

**Initial Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Method Registrations
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Abstract

This document registers those Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) methods which have been defined in RFCs before the IANA HTTP Method Registry was established.

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The changes in this draft are summarized in [Appendix A.2](#).

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1. Introduction

This document registers those Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) methods which have been defined in RFCs other than [[draft-ietf-httpbis-p2-semantic](#)] before the IANA HTTP Method Registry was established.

2. Security Considerations

There are no security considerations related to the registration itself.

Security considerations applicable to the individual HTTP methods ought to be discussed in the specifications that define them.

3. IANA Considerations

The table below provides registrations of HTTP method names to be added to the IANA HTTP Method registry at <http://www.iana.org/assignments/http-methods> (see Section 8.1 of [[draft-ietf-httpbis-p2-semantic](#)]).

Method Name	Safe	Idempotent	Reference
ACL	no	yes	[RFC3744] , Section 8.1
BASELINE-CONTROL	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 12.6
BIND	no	yes	[RFC5842] , Section 4
CHECKIN	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 4.4
CHECKOUT	no	yes	and [RFC3253] , Section 9.4
COPY	no	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.8
LABEL	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 8.2
LINK	no	yes	[RFC2068] , Section 19.6.1.2
LOCK	no	no	[RFC4918] , Section 9.10
MERGE	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 11.2
MKACTIVITY	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 13.5
MKCALENDAR	no	yes	[RFC4791] , Section 5.3.1
MKCOL	no	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.3
MKREDIRECTREF	no	yes	[RFC4437] , Section 6
MKWORKSPACE	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 6.3
MOVE	no	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.9
ORDERPATCH	no	yes	[RFC3648] , Section 7
PATCH	no	no	[RFC5789] , Section 2
PROPFIND	yes	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.1
PROPPATCH	no	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.2
REBIND	no	yes	[RFC5842] , Section 6
REPORT	yes	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 3.6
SEARCH	yes	yes	[RFC5323] , Section 2
UNBIND	no	yes	[RFC5842] , Section 5
UNCHECKOUT	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 4.5
UNLINK	no	yes	[RFC2068] , Section 19.6.1.3
UNLOCK	no	yes	[RFC4918] , Section 9.11
UPDATE	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 7.1
UPDATEREDIRECTREF	no	yes	[RFC4437] , Section 7
VERSION-CONTROL	no	yes	[RFC3253] , Section 3.5

4. Normative References

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[Appendix A](#). Change Log (to be removed by RFC Editor before publication)

Changes up to the IETF Last Call draft are summarized in <http://trac.tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-httpbis-method-registrations-13#appendix-B>.

[A.1](#). Since [draft-ietf-httpbis-method-registrations-13](#)

Closed issues:

- o <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/httpbis/trac/ticket/514>: "registration tables should be inside IANA considerations"

Clarified the IANA action to say "add".

Updated httpbis reference.

[A.2](#). Since [draft-ietf-httpbis-method-registrations-14](#)

Closed issues:

- o <http://tools.ietf.org/wg/httpbis/trac/ticket/529>: "IESG ballot on [draft-ietf-httpbis-method-registrations-14](#)"

Removed misleading statement about "standards-track" RFCs, as some of the methods registered here indeed originate from Experimental RFCs, and furthermore the new registry established in Section 8.1 of [draft-ietf-httpbis-p2-semantic](#) uses "IETF Review".

Updated httpbis reference.

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