

## RFC 3978 Update to recognize the IETF Trust

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### Abstract

This document modifies [RFC 3978](#) "IETF Rights in Contributions" to recognize that the IETF Trust is now the proper custodian of all IETF-related intellectual property rights.

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

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## [1. Introduction](#)

## **[1.1](#) IETF Trust**

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The IETF Trust was recently formed to act as the administrative custodian of all copyrights and other intellectual property rights relating to the IETF Standards Process that had previously been held by ISOC and CNRI (See [reference to IETF Trust Agreement]). This document modifies [RFC 3978](#) in order to implement this structure. Most importantly, it alters the license-grant path as follows: whereas previously authors of Contributions to the IETF would grant a license both to ISOC and to all IETF participants, it is now proposed that such authors grant a license to the IETF Trust (in [Section 3.3](#)). This document concerns itself only with changes to [RFC 3978](#) needed to recognize the creation of the IETF Trust.

This introductory section is to provide context for the reader. [Section 2](#) of this document is intended to be normative.

## **2. Updates to [RFC 3978](#)**

The text of [RFC 3978](#) is hereby updated as set forth below to reflect the creation of the IETF Trust.

### **[2.1](#). Update introduction**

In the third paragraph of [Section 1](#) replace "IETF and Internet Society (ISOC)" with "IETF Trust" and replace "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust."

### **[2.2](#). Update [Section 3.3](#)**

In [section 3.3](#) replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust."

### **[2.3](#). Update [Section 3.4](#)**

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

### **[2.4](#). Update [Section 4.2](#)**

In [section 4.2](#) replace two instances of "ISOC and the IETF" and one



instance of "IETF and ISOC" with "IETF Trust."

### **2.5. Update [Section 5](#)**

In [Section 5](#) change two instances of "ISOC" to "IETF Trust."

### **2.6. Update copyright statement**

Replace "Internet Society" with "IETF Trust" in the copyright statement in [Section 5.4](#).

### **2.7. Update [Section 5.5](#)**

In [Section 5.5](#) insert ", THE IETF TRUST" after "INTERNET SOCIETY".

### **2.8. Update [Section 5.6](#)**

In [Section 5.6](#), replace all occurrences of "Internet Society" or "ISOC" with "IETF Trust".

### **2.9. Update [Section 7.1](#)**

In [Section 7.1](#), replace two instances of "IETF/ISOC" with "IETF Trust".

### **2.10. Update [Section 8](#)**

In [Section 8](#), insert ", the IETF Trust" after "ISOC".

## **3. References**

### **[3.1. Normative References](#)**

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

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

[IETF Trust Agreement?]

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### Changes



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version 3 to version 4

major rewrite based on input from Jorge

version 4 to version 5

various places cleaned up removal of outbound rights

version 5 to version 6

added [section 2.3](#)

added a new [section 4](#) and renumbered the old [section 4](#) and the sections following

