

1300 - Remembrances of Things Past

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

1298 - SNMP over IPX

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

1297 - NOC Internal Integrated Trouble Ticket System Functional Specification Wishlist ("NOC TT REQUIREMENTS")

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

1296 - Internet Growth (1981-1991)

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

1295 - User Bill of Rights for entries and listings in the Public Directory

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

1294 - Multiprotocol Interconnect over Frame Relay

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1293 - Inverse Address Resolution Protocol

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1292 - A Catalog of Available X.500 Implementations

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

1291 - Mid-Level Networks - Potential Technical Services

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

1290 - There's Gold in them thar Networks! or Searching for Treasure in all the Wrong Places

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

1289 - DECnet Phase IV MIB Extensions

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1288 - The Finger User Information Protocol

A Draft Standard protocol.

1287 - Towards the Future Internet Architecture

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

1286 - Definitions of Managed Objects for Bridges

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1285 - FDDI Management Information Base

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1284 - Definitions of Managed Objects for the Ethernet-like Interface Types

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1283 - SNMP over OSI

An Experimental protocol.

1282 - BSD Rlogin

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

1281 - Guidelines for the Secure Operation of the Internet

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

1280 - This memo.

1279 - X.500 and Domains

An Experimental protocol.

1278 - A string encoding of Presentation Address

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

1277 - Encoding Network Addresses to support operation over non-OSI lower layers

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1276 - Replication and Distributed Operations extensions to provide an Internet Directory using X.500

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1275 - Replication Requirements to provide an Internet Directory using X.500

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

1274 - The COSINE and Internet X.500 Schema

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1273 - A Measurement Study of Changes in Service-Level Reachability in the Global TCP/IP Internet: Goals, Experimental Design, Implementation, and Policy Considerations

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

1272 - Internet Accounting: Background

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

1271 - Remote Network Monitoring Management Information Base

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1270 - SNMP Communications Services

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

1269 - Definitions of Managed Objects for the Border Gateway Protocol (Version 3)

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1268 - Application of the Border Gateway Protocol in the Internet

A Draft Standard protocol.

1267 - A Border Gateway Protocol 3 (BGP-3)

A Draft Standard protocol.

1266 - Experience with the BGP Protocol

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

1265 - BGP Protocol Analysis

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

1264 - Internet Engineering Task Force - Internet Routing Protocol Standardization Criteria

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

1263 - TCP Extensions Considered Harmful

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

1262 - Guidelines for Internet Measurement Activities

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

1261 - Transition of NIC Services

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

1260 - Not yet issued.

1259 - Building The Open Road: The NREN As Test-Bed For The National Public Network

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

1258 - BSD Rlogin

This is an information document and does not specify any level of standard. Obsoleted by RFC 1282.

1257 - Isochronous Applications Do Not Require Jitter-Controlled Networks

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

1256 - ICMP Router Discovery Messages

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1255 - A Naming Scheme for c=US

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

1254 - Gateway Congestion Control Survey

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

1253 - OSPF Version 2 Management Information Base

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1108 - U.S. Department of Defense Security Options for the Internet Protocol

A Proposed Standard protocol.

1099 - Request for Comments Summary RFC Numbers 1000-1099

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

6.1.2. Other Changes:

RFC 1156, MIB-I is no longer referenced since it is completely replaced by RFC 1213, MIB-II.

6.2. Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC	STD	*
--------	IAB Official Protocol Standards	Req	1280	1	*
--------	Assigned Numbers	Req	1060	2	*
--------	Host Requirements - Communications	Req	1122	3	*
--------	Host Requirements - Applications	Req	1123	3	*
--------	Gateway Requirements	Req	1009	4	*
IP	Internet Protocol	Req	791	5	*
	as amended by:				
--------	IP Subnet Extension	Req	950	5	*
--------	IP Broadcast Datagrams	Req	919	5	*
--------	IP Broadcast Datagrams with Subnets	Req	922	5	*
ICMP	Internet Control Message Protocol	Req	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	Rec	854,855	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	*
NTP	Network Time Protocol	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	*
MIB-II	Management Information Base-II	Rec	1213	17	*
EGP	Exterior Gateway Protocol	Rec	904	18	*
NETBIOS	NetBIOS Service Protocols	Ele	1001,1002	19	*
ECHO	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	*
USERS	Active Users Protocol	Ele	866	24	*
DAYTIME	Daytime Protocol	Ele	867	25	*
TIME	Time Server Protocol	Ele	868	26	*

[Note: an asterisk at the end of a line indicates a change from the previous edition of this document.]

Applicability Statements:

IGMP -- The Internet Activities 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 Activities 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).

6.3. Network-Specific Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	State	Status	RFC
IP-FR	Multiprotocol over Frame Relay	Prop	Ele	1294*
IP-SMDS	Transmission of IP Datagrams over SMDS	Prop	Ele	1209*
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol	Std	Ele	826*
RARP	A Reverse Address Resolution Protocol	Std	Ele	903*
IP-ARPA	Internet Protocol on ARPANET	Std	Ele	BBN1822*
IP-WB	Internet Protocol on Wideband Network	Std	Ele	907*
IP-X25	Internet Protocol on X.25 Networks	Std	Ele	877*
IP-E	Internet Protocol on Ethernet Networks	Std	Ele	894*
IP-EE	Internet Protocol on Exp. Ethernet Nets	Std	Ele	895*
IP-IEEE	Internet Protocol on IEEE 802	Std	Ele	1042*
IP-DC	Internet Protocol on DC Networks	Std	Ele	891*
IP-HC	Internet Protocol on Hyperchannel	Std	Ele	1044*
IP-ARC	Internet Protocol on ARCNET	Std	Ele	1051*
IP-SLIP	Transmission of IP over Serial Lines	Std	Ele	1055*
IP-NETBIOS	Transmission of IP over NETBIOS	Std	Ele	1088*
IP-IPX	Transmission of 802.2 over IPX Networks	Std	Ele	1132*
IP-FDDI	Transmission of IP over FDDI	Draft	Ele	1188*

[Note: an asterisk at the end of a line indicates a change from the previous edition of this document.]

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
FINGER	Finger Protocol	Elective	1288*
BGP-APP	Application of BGP	Elective	1268*
BGP3	Border Gateway Protocol 3 (BGP-3)	Elective	1267*
OSPF2	Open Shortest Path First Routing V2	Elective	1247
POP3	Post Office Protocol, Version 3	Elective	1225
Concise-MIB	Concise MIB Definitions	Elective	1212
IP-FDDI	Internet Protocol on FDDI Networks	Elective	1188
TOPT-LINE	Telnet Linemode Option	Elective	1184
PPP	Point to Point Protocol	Elective	1171
--------	Mail Privacy: Procedures	Elective	1113
--------	Mail Privacy: Key Management	Elective	1114
--------	Mail Privacy: Algorithms	Elective	1115
BOOTP	Bootstrap Protocol	Recommended	951,1084
RIP	Routing Information Protocol	Elective	1058
TP-TCP	ISO Transport Service on top of the TCP	Elective	1006
NICNAME	WhoIs Protocol	Elective	954
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol	Elective	783

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Applicability Statements:

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 TP0 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".

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-specific standard protocol state in the future.

6.5. Proposed Standard Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
SIP-MIB	SIP Interface Type MIB	Elective	1304*
IARP	Inverse Address Resolution Protocol	Elective	1293*
DECNET-MIB	DECNET MIB	Elective	1289*
BRIDGE-MIB	BRIDGE-MIB	Elective	1286*
FDDI-MIB	FDDI-MIB	Elective	1285*
ETHER-MIB	Ethernet MIB	Elective	1284*
-------	Encoding Network Addresses...	Elective	1277*
-------	Replication and Distributed Operations..	Elective	1276*
-------	Replication Requirements...	Elective	1275*
-------	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*
IPSO	DoD Security Options for IP	Elective	1108*
AT-MIB	Appletalk MIB	Elective	1243
OSI-UDP	OSI TS on UDP	Elective	1240
STD-MIBs	Reassignment of Exp MIBs to Std MIBs	Elective	1239
OSI-NSAP	Guidelines for OSI NSAP Allocation	Elective	1237
IPX-IP	Tunneling IPX Traffic through IP Nets	Elective	1234
DS3-MIB	DS3 Interface Objects	Elective	1233
DS1-MIB	DS1 Interface Objects	Elective	1232
802.5-MIB	IEEE 802.5 Token Ring MIB	Elective	1231
802.4-MIP	IEEE 802.4 Token Bus MIB	Elective	1230
GINT-MIB	Extensions to the Generic-Interface MIB	Elective	1229
PPP-EXT	PPP Extensions for Bridging	Elective	1220
OIM-MIB-II	OSI Internet Management: MIB-II	Elective	1214
IP-SMDS	IP Datagrams over the SMDS Service	Elective	1209
IP-ARCNET	Transmitting IP Traffic over ARCNET Nets	Elective	1201
IS-IS	OSI IS-IS for TCP/IP Dual Environments	Elective	1195
IP-MTU	Path MTU Discovery	Elective	1191
CMOT	Common Management Information Services..	Elective	1189
PPP-INIT	PPP Initial Configuration Options	Elective	1172
IP-CMPRS	Compressing TCP/IP Headers	Elective	1144
ISO-TS-ECHO	Echo for ISO-8473	Elective	1139
SUN-NFS	Network File System Protocol	Elective	1094
SUN-RPC	Remote Procedure Call Protocol	Elective	1057
PCMAIL	Pcmail Transport Protocol	Elective	1056
NFILE	A File Access Protocol	Elective	1037

-------	Mapping between X.400(84) and RFC-822	Elective	987,1026
NNTP	Network News Transfer Protocol	Elective	977
HOSTNAME	HOSTNAME Protocol	Elective	953
SFTP	Simple File Transfer Protocol	Elective	913
RLP	Resource Location Protocol	Elective	887
SUPDUP	SUPDUP Protocol	Elective	734

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Applicability Statements:

IP-SMDS and IP-ARCNET -- These define methods of sending IP over particular network types. It is anticipated that these will be advanced to the network specific standard protocol state in the future.

6.6. Telnet Options

For convenience, all the Telnet Options are collected here with both their state and status.

Protocol	Name	Number	State	Status	RFC	STD
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	3	Std	Rec	858	29*
TOPT-APRX	Approx Message Size Negotiation	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 Echo	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 Disposition	10	Prop	Ele	652	
TOPT-OHT	Output Horizontal Tabstops	11	Prop	Ele	653	
TOPT-OHTD	Output Horizontal Tab Disposition	12	Prop	Ele	654	
TOPT-OFD	Output Formfeed Disposition	13	Prop	Ele	655	
TOPT-OVT	Output Vertical Tabstops	14	Prop	Ele	656	
TOPT-OVTD	Output Vertical Tab Disposition	15	Prop	Ele	657	
TOPT-OLD	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	734	
TOPT-SUPO	SUPDUP Output	22	Prop	Ele	749	
TOPT-SNDL	Send Location	23	Prop	Ele	779	

TOPT-TERM	Terminal Type	24	Prop	Ele	930	
TOPT-EOR	End of Record	25	Prop	Ele	885	
TOPT-TACACS	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	1080	
TOPT-LINE	Linemode	34	Draft	Ele	1184	
TOPT-XDL	X Display Location	35	Prop	Ele	1096	
TOPT-EXTOP	Extended-Options-List	255	Std	Rec	861	32*

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6.7. Experimental Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
DSLCP	Dynamically Switched Link Control	Elective	1307*
--------	X.500 and Domains	Elective	1279*
SNMP-OSI	SNMP over OSI	Elective	1283*
IN-ENCAP	Internet Encapsulation Protocol	Limited Use	1241
CLNS-MIB	CLNS-MIB	Limited Use	1238
CFDP	Coherent File Distribution Protocol	Limited Use	1235
SNMP-DPI	SNMP Distributed Program Interface	Limited Use	1228
SNMP-MUX	SNMP MUX Protocol and MIB	Limited Use	1227
IP-AX25	IP Encapsulation of AX.25 Frames	Limited Use	1226
ALERTS	Managing Asynchronously Generated Alerts	Limited Use	1224
MPP	Message Posting Protocol	Limited Use	1204
ST-II	Stream Protocol	Limited Use	1190
SNMP-BULK	Bulk Table Retrieval with the SNMP	Limited Use	1187
DNS-RR	New DNS RR Definitions	Limited Use	1183
NTP-OSI	NTP over OSI Remote Operations	Limited Use	1165
MSP	Message Send Protocol	Limited Use	1159
EHF-MAIL	Encoding Header Field for Mail	Elective	1154
DMF-MAIL	Digest Message Format for Mail	Elective	1153
RDP	Reliable Data Protocol	Limited Use	908,1151
--------	Mapping between X.400(88) and RFC-822	Elective	1148
TCP-ACO	TCP Alternate Checksum Option	Not Recommended	1146
--------	Mapping full 822 to Restricted 822	Elective	1137
IP-DVMRP	IP Distance Vector Multicast Routing	Not Recommended	1075
TCP-LDP	TCP Extensions for Long Delay Paths	Limited Use	1072
IMAP2	Interactive Mail Access Protocol	Limited Use	1176,1064
IMAP3	Interactive Mail Access Protocol	Limited Use	1203
VMTP	Versatile Message Transaction Protocol	Elective	1045

COOKIE-JAR	Authentication Scheme	Not Recommended	1004
NETBLT	Bulk Data Transfer Protocol	Not Recommended	998
IRTP	Internet Reliable Transaction Protocol	Not Recommended	938
AUTH	Authentication Service	Not Recommended	931
LDP	Loader Debugger Protocol	Not Recommended	909
NVP-II	Network Voice Protocol	Limited Use	ISI-memo
PVP	Packet Video Protocol	Limited Use	ISI-memo

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6.8. Informational Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
MTP	Multicast Transport Protocol	Elective	1301*
SNMP-IPX	SNMP over IPX	Elective	1298*
BSD Login	BSD Login	Elective	1282*
DIXIE	DIXIE Protocol Specification	Limited Use	1249
IP-X.121	IP to X.121 Address Mapping for DDN	Limited Use	1236
OSI-HYPER	OSI and LLC1 on HYPERchannel	Limited Use	1223
HAP2	Host Access Protocol	Limited Use	1221
SUBNETASGN	On the Assignment of Subnet Numbers	Limited Use	1219
SNMP-TRAPS	Defining Traps for use with SNMP	Limited Use	1215
DAS	Directory Assistance Service	Limited Use	1202
MD4	MD4 Message Digest Algorithm	Limited Use	1186
LPDP	Line Printer Daemon Protocol	Limited Use	1179

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6.9. Historic Protocols

Protocol	Name	Status	RFC
BGP	Border Gateway Protocol	Elective	1163,1164*
MIB-I	MIB-I	Not Recommended	1156*
SGMP	Simple Gateway Monitoring Protocol	Not Recommended	1028
HEMS	High Level Entity Management Protocol	Not Recommended	1021
STATSRV	Statistics Server	Not Recommended	996
POP2	Post Office Protocol, Version 2	Not Recommended	937
RATP	Reliable Asynchronous Transfer Protocol	Not Recommended	916
HFEP	Host - Front End Protocol	Not Recommended	929
THINWIRE	Thinwire Protocol	Not Recommended	914
HMP	Host Monitoring Protocol	Not Recommended	869
GGP	Gateway Gateway Protocol	Not Recommended	823
RTELNET	Remote Telnet Service	Not Recommended	818
CLOCK	DCNET Time Server Protocol	Not Recommended	778
MPM	Internet Message Protocol	Not Recommended	759
NETRJS	Remote Job Service	Not Recommended	740
NETED	Network Standard Text Editor	Not Recommended	569
RJE	Remote Job Entry	Not Recommended	407
XNET	Cross Net Debugger	Not Recommended	IEN-158
NAMESERVER	Host Name Server Protocol	Not Recommended	IEN-116
MUX	Multiplexing Protocol	Not Recommended	IEN-90
GRAPHICS	Graphics Protocol	Not Recommended	NIC-24308

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