

WEBDAV Working Group  
Internet-Draft  
Expires: January 23, 2004

J. Slein  
Xerox  
J. Whitehead  
U.C. Santa Cruz  
J. Davis  
CourseNet  
G. Clemm  
Rational  
C. Fay  
FileNet  
J. Crawford  
IBM  
J. Reschke, Ed.  
greenbytes  
July 25, 2003

**WebDAV Redirect Reference Resources**  
**draft-ietf-webdav-redirectref-protocol-03.txt**

Status of this Memo

This document is an Internet-Draft and is in full conformance with all provisions of [Section 10 of RFC2026](#).

Internet-Drafts are working documents of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), its areas, and its working groups. Note that other groups may also distribute working documents as Internet-Drafts.

Internet-Drafts are draft documents valid for a maximum of six months and may be updated, replaced, or obsoleted by other documents at any time. It is inappropriate to use Internet-Drafts as reference material or to cite them other than as "work in progress."

The list of current Internet-Drafts can be accessed at <http://www.ietf.org/ietf/1id-abstracts.txt>.

The list of Internet-Draft Shadow Directories can be accessed at <http://www.ietf.org/shadow.html>.

This Internet-Draft will expire on January 23, 2004.

Copyright Notice

Copyright (C) The Internet Society (2003). All Rights Reserved.

Abstract

This is one of a pair of specifications that extend the WebDAV



Distributed Authoring Protocol to enable clients to create new access paths to existing resources. The two protocol extensions have very different characteristics that make them useful for different sorts of applications.

The present specification defines redirect reference resources. A redirect reference resource is a resource whose default response is an HTTP/1.1 302 (Found) status code, redirecting the client to a different resource, the target resource. A redirect reference makes it possible to access the target resource indirectly, through any URI mapped to the redirect reference resource. There are no integrity guarantees associated with redirect reference resources.

The related specification [B], defines bindings, and the BIND method for creating them. Creating a new binding to a resource indirectly creates one or more new URIs mapped to that resource, which can then be used to access it. Servers are required to insure the integrity of any bindings that they allow to be created.

Distribution of this document is unlimited. Please send comments to the Distributed Authoring and Versioning (WebDAV) working group at [w3c-dist-auth@w3.org](mailto:w3c-dist-auth@w3.org) [1], which may be joined by sending a message with subject "subscribe" to [w3c-dist-auth-request@w3.org](mailto:w3c-dist-auth-request@w3.org) [2].

Discussions of the WEBDAV working group are archived at URL: <http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/>.



## Table of Contents

<a href="#">1.</a>	Introduction . . . . .	<a href="#">7</a>
<a href="#">2.</a>	Notational Conventions . . . . .	<a href="#">9</a>
<a href="#">3.</a>	Terminology . . . . .	<a href="#">10</a>
<a href="#">4.</a>	Overview of Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">11</a>
<a href="#">5.</a>	Creating a Redirect Reference Resource . . . . .	<a href="#">12</a>
<a href="#">5.1</a>	MKRESOURCE . . . . .	<a href="#">12</a>
<a href="#">5.2</a>	Example: Creating a Redirect Reference Resource with MKRESOURCE . . . . .	<a href="#">13</a>
<a href="#">6.</a>	Operations on Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">15</a>
<a href="#">6.1</a>	Example: GET on a Redirect Reference Resource . . . . .	<a href="#">16</a>
<a href="#">6.2</a>	Example: PUT on a Redirect Reference Resource with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref . . . . .	<a href="#">16</a>
<a href="#">6.3</a>	Example: PROPPATCH on a Redirect Reference Resource . . . . .	<a href="#">17</a>
<a href="#">7.</a>	Operations on Collections That Contain Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">18</a>
<a href="#">7.1</a>	MOVE and DELETE on Collections That Contain Redirect References . . . . .	<a href="#">18</a>
<a href="#">7.2</a>	LOCK on a Collection That Contains Redirect References . . . . .	<a href="#">19</a>
<a href="#">7.3</a>	Example: PROPFIND on a Collection with Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">19</a>
<a href="#">7.4</a>	Example: PROPFIND with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref on a Collection with Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">20</a>
<a href="#">7.5</a>	Example: COPY on a Collection That Contains a Redirect Reference Resource . . . . .	<a href="#">22</a>
<a href="#">7.6</a>	Example: LOCK on a Collection That Contains a Redirect Reference Resource . . . . .	<a href="#">23</a>
<a href="#">8.</a>	Operations on Targets of Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">26</a>
<a href="#">9.</a>	Relative URIs in DAV:reftarget . . . . .	<a href="#">27</a>
<a href="#">9.1</a>	Example: Resolving a Relative URI in a MKRESOURCE Request . . . . .	<a href="#">27</a>
<a href="#">9.2</a>	Example: Resolving a Relative URI in a Multi-Status Response . . . . .	<a href="#">28</a>
<a href="#">10.</a>	Redirect References to Collections . . . . .	<a href="#">30</a>
<a href="#">11.</a>	Headers . . . . .	<a href="#">32</a>
<a href="#">11.1</a>	Redirect-Ref Response Header . . . . .	<a href="#">32</a>
<a href="#">11.2</a>	Apply-To-Redirect-Ref Request Header . . . . .	<a href="#">32</a>
<a href="#">12.</a>	Properties . . . . .	<a href="#">33</a>
<a href="#">12.1</a>	reftarget Property . . . . .	<a href="#">33</a>
<a href="#">12.2</a>	location Pseudo-Property . . . . .	<a href="#">33</a>
<a href="#">13.</a>	XML Elements . . . . .	<a href="#">34</a>
<a href="#">13.1</a>	redirectref XML Element . . . . .	<a href="#">34</a>
<a href="#">14.</a>	Extensions to the DAV:response XML Element for Multi-Status Responses . . . . .	<a href="#">35</a>
<a href="#">15.</a>	Capability Discovery . . . . .	<a href="#">36</a>
<a href="#">15.1</a>	Example: Discovery of Support for Redirect Reference Resources . . . . .	<a href="#">36</a>
<a href="#">16.</a>	Security Considerations . . . . .	<a href="#">37</a>



<a href="#">16.1</a>	Privacy Concerns . . . . .	<a href="#">37</a>
<a href="#">16.2</a>	Redirect Loops . . . . .	<a href="#">37</a>
<a href="#">16.3</a>	Redirect Reference Resources and Denial of Service . . . . .	<a href="#">37</a>
<a href="#">16.4</a>	Revealing Private Locations . . . . .	<a href="#">37</a>
<a href="#">17.</a>	Internationalization Considerations . . . . .	<a href="#">39</a>
<a href="#">18.</a>	IANA Considerations . . . . .	<a href="#">40</a>
<a href="#">19.</a>	Acknowledgements . . . . .	<a href="#">41</a>
	Normative References . . . . .	<a href="#">42</a>
	Informative References . . . . .	<a href="#">43</a>
	Authors' Addresses . . . . .	<a href="#">44</a>
<a href="#">A.</a>	Changes to the WebDAV Document Type Definition . . . . .	<a href="#">46</a>
<a href="#">B.</a>	Change Log . . . . .	<a href="#">47</a>
<a href="#">B.1</a>	Since <a href="#">draft-ietf-webdav-redirectref-protocol-02</a> . . . . .	<a href="#">47</a>
<a href="#">C.</a>	Resolved issues . . . . .	<a href="#">48</a>
<a href="#">C.1</a>	lc-11-pagination . . . . .	<a href="#">48</a>
<a href="#">C.2</a>	lc-09-notational-after-introduction . . . . .	<a href="#">48</a>
<a href="#">C.3</a>	lc-13-usually . . . . .	<a href="#">48</a>
<a href="#">C.4</a>	lc-16-insure . . . . .	<a href="#">48</a>
<a href="#">C.5</a>	lc-17-location . . . . .	<a href="#">49</a>
<a href="#">C.6</a>	lc-21-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">49</a>
<a href="#">C.7</a>	lc-46-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">49</a>
<a href="#">C.8</a>	lc-26-lang . . . . .	<a href="#">49</a>
<a href="#">C.9</a>	lc-03-mkresource-response-cacheability . . . . .	<a href="#">50</a>
<a href="#">C.10</a>	lc-02-status-codes . . . . .	<a href="#">50</a>
<a href="#">C.11</a>	lc-27-lang . . . . .	<a href="#">50</a>
<a href="#">C.12</a>	lc-30-headers . . . . .	<a href="#">50</a>
<a href="#">C.13</a>	lc-32-ORDERPATCH . . . . .	<a href="#">51</a>
<a href="#">C.14</a>	lc-51-repeat . . . . .	<a href="#">51</a>
<a href="#">C.15</a>	lc-59-depth . . . . .	<a href="#">51</a>
<a href="#">C.16</a>	lc-65-lock . . . . .	<a href="#">51</a>
<a href="#">C.17</a>	lc-66-depth . . . . .	<a href="#">52</a>
<a href="#">C.18</a>	lc-69-424 . . . . .	<a href="#">52</a>
<a href="#">C.19</a>	lc-68-lock . . . . .	<a href="#">52</a>
<a href="#">C.20</a>	lc-52-no-relative . . . . .	<a href="#">53</a>
<a href="#">C.21</a>	lc-64-reftarget . . . . .	<a href="#">53</a>
<a href="#">C.22</a>	lc-70-relative . . . . .	<a href="#">53</a>
<a href="#">C.23</a>	lc-73-asciiart . . . . .	<a href="#">53</a>
<a href="#">C.24</a>	lc-77-webdav-applications . . . . .	<a href="#">54</a>
<a href="#">C.25</a>	lc-10-title . . . . .	<a href="#">54</a>
<a href="#">C.26</a>	lc-81-typo . . . . .	<a href="#">54</a>
<a href="#">C.27</a>	lc-18-resource-types . . . . .	<a href="#">54</a>
<a href="#">C.28</a>	lc-84-ext . . . . .	<a href="#">54</a>
<a href="#">D.</a>	Open issues . . . . .	<a href="#">56</a>
<a href="#">D.1</a>	lc-85-301 . . . . .	<a href="#">56</a>
<a href="#">D.2</a>	lc-07-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">56</a>
<a href="#">D.3</a>	lc-08-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">56</a>
<a href="#">D.4</a>	lc-34-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">56</a>
<a href="#">D.5</a>	lc-35-bind . . . . .	<a href="#">57</a>





<a href="#">D.6</a>	<a href="#">lc-83-bind</a>	<a href="#">57</a>
<a href="#">D.7</a>	<a href="#">lc-12-bind</a>	<a href="#">57</a>
<a href="#">D.8</a>	<a href="#">lc-38-not-hierarchical</a>	<a href="#">57</a>
<a href="#">D.9</a>	<a href="#">lc-36-server</a>	<a href="#">58</a>
<a href="#">D.10</a>	<a href="#">lc-33-forwarding</a>	<a href="#">58</a>
<a href="#">D.11</a>	<a href="#">lc-56-notjusthttp</a>	<a href="#">58</a>
<a href="#">D.12</a>	<a href="#">lc-01-body</a>	<a href="#">58</a>
<a href="#">D.13</a>	<a href="#">lc-37-integrity</a>	<a href="#">59</a>
<a href="#">D.14</a>	<a href="#">lc-14-bind</a>	<a href="#">59</a>
<a href="#">D.15</a>	<a href="#">lc-15-direct-ref</a>	<a href="#">59</a>
<a href="#">D.16</a>	<a href="#">lc-39-no-reference-or-direct-resource</a>	<a href="#">59</a>
<a href="#">D.17</a>	<a href="#">lc-40-direct</a>	<a href="#">60</a>
<a href="#">D.18</a>	<a href="#">lc-43-webdav</a>	<a href="#">60</a>
<a href="#">D.19</a>	<a href="#">lc-19-direct-ref</a>	<a href="#">60</a>
<a href="#">D.20</a>	<a href="#">lc-45-apply-to-rr</a>	<a href="#">61</a>
<a href="#">D.21</a>	<a href="#">lc-04-standard-data-container</a>	<a href="#">61</a>
<a href="#">D.22</a>	<a href="#">lc-05-standard-data-container</a>	<a href="#">61</a>
<a href="#">D.23</a>	<a href="#">lc-20-intro-mkresource</a>	<a href="#">61</a>
<a href="#">D.24</a>	<a href="#">lc-22-coll</a>	<a href="#">62</a>
<a href="#">D.25</a>	<a href="#">lc-25-atomic</a>	<a href="#">62</a>
<a href="#">D.26</a>	<a href="#">lc-41-no-webdav</a>	<a href="#">62</a>
<a href="#">D.27</a>	<a href="#">lc-42-no-webdav</a>	<a href="#">62</a>
<a href="#">D.28</a>	<a href="#">lc-58-update</a>	<a href="#">63</a>
<a href="#">D.29</a>	<a href="#">lc-01A-body</a>	<a href="#">63</a>
<a href="#">D.30</a>	<a href="#">lc-23-body</a>	<a href="#">63</a>
<a href="#">D.31</a>	<a href="#">lc-24-properties</a>	<a href="#">64</a>
<a href="#">D.32</a>	<a href="#">lc-47-207</a>	<a href="#">64</a>
<a href="#">D.33</a>	<a href="#">lc-48-s6</a>	<a href="#">64</a>
<a href="#">D.34</a>	<a href="#">lc-28-lang</a>	<a href="#">65</a>
<a href="#">D.35</a>	<a href="#">lc-29-lang</a>	<a href="#">65</a>
<a href="#">D.36</a>	<a href="#">lc-31-MKCOL</a>	<a href="#">65</a>
<a href="#">D.37</a>	<a href="#">lc-49-put</a>	<a href="#">65</a>
<a href="#">D.38</a>	<a href="#">lc-44-pseudo</a>	<a href="#">66</a>
<a href="#">D.39</a>	<a href="#">lc-61-pseudo</a>	<a href="#">66</a>
<a href="#">D.40</a>	<a href="#">lc-60-ex</a>	<a href="#">66</a>
<a href="#">D.41</a>	<a href="#">lc-62-oldclient</a>	<a href="#">67</a>
<a href="#">D.42</a>	<a href="#">lc-63-move</a>	<a href="#">67</a>
<a href="#">D.43</a>	<a href="#">lc-67-redirectref</a>	<a href="#">67</a>
<a href="#">D.44</a>	<a href="#">lc-06-reftarget-relative</a>	<a href="#">67</a>
<a href="#">D.45</a>	<a href="#">lc-57-noautoupdate</a>	<a href="#">68</a>
<a href="#">D.46</a>	<a href="#">lc-71-relative</a>	<a href="#">68</a>
<a href="#">D.47</a>	<a href="#">lc-53-s10</a>	<a href="#">68</a>
<a href="#">D.48</a>	<a href="#">lc-72-trailingslash</a>	<a href="#">69</a>
<a href="#">D.49</a>	<a href="#">lc-54-s10</a>	<a href="#">69</a>
<a href="#">D.50</a>	<a href="#">lc-50-blindredirect</a>	<a href="#">69</a>
<a href="#">D.51</a>	<a href="#">lc-74-terminology</a>	<a href="#">70</a>
<a href="#">D.52</a>	<a href="#">lc-75-ignore</a>	<a href="#">70</a>
<a href="#">D.53</a>	<a href="#">lc-76-location</a>	<a href="#">70</a>



<a href="#">D.54</a>	lc-78-directory . . . . .	<a href="#">70</a>
<a href="#">D.55</a>	lc-79-accesscontrol . . . . .	<a href="#">71</a>
<a href="#">D.56</a>	lc-80-i18n . . . . .	<a href="#">71</a>
<a href="#">D.57</a>	lc-55-iana . . . . .	<a href="#">71</a>
<a href="#">D.58</a>	lc-82-iana . . . . .	<a href="#">71</a>
	Intellectual Property and Copyright Statements . . . . .	<a href="#">72</a>

## **1. Introduction**

This is one of a pair of specifications that extend the WebDAV Distributed Authoring Protocol to enable clients to create new access paths to existing resources. This capability is useful for several reasons:

URIs of WebDAV-compliant resources are hierarchical and correspond to a hierarchy of collections in resource space. The WebDAV Distributed Authoring Protocol makes it possible to organize these resources into hierarchies, placing them into groupings, known as collections, which are more easily browsed and manipulated than a single flat collection. However, hierarchies require categorization decisions that locate resources at a single location in the hierarchy, a drawback when a resource has multiple valid categories. For example, in a hierarchy of vehicle descriptions containing collections for cars and boats, a description of a combination car/boat vehicle could belong in either collection. Ideally, the description should be accessible from both. Allowing clients to create new URIs that access the existing resource lets them put that resource into multiple collections.

Hierarchies also make resource sharing more difficult, since resources that have utility across many collections are still forced into a single collection. For example, the mathematics department at one university might create a collection of information on fractals that contains bindings to some local resources, but also provides access to some resources at other universities. For many reasons, it may be undesirable to make physical copies of the shared resources on the local server: to conserve disk space, to respect copyright constraints, or to make any changes in the shared resources visible automatically. Being able to create new access paths to existing resources in other collections or even on other servers is useful for this sort of case.

The redirect reference resources defined here provide a mechanism for creating alternative access paths to existing resources. A redirect reference resource is a resource in one collection whose purpose is to forward requests to another resource (its target), possibly in a different collection. In this way, it allows clients to submit requests to the target resource from another collection. It redirects most requests to the target resource using the HTTP 302 (Found) status code, thereby providing a form of mediated access to the target resource.

The companion specification [\[B\]](#), defines the BIND method, a different mechanism for allowing clients to create alternative access paths to existing WebDAV-compliant resources. The BIND method lets clients



associate a new URI with an existing WebDAV resource. This URI can then be used to submit requests to the resource. Since URIs of WebDAV-compliant resources are hierarchical, and correspond to a hierarchy of collections in resource space, the BIND method also has the effect of adding the resource to a collection. As new URIs are associated with the resource, it appears in additional collections.

Redirect references and bindings have very different characteristics:

A redirect reference is a resource, and so can have properties and a body of its own. Properties of a redirect reference resource can contain such information as who created the reference, when, and why. Since redirect reference resources are implemented using HTTP 302 responses, it generally takes two round trips to submit a request to the intended resource. Servers are not required to enforce the integrity of redirect references. Redirect references work equally well for local resources and for resources that reside on a different server from the reference.

By contrast, a BIND request does not create a new resource, but simply makes available a new URI for submitting requests to an existing resource. The new URI is indistinguishable from any other URI when submitting a request to a resource. Only one round trip is needed to submit a request to the intended target. Servers are required to enforce the integrity of the relationships between the new URIs and the resources associated with them. Consequently, it may be very costly for servers to support BIND requests that cross server boundaries.

The remainder of this document is structured as follows: [Section 3](#) defines terms that will be used throughout the specification. [Section 4](#) provides an overview of redirect reference resources. [Section 5](#) discusses how to create a redirect reference resource. [Section 6](#) defines the semantics of existing methods when applied to redirect reference resources, and [Section 7](#) discusses their semantics when applied to collections that contain redirect reference resources. Sections [8](#) through [10](#) discuss several other issues raised by the existence of redirect reference resources. Sections [11](#) through [14](#) define the new headers, properties, and XML elements required to support redirect reference resources. [Section 15](#) discusses capability discovery. Sections [16](#) through [18](#) present the security, internationalization, and IANA concerns raised by this specification. The remaining sections provide a variety of supporting information.



## **2. Notational Conventions**

Since this document describes a set of extensions to the WebDAV Distributed Authoring Protocol [[RFC2518](#)], itself an extension to the HTTP/1.1 protocol, the augmented BNF used here to describe protocol elements is exactly the same as described in [Section 2.1 of \[RFC2616\]](#). Since this augmented BNF uses the basic production rules provided in [Section 2.2 of \[RFC2616\]](#), these rules apply to this document as well.

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].





### **3. Terminology**

The terminology used here follows and extends that in the WebDAV Distributed Authoring Protocol specification [[RFC2518](#)]. Definitions of the terms resource, Uniform Resource Identifier (URI), and Uniform Resource Locator (URL) are provided in [[RFC2396](#)].

#### Reference Resource

A resource whose purpose is to forward requests to another resource. Reference resources are an alternative mechanism to bindings (defined in [[B](#)]) for allowing clients to create multiple URIs that can be used to submit requests to the same resource.

#### Redirect Reference Resource

A resource that allows clients to forward requests to another resource using the HTTP 1.1 302 (Found) response mechanism. The client is aware that this type of reference resource is mediating between it and the target resource.

#### Direct Reference Resource

Direct Reference Resources are out of scope for this specification, but are defined here for contrast with redirect reference resources. A direct reference resource automatically forwards requests to another resource, in a way that is transparent to the client.

#### Non-Reference Resource

A resource that is not a reference to another resource.

#### Target Resource

The resource to which requests are forwarded by a reference resource.



#### **4. Overview of Redirect Reference Resources**

For all operations submitted to a redirect reference resource, the default response is a 302 (Found), accompanied by the Redirect-Ref header (defined in [Section 11.1](#) below) and the Location header set to the URI of the target resource. With this information, the client can resubmit the request to the URI of the target resource.

A redirect reference resource never automatically forwards requests to its target resource. It is this characteristic that distinguishes redirect reference resource from direct reference resources and from bindings. It is also what helps to insure that redirect reference resources will be simple to implement and that cross-server references will be possible. If the redirect reference resource were required to forward requests automatically, the server would need proxy capabilities in order to support cross-server references.

If the client is aware that it is operating on a redirect reference resource, it can resolve the reference by retrieving the reference resource's DAV:reftarget property (defined in [Section 12.1](#) below), whose value contains the URI of the target resource. It can then submit requests to the target resource.

A redirect reference resource is a new type of resource. To distinguish redirect reference resources from non-reference resources, a new value of the DAV:resourcetype property (defined in [\[RFC2518\]](#)), DAV:redirectref, is defined in [Section 13.1](#) below.

Since a redirect reference resource is a resource, it can have its own properties and body, and methods can be applied to the reference resource as well as to its target resource. The Apply-To-Redirect-Ref request header (defined in [Section 11.2](#) below) is provided so that referencing-aware clients can control whether an operation is applied to the redirect reference resource or to its target resource. The Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header can be used with most requests to redirect reference resources. This header is particularly useful with PROPFIND, to retrieve the reference resource's own properties.



## 5. Creating a Redirect Reference Resource

The MKRESOURCE method is used to create new redirect reference resources. As defined in [Section 5.1](#), MKRESOURCE can be used to create a resource of any type other than standard data containers and collections. In order to create a redirect reference resource using MKRESOURCE, the values of two properties must be set in the body of the MKRESOURCE request. The value of DAV:resourcetype MUST be set to DAV:redirectref, a new value of DAV:resourcetype defined in [Section 13.1](#). The value of DAV:reftarget MUST be set to the URI of the target resource.

Used in this way, the MKRESOURCE method creates a redirect reference resource whose target is identified by the DAV:reftarget property.

### 5.1 MKRESOURCE

The MKRESOURCE method requests the creation of a resource and initialization of its properties. It allows resources other than standard data containers and collections to be created and their properties initialized in one atomic operation.

Preconditions:

A resource MUST NOT exist at the Request-URI.

Request Marshalling:

The location of the new resource to be created is specified by the Request-URI.

The request body of the MKRESOURCE method MUST consist of the DAV:propertyupdate XML element defined in [Section 12.13 of \[RFC2518\]](#).

Postconditions:

If the response status code is 201, a new resource exists at the Request-URI.

The body of the new resource is empty.

The properties of the new resource are as specified by the DAV:propertyupdate request body, using PROPPATCH semantics. If the DAV:propertyupdate does not specify a DAV:resourcetype, the resource will be a standard data container.

If the response status code is not 201, then a new resource is not



created at the Request-URI, and any existing resource at the Request-URI is unaffected.

#### Response Marshalling:

Responses from a MKRESOURCE request MUST NOT be cached, as MKRESOURCE has non-idempotent semantics.

The following status codes can be expected in responses to MKRESOURCE:

201 (Created): The new resource was successfully created.

207 (Multi-Status): This response is generated if an error was encountered while initializing the properties of the resource, in which case the response is as defined in [Section 8.2.1 of \[RFC2518\]](#).

403 (Forbidden): The server does not allow the creation of the requested resource type at the requested location, or the parent collection of the Request-URI exists but cannot accept members.

409 (Conflict): A resource cannot be created at the Request-URI because the parent collection for the resource does not exist, or because there is already a resource at that request-URL.

423 (Locked): The Request-URI is locked, and the lock token was not passed with the request.

507 (Insufficient Storage): The server does not have sufficient space to record the state of the resource.

## **[5.2](#) Example: Creating a Redirect Reference Resource with MKRESOURCE**

>> Request:

```
MKRESOURCE /~whitehead/dav/spec08.ref HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.ics.uci.edu
```

```
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
```

```
Content-Length: xxx
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
```

```
<D:propertyupdate xmlns:D="DAV:">
```

```
  <D:set>
```

```
    <D:prop>
```

```
      <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
```

```
    <D:reftarget>
```





```
      <D:href>/i-d/draft-webdav-protocol-08.txt</D:href>
    </D:reftarget>
  </D:prop>
</D:set>
</D:propertyupdate>
```

>> Response:

HTTP/1.1 201 Created

This request resulted in the creation of a new redirect reference resource at [www.ics.uci.edu/~whitehead/dav/spec08.ref](http://www.ics.uci.edu/~whitehead/dav/spec08.ref), which points to the resource identified by the DAV:reftarget property. In this example, the target resource is identified by the URI <http://www.ics.uci.edu/i-d/draft-webdav-protocol-08.txt>. The redirect reference resource's DAV:resourcetype property is set to DAV:redirectref.



## 6. Operations on Redirect Reference Resources

Although non-referencing-aware clients cannot create reference resources, they should be able to submit requests through the reference resources created by reference-aware WebDAV clients. They should be able to follow any references to their targets. To make this possible, a server that receives any request made via a redirect reference resource MUST return a 302 (Found) status code, unless the request includes an Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header. The client and server MUST follow [\[RFC2616\] Section 10.3.3](#) "302 Found," but with these additional rules:

- o The Location response header MUST contain an absolute URI that identifies the target of the reference resource.
- o The response MUST include the Redirect-Ref header. This header allows reference-aware WebDAV clients to recognize the resource as a reference resource and understand the reason for the redirection.

A reference-aware WebDAV client can act on this response in one of two ways. It can, like a non-referencing client, resubmit the request to the URI in the Location header in order to operate on the target resource. Alternatively, it can resubmit the request to the URI of the redirect reference resource with the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header in order to operate on the reference resource itself. If the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is present, the request MUST be applied to the reference resource itself, and a 302 response MUST NOT be returned.

A reference-aware client may know before submitting its request that the Request-URI identifies a redirect reference resource. In this case, if the client wants to apply the method to the reference resource, it can save the round trip caused by the 302 response by using an Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header in its initial request to the URI.

A few methods need additional explanation:

The Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header can be used with GET or HEAD to retrieve the entity headers of a redirect reference resource. When Apply-To-Redirect-Ref is used with GET or HEAD, the Redirect-Ref entity header MUST be returned.

A redirect reference resource MAY have a body, though none is defined for it in this specification. The PUT method can be used, with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref, to create or replace the body of a redirect reference resource.



Since MKCOL and MKRESOURCE fail when applied to existing resources, if the client attempts to resubmit the request to the target resource, the request MUST fail (unless the reference resource is a dangling reference). Similarly, if the client attempts to resubmit the request to the reference resource with an Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header, the request MUST fail.

### **6.1 Example: GET on a Redirect Reference Resource**

>> Request:

```
GET /bar.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.foo.com
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: http://www.svr.com/Internet/xspec08.html
Redirect-Ref:
```

Since /bar.html is a redirect reference resource and the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is not included in the request, the response is a 302 (Found). The Redirect-Ref header informs a reference-aware client that this is not an ordinary HTTP 1.1 redirect, but is a redirect reference resource. The URI of the target resource is provided in the Location header so that the client can resubmit the request to the target resource.

### **6.2 Example: PUT on a Redirect Reference Resource with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref**

>> Request:

```
PUT /bar.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.foo.com
Apply-To-Redirect-Ref:
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
Content-Length: xxxx
```

. . . some content . . .

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Although /bar.html is a redirect reference resource, the presence of the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header prevents a 302 response, and instead causes the request to be applied to the reference resource. The



result in this case is that the reference resource is replaced by a non-reference resource having the content submitted with the request.

### **6.3 Example: PROPPATCH on a Redirect Reference Resource**

>> Request:

```
PROPPATCH /bar.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.foo.com
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
Content-Length: xxxx

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<D:propertyupdate xmlns:D="DAV:"
xmlns:Z="http://www.w3.com/standards/z39.50/">
  <D:set>
    <D:prop>
      <Z:authors>
        <Z:Author>Jim Whitehead</Z:Author>
        <Z:Author>Roy Fielding</Z:Author>
      </Z:authors>
    </D:prop>
  </D:set>
  <D:remove>
    <D:prop>
      <Z:Copyright-Owner/>
    </D:prop>
  </D:remove>
</D:propertyupdate>
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: http://www.svr.com/Internet/xsSpec08.html
Redirect-Ref:
```

Since /bar.html is a redirect reference resource and the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is not included in the request, the response is a 302 (Found). The Redirect-Ref header informs a reference-aware client that this is not an ordinary HTTP 1.1 redirect, but is a redirect reference resource. The URI of the target resource is provided in the Location header so that the client can resubmit the request to the target resource.





## **7. Operations on Collections That Contain Redirect Reference Resources**

Consistent with the rules in [Section 6](#), the response for each redirect reference encountered while processing a collection MUST be a 302 (Found) unless a Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is included with the request. The overall response will therefore be a 207 (Multi-Status). Since a Location header and Redirect-Ref header cannot be returned for each redirect reference encountered, the same information is provided using properties in the response elements for those resources. The DAV:location pseudo-property and the DAV:resourcetype property MUST be included with the 302 status code. This necessitates an extension to the syntax of the DAV:response element that was defined in [\[RFC2518\]](#). The extension is defined in [Section 14](#) below.

A referencing-aware client can tell from the DAV:resourcetype property that the collection contains a redirect reference resource. The DAV:location pseudo-property contains the absolute URI of the target resource. A referencing-aware client can either use the URI value of the DAV:location pseudo-property to resubmit its request to the target resource, or it can submit the request to the redirect reference resource with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref.

It is recommended that future editors of [\[RFC2518\]](#) define the DAV:location pseudo-property in [\[RFC2518\]](#), so that non-referencing clients will also be able to use the response to operate on the target resource. (This will also enable clients to operate on traditional HTTP/1.1 302 responses in Multi-Status responses.) Until then, non-referencing clients will not be able to process 302 responses from redirect reference resources encountered while processing a collection.

The Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header (defined in [Section 11.2](#)) MAY be used with any request on a collection. If present, it will be applied to all redirect reference resources encountered while processing the collection.

### **7.1 MOVE and DELETE on Collections That Contain Redirect References**

DELETE removes the binding that corresponds to the Request-URI. MOVE removes that binding and creates a new binding to the same resource. In cases where DELETE and MOVE are applied to a collection, these operations affect all the descendents of the collection, but they do so indirectly. There is no need to visit each descendent in order to process the request. Consequently, even if there are redirect reference resources in a tree that is being deleted or moved, there will be no 302 responses from the redirect reference resources.



## **7.2 LOCK on a Collection That Contains Redirect References**

LOCK poses special problems because it is atomic. An attempt to lock (with Depth: infinity) a collection that contains redirect references will always fail. The Multi-Status response will contain a 302 response for each redirect reference.

Reference-aware clients can lock the collection by using Apply-To-Redirect-Ref, and, if desired, lock the targets of the redirect references individually.

Non-referencing clients must resort to locking each resource individually.

## **7.3 Example: PROPFIND on a Collection with Redirect Reference Resources**

Suppose a PROPFIND request with Depth: infinity is submitted to the following collection, with the members shown here:

<http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/>  
    (non-reference resource) diary.html  
    (redirect reference resource) nunavut

>> Request:

```
PROPFIND /MyCollection/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.svr.com
Depth: infinity
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: xxxx

<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<D:propfind xmlns:D="DAV: ">
  <D:prop xmlns:J="http://www.svr.com/jsprops/">
    <D:resourcetype/>
    <J:keywords/>
  </D:prop>
</D:propfind>
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 207 Multi-Status
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: xxxx

<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<D:multistatus xmlns:D="DAV:" xmlns:J="http://www.svr.com/jsprops/">
  <D:response>
```



```

    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/</D:href>
    <D:propstat>
      <D:prop>
        <D:resourcetype><D:collection/></D:resourcetype>
        <J:keywords>diary, interests, hobbies</J:keywords>
      </D:prop>
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
  </D:response>
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/diary.html</D:href>
    <D:propstat>
      <D:prop>
        <D:resourcetype/>
        <J:keywords>diary, travel, family, history</J:keywords>
      </D:prop>
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
  </D:response>
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/nunavut</D:href>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 302 Found</D:status>
    <D:prop>
      <D:location>
        <D:href>http://www.inac.gc.ca/art/inuit/</D:href>
      </D:location>
      <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
    </D:prop>
  </D:response>
</D:multistatus>

```

In this example the Depth header is set to infinity, and the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is not used. The collection contains one URI that identifies a redirect reference resource. The response element for the redirect reference resource has a status of 302 (Found), and includes a DAV:prop element with the DAV:location pseudo-property and the DAV:resourcetype property to allow clients to retrieve the properties of its target resource. (The response element for the redirect reference resource does not include the requested properties. The client can submit another PROPFIND request to the URI in the DAV:location pseudo-property to retrieve those properties.)

#### **7.4 Example: PROPFIND with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref on a Collection with Redirect Reference Resources**

Suppose a PROPFIND request with Apply-To-Redirect-Ref and Depth = infinity is submitted to the following collection, with the members



shown here:

```
/MyCollection/  
  (non-reference resource) diary.html  
  (redirect reference resource) nunavut
```

>> Request:

```
PROPFIND /MyCollection/ HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.svr.com  
Depth: infinity  
Apply-To-Redirect-Ref:  
Content-Type: text/xml  
Content-Length: xxxx
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>  
<D:propfind xmlns:D="DAV:">  
  <D:prop>  
    <D:resourcetype/>  
    <D:reftarget/>  
  </D:prop>  
</D:propfind>
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 207 Multi-Status  
Content-Type: text/xml  
Content-Length: xxxx
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>  
<D:multistatus xmlns:D="DAV:">  
  <D:response>  
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/</D:href>  
    <D:propstat>  
      <D:prop>  
        <D:resourcetype><D:collection/></D:resourcetype>  
      </D:prop>  
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>  
    </D:propstat>  
    <D:propstat>  
      <D:prop><D:reftarget/></D:prop>  
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found</D:status>  
    </D:propstat>  
  </D:response>  
  <D:response>  
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/diary.html</D:href>  
    <D:propstat>  
      <D:prop>
```





```

        <D:resourcetype/>
    </D:prop>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
</D:propstat>
<D:propstat>
    <D:prop><D:reftarget/></D:prop>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found</D:status>
</D:propstat>
</D:response>
<D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/nunavut</D:href>
    <D:propstat>
        <D:prop>
            <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
            <D:reftarget>
                <D:href>http://www.inac.gc.ca/art/inuit/</D:href>
            </D:reftarget>
        </D:prop>
        <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
</D:response>
</D:multistatus>

```

Since the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is present, the response shows the properties of the redirect reference resource in the collection rather than the properties of its target. The Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header also prevents a 302 response from being returned for the redirect reference resource.

## **7.5 Example: COPY on a Collection That Contains a Redirect Reference Resource**

Suppose a COPY request is submitted to the following collection, with the members shown:

```

/MyCollection/
  (non-reference resource) diary.html
  (redirect reference resource) nunavut with target
                                /Someplace/nunavut.map

```

>> Request:

```

COPY /MyCollection/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.svr.com
Depth: infinity
Destination: http://www.svr.com/OtherCollection/

```



>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 207 Multi-Status
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
Content-Length: xxx

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<D:multistatus xmlns:D="DAV:">
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/nunavut</D:href>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 302 Found</D:status>
    <D:prop>
      <D:location>
        <D:href>http://www.svr.com/Someplace/nunavut.map</D:href>
      </D:location>
      <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
    </D:prop>
  </D:response>
</D:multistatus>
```

In this case, since /MyCollection/nunavut is a redirect reference resource, the COPY operation was only a partial success. The redirect reference resource was not copied, but a 302 response was returned for it. So the resulting collection is as follows:

```
/OtherCollection/
  (non-reference resource) diary.html
```

### **7.6 Example: LOCK on a Collection That Contains a Redirect Reference Resource**

Suppose a LOCK request is submitted to the following collection, with the members shown:

```
/MyCollection/
  (non-reference resource) diary.html
  (redirect reference resource) nunavut
```

>> Request:

```
LOCK /MyCollection/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.svr.com
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: nnnn
Authorization: Digest username="jas",
  realm=jas@webdav.sb.aol.com, nonce=". . . ",
  uri="/MyCollection/tuva",
```



```
response=". . . ", opaque=". . . "
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<D:lockinfo xmlns:D="DAV:">
  <D:lockscope><D:exclusive/></D:lockscope>
  <D:locktype><D:write/></D:locktype>
  <D:owner>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/~jas/contact.html</D:href>
  </D:owner>
</D:lockinfo>
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 207 Multi-Status
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: nnnn
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<D:multistatus xmlns:D="Dav:">
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/</D:href>
    <D:propstat>
      <D:prop><D:lockdiscovery/></D:prop>
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 424 Failed Dependency</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
  </D:response>
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/diary.html</D:href>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 424 Failed Dependency</D:status>
  </D:response>
  <D:response>
    <D:href>http://www.svr.com/MyCollection/nunavut</D:href>
    <D:status>HTTP/1.1 302 Found</D:status>
    <D:prop>
      <D:location>
        <D:href>http://www.inac.gc.ca/art/inuit/</D:href>
      </D:location>
      <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
    </D:prop>
  </D:response>
</D:multistatus>
```

The server returns a 302 response code for the redirect reference resource in the collection. Consequently, neither the collection nor any of the resources identified by its internal member URIs were locked. A referencing-aware client can submit a separate LOCK request to the URI in the DAV:location pseudo-property returned for the redirect reference resource, and can resubmit the LOCK request with



the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header to the collection. At that point both the reference resource and its target resource will be locked (as well as the collection and all the resources identified by its other members).



## **8. Operations on Targets of Redirect Reference Resources**

Operations on targets of redirect reference resources have no effect on the reference resource.

## **9. Relative URIs in DAV:reftarget**

The URI in the href in a DAV:reftarget property MAY be a relative URI. In this case, the base URI to be used for resolving the relative URI to absolute form is the URI used in the HTTP message to identify the redirect reference resource to which the DAV:reftarget property belongs.

When DAV:reftarget occurs in the body of a MKRESOURCE request, the base URI is constructed as follows: Its scheme component is "http", its authority component is the value of the Host header in the request, and its path component is the Request-URI in the request. See [Section 5 of \[RFC2396\]](#) for a discussion of relative URI references and how to resolve them.

When DAV:reftarget appears in the context of a Multi-Status response, it is in a DAV:response element that contains a single DAV:href element. The value of this DAV:href element serves as the base URI for resolving a relative URI in DAV:reftarget. The value of DAV:href may itself be relative, in which case it must be resolved first in order to serve as the base URI for the relative URI in DAV:reftarget. If the DAV:href element is relative, its base URI is constructed from the scheme component "http", the value of the Host header in the request, and the request-URI.

### **9.1 Example: Resolving a Relative URI in a MKRESOURCE Request**

>> Request:

```
MKRESOURCE /north/inuvik HTTP/1.1
Host: www.somehost.edu
Content-Type: text/xml; charset="utf-8"
Content-Length: xxx

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<D:propertyupdate xmlns:D="DAV:">
  <D:set>
    <D:prop>
      <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
      <D:reftarget>
        <D:href>mapcollection/inuvik.gif</D:href>
      </D:reftarget>
    </D:prop>
  </D:set>
</D:propertyupdate>

>> Response:
```



HTTP/1.1 201 Created

In this example, the base URI is <http://www.somehost.edu/north/inuvik>. Then, following the rules in [RFC2396] Section 5, the relative URI in DAV:reftarget resolves to the absolute URI <http://www.somehost.edu/north/mapcollection/inuvik.gif>.

## 9.2 Example: Resolving a Relative URI in a Multi-Status Response

>> Request:

```
PROPFIND /geog/ HTTP/1.1
Host: www.xxsvr.com
Apply-To-Redirect-Ref:
Depth: 1
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: nnn
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" ?>
<D:propfind xmlns:D="DAV:">
  <D:prop>
    <D:resourcetype/>
    <D:reftarget/>
  </D:prop>
</D:propfind>
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 207 Multi-Status
Content-Type: text/xml
Content-Length: nnn
```

```
<?xml version="1/0" ?>
<D:multistatus xmlns:D="DAV:">
  <D:response>
    <D:href>/geog/</D:href>
    <D:propstat>
      <D:prop>
        <D:resourcetype><D:collection/></D:resourcetype>
      </D:prop>
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
    <D:propstat>
      <D:prop><D:reftarget/></D:prop>
      <D:status>HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found</D:status>
    </D:propstat>
  </D:response>
<D:response>
```



```
<D:href>/geog/stats.html</D:href>
<D:propstat>
  <D:prop>
    <D:resourcetype><D:redirectref/></D:resourcetype>
    <D:reftarget>
      <D:href>statistics/population/1997.html</D:href>
    </D:reftarget>
  </D:prop>
<D:status>HTTP/1.1 200 OK</D:status>
</D:propstat>
</D:response>
</D:multistatus>
```

In this example, the relative URI `statistics/population/1997.html` is returned as the value of `reftarget` for the reference resource identified by `href /geog/stats.html`. The `href` is itself a relative URI, which resolves to <http://www.xsrv.com/geog/stats.html>. This is the base URI for resolving the relative URI in `reftarget`. The absolute URI of `reftarget` is <http://www.xsrv.com/geog/statistics/population/1997.html>.



## 10. Redirect References to Collections

In a Request-URI /segment1/segment2/segment3, any of the three segments may identify a redirect reference resource. (See [\[RFC2396\]](#), [Section 3.3](#), for definitions of "path" and "segment".) If any segment in a Request-URI identifies a redirect reference resource, the response is a 302. The value of the Location header in the 302 response is as follows:

The leftmost path segment of the request-URI that identifies a redirect reference resource, together with all path segments and separators to the left of it, is replaced by the value of the redirect reference resource's DAV:reftarget property (resolved to an absolute URI). The remainder of the request-URI is concatenated to this path.

Note: If the DAV:reftarget property ends with a "/" and the remainder of the Request-URI is non-empty (and therefore must begin with a "/"), the final "/" in the DAV:reftarget property is dropped before the remainder of the Request-URI is appended.

Consider Request-URI /x/y/z.html. Suppose that /x/ is a redirect reference resource whose target resource is collection /a/, which contains redirect reference resource y whose target resource is collection /b/, which contains redirect reference resource z.html whose target resource is /c/d.html.

```
/x/y/z.html
|
| /x -> /a
|
v
/a/y/z.html
|
| /a/y -> /b
|
v
/b/z.html
|
| /b/z.html -> /c/d.html
|
v
/c/d.html
```

In this case the client must follow up three separate 302 responses before finally reaching the target resource. The server responds to the initial request with a 302 with Location: /a/y/z.html, and the client resubmits the request to /a/y/z.html. The server responds to





this request with a 302 with Location: /b/z.html, and the client resubmits the request to /b/z.html. The server responds to this request with a 302 with Location: /c/d.html, and the client resubmits the request to /c/d.html. This final request succeeds.

## **11. Headers**

### **11.1 Redirect-Ref Response Header**

Redirect-Ref = "Redirect-Ref:"

The Redirect-Ref header is used in all 302 responses from redirect reference resources. Its presence informs reference-aware clients that the response is not a plain HTTP/1.1 redirect, but is a response from a redirect reference resource.

### **11.2 Apply-To-Redirect-Ref Request Header**

Apply-To-Redirect-Ref = "Apply-To-Redirect-Ref" ":"

The optional Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header can be used on any request to a redirect reference resource. When it is used, the request **MUST** be applied to the reference resource itself, and a 302 response **MUST NOT** be returned.

If the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is used on a request to any other sort of resource besides a redirect reference resource, the server **SHOULD** ignore it.



## **12. Properties**

### **12.1 reftarget Property**

Name: reftarget

Namespace: DAV:

Purpose: A property of redirect reference resources that provides an efficient way for clients to discover the URI of the target resource. This is a read-only property after its initial creation. Its value can only be set in a MKRESOURCE request.

Value: href containing the URI of the target resource. This value MAY be a relative URI. The reftarget property can occur in the entity bodies of MKRESOURCE requests and of responses to PROPFIND requests.

<!ELEMENT reftarget href >

### **12.2 location Pseudo-Property**

Name: location

Namespace: DAV:

Purpose: For use with 302 (Found) response codes in Multi-Status responses. It contains the absolute URI of the temporary location of the resource. In the context of redirect reference resources, this value is the absolute URI of the target resource. It is analogous to the Location header in HTTP 302 responses defined in [\[RFC2616\] Section 10.3.3](#) "302 Found." Including the location pseudo-property in a Multi-Status response requires an extension to the syntax of the DAV:response element defined in [\[RFC2518\]](#), which is defined in [Section 14](#) below. This pseudo-property is not expected to be stored on the reference resource. It is modeled as a property only so that it can be returned inside a DAV:prop element in a Multi-Status response.

Value: href containing the absolute URI of the target resource.

<!ELEMENT location href >



## [13.](#) XML Elements

### [13.1](#) redirectref XML Element

Name: redirectref

Namespace: DAV:

Purpose: Used as the value of the DAV:resourcetype property to specify that the resource type is a redirect reference resource.

<!ELEMENT redirectref EMPTY >

#### **14. Extensions to the DAV:response XML Element for Multi-Status Responses**

As described in [Section 7](#), the DAV:location pseudo-property and the DAV:resourcetype property may be returned in the DAV:response element of a 207 Multi-Status response, to allow clients to resubmit their requests to the target resource of a redirect reference resource.

Whenever these properties are included in a Multi-Status response, they are placed in a DAV:prop element associated with the href to which they apply. This structure provides a framework for future extensions by other standards that may need to include additional properties in their responses.

Consequently, the definition of the DAV:response XML element changes to the following:

```
<!ELEMENT response (href, ((href*, status, prop?) | (propstat+)),  
responsedescription?) >
```





## **15. Capability Discovery**

Sections [9.1](#) and [15](#) of [\[RFC2518\]](#) describe the use of compliance classes with the DAV header in responses to OPTIONS, to indicate which parts of the WebDAV Distributed Authoring protocols the resource supports. This specification defines an OPTIONAL extension to [\[RFC2518\]](#). It defines a new compliance class, called `redirectrefs`, for use with the DAV header in responses to OPTIONS requests. If a resource does support redirect references, its response to an OPTIONS request may indicate that it does, by listing the new `redirectrefs` compliance class in the DAV header and by listing the MKRESOURCE method as one it supports.

When responding to an OPTIONS request, any type of resource can include `redirectrefs` in the value of the DAV header. Doing so indicates that the server permits a redirect reference resource at the request URI.

### **15.1 Example: Discovery of Support for Redirect Reference Resources**

>> Request:

```
OPTIONS /somecollection/someresource HTTP/1.1
HOST: somehost.org
```

>> Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 20 Jan 1998 20:52:29 GMT
Connection: close
Accept-Ranges: none
Allow: OPTIONS, GET, HEAD, POST, PUT, DELETE, TRACE, COPY, MOVE,
MKCOL, PROPFIND, PROPPATCH, LOCK, UNLOCK, MKRESOURCE
DAV: 1, 2, redirectrefs
```

The DAV header in the response indicates that the resource `/somecollection/someresource` is level 1 and level 2 compliant, as defined in [\[RFC2518\]](#). In addition, `/somecollection/someresource` supports redirect reference resources. The Allow header indicates that MKRESOURCE requests can be submitted to `/somecollection/someresource`. The Public header shows that other Request-URIs on the server support additional methods.



## **16. Security Considerations**

This section is provided to make applications that implement this protocol aware of the security implications of this protocol.

All of the security considerations of HTTP/1.1 and the WebDAV Distributed Authoring Protocol specification also apply to this protocol specification. In addition, redirect reference resources introduce several new security concerns and increase the risk of some existing threats. These issues are detailed below.

### **16.1 Privacy Concerns**

By creating redirect reference resources on a trusted server, it is possible for a hostile agent to induce users to send private information to a target on a different server. This risk is mitigated somewhat, since clients are required to notify the user of the redirection for any request other than GET or HEAD. (See [\[RFC2616\], Section 10.3.3](#) 302 Found.)

### **16.2 Redirect Loops**

Although redirect loops were already possible in HTTP 1.1, the introduction of the MKRESOURCE method creates a new avenue for clients to create loops accidentally or maliciously. If the reference resource and its target are on the same server, the server may be able to detect MKRESOURCE requests that would create loops. See also [\[RFC2616\], Section 10.3](#) "Redirection 3xx."

### **16.3 Redirect Reference Resources and Denial of Service**

Denial of service attacks were already possible by posting URLs that were intended for limited use at heavily used Web sites. The introduction of MKRESOURCE creates a new avenue for similar denial of service attacks. Clients can now create redirect reference resources at heavily used sites to target locations that were not designed for heavy usage.

### **16.4 Revealing Private Locations**

There are several ways that redirect reference resources may reveal information about directory structures. First, the DAV:reftarget property of every redirect reference resource contains the URI of the target resource. Anyone who has access to the reference resource can discover the directory path that leads to the target resource. The owner of the target resource may have wanted to limit knowledge of this directory structure.



Sufficiently powerful access control mechanisms can control this risk to some extent. Property-level access control could prevent users from examining the DAV:reftarget property. (The Location header returned in responses to requests on redirect reference resources reveals the same information, however.) In some environments, the owner of a resource might be able to use access control to prevent others from creating references to that resource.

This risk is no greater than the similar risk posed by HTML links.

## **17. Internationalization Considerations**

This specification follows the practices of [\[RFC2518\]](#) in encoding all human-readable content using XML [\[XML\]](#) and in the treatment of names. Consequently, this specification complies with the IETF Character Set Policy [\[RFC2277\]](#).

WebDAV applications MUST support the character set tagging, character set encoding, and the language tagging functionality of the XML specification. This constraint ensures that the human-readable content of this specification complies with [\[RFC2277\]](#).

As in [\[RFC2518\]](#), names in this specification fall into three categories: names of protocol elements such as methods and headers, names of XML elements, and names of properties. Naming of protocol elements follows the precedent of HTTP, using English names encoded in USASCII for methods and headers. The names of XML elements used in this specification are English names encoded in UTF-8.

For error reporting, [\[RFC2518\]](#) follows the convention of HTTP/1.1 status codes, including with each status code a short, English description of the code (e.g., 423 Locked). Internationalized applications will ignore this message, and display an appropriate message in the user's language and character set.

This specification introduces no new strings that are displayed to users as part of normal, error-free operation of the protocol.

For rationales for these decisions and advice for application implementors, see [\[RFC2518\]](#).





## **18. IANA Considerations**

This document uses the namespaces defined by [[RFC2518](#)] for properties and XML elements. All other IANA considerations mentioned in [[RFC2518](#)] also apply to this document.

## **19. Acknowledgements**

This draft has benefited from thoughtful discussion by Jim Amsden, Peter Carlson, Steve Carter, Tyson Chihaya, Ken Coar, Ellis Cohen, Bruce Cragun, Spencer Dawkins, Mark Day, Rajiv Dulepet, David Durand, Roy Fielding, Yaron Goland, Fred Hitt, Alex Hopmann, James Hunt, Marcus Jager, Chris Kaler, Manoj Kasichainula, Rohit Khare, Daniel LaLiberte, Steve Martin, Larry Masinter, Jeff McAffer, Surendra Koduru Reddy, Max Rible, Sam Ruby, Bradley Sergeant, Nick Shelness, John Stracke, John Tigue, John Turner, Kevin Wigger, and others.

## Normative References

- [RFC2277] Alvestrand, H., "IETF Policy on Character Sets and Languages", [BCP 18](#), [RFC 2277](#), January 1998.
- [RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", [BCP 14](#), [RFC 2119](#), March 1997.
- [RFC2396] Berners-Lee, T., Fielding, R. and L. Masinter, "Uniform Resource Identifiers (URI): Generic Syntax", [RFC 2396](#), August 1998.
- [RFC2518] Goland, Y., Whitehead, E., Faizi, A., Carter, S. and D. Jensen, "HTTP Extensions for Distributed Authoring -- WEBDAV", [RFC 2518](#), February 1999.
- [RFC2616] Fielding, R., Gettys, J., Mogul, J., Frystyk, H., Masinter, L., Leach, P. and T. Berners-Lee, "Hypertext Transfer Protocol -- HTTP/1.1", [RFC 2616](#), June 1999.
- [XML] Bray, T., Paoli, J., Sperberg-McQueen, C. and E. Maler, "Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (2nd ed)", W3C REC-xml, October 2000, <<http://www.w3.org/TR/2000/REC-xml-20001006>>.



#### Informative References

- [B] Clemm, G., Crawford, J., Reschke, J., Slein, J. and J. Whitehead, "Binding Extensions to WebDAV", Internet Draft (work in progress) [draft-ietf-webdav-bind-02](#), June 2003.

## URIs

- [1]    <mailto:w3c-dist-auth@w3.org>
- [2]    <mailto:w3c-dist-auth-request@w3.org?subject=subscribe>
- [3]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [4]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [5]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [6]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [7]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [8]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [9]    <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0296.html>>
- [10]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [11]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0191.html>>
- [12]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0222.html>>
- [13]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [14]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [15]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [16]   <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0301.html>>



- [17] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [18] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [19] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [20] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [21] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [22] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0303.html>>
- [23] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [24] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [25] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [26] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [27] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [28] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [29] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [30] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [31] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [32] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>





- [33] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0286.html>>
- [34] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0287.html>>
- [35] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [36] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [37] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0289.html>>
- [38] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0285.html>>
- [39] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0284.html>>
- [40] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0306.html>>
- [41] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0188.html>>
- [42] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0288.html>>
- [43] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [44] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [45] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0290.html>>
- [46] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0291.html>>
- [47] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0294.html>>
- [48] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>



- [49] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0295.html>>
- [50] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0189.html>>
- [51] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0189.html>>
- [52] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [53] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [54] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [55] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0292.html>>
- [56] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0293.html>>
- [57] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0308.html>>
- [58] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0188.html>>
- [59] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [60] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [61] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0297.html>>
- [62] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0298.html>>
- [63] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [64] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>



- [65] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0266.html>>
- [66] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0299.html>>
- [67] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0302.html>>
- [68] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [69] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [70] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [71] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [72] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [73] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0222.html>>
- [74] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0307.html>>
- [75] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [76] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0304.html>>
- [77] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [78] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0304.html>>
- [79] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0300.html>>
- [80] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>



- [81] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0316.html>>
- [82] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [83] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [84] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [85] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>
- [86] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0305.html>>
- [87] <<http://lists.w3.org/Archives/Public/w3c-dist-auth/2000JanMar/0359.html>>

#### Authors' Addresses

J. Slein  
Xerox Corporation  
800 Phillips Road, 105-50C  
Webster, NY 14580  
  
EMail: [jslein@crt.xerox.com](mailto:jslein@crt.xerox.com)

Jim Whitehead  
UC Santa Cruz, Dept. of Computer Science  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064  
US  
  
EMail: [ejw@cse.ucsc.edu](mailto:ejw@cse.ucsc.edu)

J. Davis  
CourseNet Systems  
170 Capp Street  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
  
EMail: [jrd3@alum.mit.edu](mailto:jrd3@alum.mit.edu)





G. Clemm  
Rational Software Corporation  
20 Maguire Road  
Lexington, MA 02173-3104  
  
EMail: geoffrey.clemm@us.ibm.com

C. Fay  
FileNet Corporation  
3565 Harbor Boulevard  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626-1420  
  
EMail: cfay@filenet.com

J. Crawford  
IBM Research  
P.O. Box 704  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
  
EMail: ccjason@us.ibm.com

Julian F. Reschke (editor)  
greenbytes GmbH  
Salzmannstrasse 152  
Muenster, NW 48159  
Germany

Phone: +49 251 2807760  
Fax: +49 251 2807761  
EMail: julian.reschke@greenbytes.de  
URI: <http://greenbytes.de/tech/webdav/>



**[Appendix A](#). Changes to the WebDAV Document Type Definition**

```
<!-- XML Elements from Section 13 -->
<!ELEMENT redirectref EMPTY >
<!-- -->Property Elements from Section 12 -->
<!ELEMENT reftarget href>
<!ELEMENT location href>
<!-- Changes to the DAV:response Element from Section 14 -->
<!ELEMENT response (href, ((href*, status, prop?) | (propstat+)),
responsedescription?) >
```

## [Appendix B](#). Change Log

### [B.1](#) Since [draft-ietf-webdav-redirectref-protocol-02](#)

Julian Reschke takes editorial role (added to authors list). Cleanup XML indentation. Start adding all unresolved last call issues. Update some author's contact information. Update references, split into "normative" and "informational". Remove non-RFC2616 headers ("Public") from examples. Fixed width problems in artwork. Start resolving editorial issues.

## **Appendix C. Resolved issues**

Issues that were either rejected or resolved in this version of this document.

### **C.1 lc-11-pagination**

Type: change

[3]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Don't paginate the review draft.

Resolution: We will paginate in accordance with IETF rules, but will try to produce a nicely formatted review spec as well.

### **C.2 lc-09-notational-after-introduction**

Type: change

[4]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Move Notational Conventions after Introduction.

Resolution: Section will be moved.

### **C.3 lc-13-usually**

Type: change

[5]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Intro, para 4: Change "usually" to "possibly" in the sentence "A redirect reference resource is a resource in one collection whose purpose is to forward requests to another resource (its target), usually in a different collection."

Resolution: Agreed.

### **C.4 lc-16-insure**

Type: change

[6]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 4](#), para 2: Change "It is also what insures" to "It is also what helps to insure".



Resolution: Agreed.

#### **[C.5](#) lc-17-location**

Type: change

[7]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 4](#), para 3: Clients should use the Location header, not the DAV:reftarget property, to find the location of the target. The purpose of the DAV:reftarget property should be to let the client update its value.

Resolution: We need both Location (which is absolute) and target (which may be relative). See also issue 6, 43.

#### **[C.6](#) lc-21-bind**

Type: change

[8]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Get rid of the binding-dependent language in the last para of [Section 5](#).

Resolution: Delete all but the first sentence in this paragraph.

#### **[C.7](#) lc-46-bind**

Type: change

[9]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Remove dependency on bindings from second paragraph of [section 5](#).

Resolution: Agreed.

#### **[C.8](#) lc-26-lang**

Type: edit

[10]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Change "is not created" to "was not created" in para 4 under Postconditions of MKRESOURCE.

Resolution: Editor's discretion.





### [C.9](#) **lc-03-mkresource-response-cacheability**

Type: change

[11]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-26): Saying that responses to MKRESOURCE SHOULD NOT be cached suggests that there are sometimes good reasons to cache responses. Is this the case?

Resolution: Responses to MKREF MUST NOT be cached.

### [C.10](#) **lc-02-status-codes**

Type: change

[12]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-29): List only new status codes for MKRESOURCE. Don't discuss previously-defined status codes.

Resolution: Follow same practice as in binding spec: for existing status codes, describe new circumstances that might cause them. Make it clear that we are not redefining these codes.

### [C.11](#) **lc-27-lang**

Type: edit

[13]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#): Change "non-referencing-aware clients" to "clients not aware of this protocol".

Resolution: Editor's discretion.

### [C.12](#) **lc-30-headers**

Type: edit

[14]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#), "When Apply-To-RR is used with GET or HEAD..." Either give a precise list of the headers that MUST be returned, or change MUST to SHOULD with the list of examples.

Resolution: Delete "along with all HTTP headers that make sense for



reference resources (for example, Cache-Control, Age, Etag, Expires, and Last-Modified)." See also issue 48.

### **[C.13](#) lc-32-ORDERPATCH**

Type: edit

[15]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#). Don't talk about ORDERPATCH, since it hasn't been specified anywhere.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 48.

### **[C.14](#) lc-51-repeat**

Type: change

[16]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): The first sentence of this paragraph says only what's clear from [RFC 2518](#), so will cause confusion by its presence. Delete it. The last sentence of this paragraph lists methods. That's a bad idea. Remove it.

Resolution: Delete entire paragraph.

### **[C.15](#) lc-59-depth**

Type: change

[17]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 7](#): When a method is being applied to a collection with Depth > 0, let Apply-To-Redirect-Ref contain a list of URIs. This way you could have it apply to some subset of the redirect references in the collection.

Resolution: Declined. Too complex, no use case for it.

### **[C.16](#) lc-65-lock**

Type: change

[18]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): "In the case of a redirect reference resource, I think the intended meaning of WebDAV is that the resource



itself is the internal member to be locked, not the target resource. In so far, I think, the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header should implicitly always be set, and a LOCK request for a collection MUST fail if in the hierarchy of collections there is an ordinary redirect reference as internal member."

Resolution: Declined. Behavior will be the same for all methods. No exceptions. Consistency / simplicity override other considerations

#### [C.17](#) **lc-66-depth**

Type: change

[19]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): 7.3, 7.4: Change "Depth=infinity" to "Depth: infinity".

Resolution: Agreed.

#### [C.18](#) **lc-69-424**

Type: change

[20]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): 7.6: Thinks there should not be 424 returned for diary.html because it is not an ancestor of a member that caused the lock to fail.

Resolution: No change needed. The interpretation of "dependency" in the example is correct. It doesn't have to do with ancestor relationship, only with what caused operation to fail.

#### [C.19](#) **lc-68-lock**

Type: change

[21]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): 7.6: The LOCK example responds with 207, as does the example in [RFC 2518](#), but [section 8.10.4 of RFC 2518](#) says if the lock cannot be granted to all resources the response MUST be 409 conflict.

Resolution: We'll keep 207 and encourage [RFC 2518](#) to say the same. (This inconsistency in [RFC 2518](#) is on the WebDAV issues list.)



**[C.20](#) lc-52-no-relative**

Type: change

[22]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Don't allow relative URIs. Delete [section 9](#).

Resolution: Declined. Some applications need relative URI.

**[C.21](#) lc-64-reftarget**

Type: change

[23]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): Perhaps make DAV:location a real property, instead of DAV:reftarget, and require it to be an absolute URI.

Resolution: Declined. Some applications need relative URI. See also issue 52.

**[C.22](#) lc-70-relative**

Type: change

[24]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 9](#), para 1: Maybe say that the resulting absolute URI could be any of a number of URIs, depending on which URI is used in the request to identify the redirect reference.

Resolution: No change needed.

**[C.23](#) lc-73-asciiart**

Type: change

[25]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 10](#): Replace the ascii art with Juergen's suggestion (see his message).

Resolution: Replace.





#### [C.24](#) lc-77-webdav-applications

Type: change

[26]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 16](#): Change "WebDAV applications" to "applications that implement this protocol".

#### [C.25](#) lc-10-title

Type: change

[27]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Change the title of 16.4 so that it is not a sentence.

Resolution: Change to "Revealing Private Locations".

#### [C.26](#) lc-81-typo

Type: change

[28]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 17](#): Typo "As in [WebDAV]"

Resolution: Fixed.

#### [C.27](#) lc-18-resource-types

Type: change

[29]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Need a registration procedure for resource types to insure interoperability.

Resolution: We won't hold up this spec to establish a registration procedure. We will mention in IANA considerations that as the number of resource types grows the need for a registration procedure increases, but that there is none at this time.

#### [C.28](#) lc-84-ext

Type: change



[30]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): Appendix 24.1: This is not an extension but a replacement for the WebDAV definition of the response element.

Resolution: Fixed.

## [Appendix D](#). Open issues

### [D.1](#) lc-85-301

Type: change

ejw@cse.ucsc.edu (2000-01-03): Support creation of other than 302 redirects, especially 301.

### [D.2](#) lc-07-bind

Type: change

[31]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Abstract should discuss only redirect references, not bindings. Expand discussion of redirect references.

Resolution: Abstract will discuss only redirect references. See also issue 34.

### [D.3](#) lc-08-bind

Type: change

[32]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Get rid of cross-references to the binding spec: in the abstract, in the introduction, in the definition of Reference Resource.

Resolution: Cross-references to bindings will be removed. See also issue 34.

### [D.4](#) lc-34-bind

Type: change

[33]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): NoBind: Remove all cross-references to the binding spec. Prefer also removing all mention of bindings.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issues 7, 8, 14



#### **D.5 lc-35-bind**

Type: change

[34]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): ReallyNoBind: Remove paras. 6 and 8 from Intro.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 14.

#### **D.6 lc-83-bind**

Type: change

[35]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): References: Get rid of the reference to the bindings spec.

#### **D.7 lc-12-bind**

Type: change

[36]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): First 3 paragraphs of Introduction are identical to those in binding spec. Make sure that any changes made there are also incorporated here.

Resolution: These paragraphs will change as necessary to make the redirect spec completely independent of the rest of WebDAV.

#### **D.8 lc-38-not-hierarchical**

Type: change

[37]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Not Hierarchical: The first sentence of the second paragraph of the introduction of the redirect spec asserts that the URIs of WebDAV compliant resources match to collections. The WebDAV standard makes no such requirement. I therefore move that this sentence be stricken.

Resolution: State the more general HTTP rationale first (alternative names for the same resource), then introduce the collection hierarchy rationale, which applies only if you are in a WebDAV-compliant space.





#### [D.9](#) **lc-36-server**

Type: change

[38]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Servers: Replace "server" with "unrelated system" throughout.

Resolution: Try replacing "server" with "host" in some contexts, rephrasing in passive voice in others. See also issue 40.

#### [D.10](#) **lc-33-forwarding**

Type: change

[39]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Forwarding: Replace "forward" with "redirect" throughout.

Resolution: Use "redirect" for the behavior redirect resources do exhibit. Use "forward" for the contrasting behavior (passing a method on to the target with no client action needed). Define these two terms. See also issue 40.

#### [D.11](#) **lc-56-notjusthttp**

Type: change

[40]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Make it clear in examples and text that the redirection URI could be non-HTTP.

Resolution: We agree that it is possible to create redirect references to non-HTTP resources. Add example.

#### [D.12](#) **lc-01-body**

Type: change

[41]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-26): Entity Bodies for Redirect References: Clarify: Are there 2 resources, one that redirects and one that responds with its own entity body? Clarify: What is the effect of PUT for a URI that currently maps to a redirect reference?



Resolution: Redirect resource MUST NOT have a body. See also issue last call issue 23.

#### **D.13 lc-37-integrity**

Type: change

[42]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Integrity: Intro, para 7 "Servers are not required to enforce the integrity of redirect references." Integrity is not defined. Replace with something clearer.

Resolution: Rewrite to say that the server MUST NOT update the target See also issue 6.

#### **D.14 lc-14-bind**

Type: change

[43]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Limit the discussion of bindings to just what is needed to understand the differences from redirect references. Maybe the paragraph in the Intro that starts "By contrast, a BIND request . . ." is all that is needed.

Resolution: Get rid of discussion of bindings altogether. See also issue 34, 35.

#### **D.15 lc-15-direct-ref**

Type: change

[44]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Don't define Direct Reference Resource, since direct references are out of scope. (If you do keep the definition, say explicitly that a direct reference resource is a type of reference resource.)

Resolution: Remove definition of Direct Reference Resource. See also issue 39.

#### **D.16 lc-39-no-reference-or-direct-resource**

Type: change



[45]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11):  
NoReferenceOrDirectResource: Remove the definitions of "Reference"  
and "Direct Reference Resource." Change the definition of "Redirect  
Reference Resource" to be: Redirect Resource: A resource created to  
redirect all requests made to it, using 302 (Found), to a defined  
target resource.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 15.

#### **[D.17](#) lc-40-direct**

Type: change

[46]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Assorted changes to  
[Section 4](#), para 2 to get rid of the word "forward" and the word  
"server" and remove comparison with direct references.

Resolution: See also issue 33 (forward). See also issue 36 (server).  
Remove discussion of direct references.

#### **[D.18](#) lc-43-webdav**

Type: change

[47]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Get rid of the  
DAV:reftarget property.

Resolution: DAV:reftarget is readonly and is present only for  
redirect references that are also WebDAV resources. We'll also have a  
method for setting target; Redirect-Ref header (returned on all 302  
responses) will have the target as its value. See also issue 6, 17,  
50.

#### **[D.19](#) lc-19-direct-ref**

Type: change

[48]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 4](#), para 5 and [Section 6](#),  
para 3 discussions of the Apply-to-Redirect-Ref header make it sound  
as if we are specifying direct reference behavior.



Resolution: Change these passages so that the contrast is between applying the method to the redirect reference and responding with a 302.

#### **[D.20](#) lc-45-apply-to-rr**

Type: change

[49]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Suggested replacement text for this paragraph, which briefly introduces Apply-To-Redirect-Ref. Includes a note that even with this header, the response may be a 302.

Resolution: See issue 19 for replacement text. Disagree. Redirect reference will never respond to Apply-To-RR with 302.

#### **[D.21](#) lc-04-standard-data-container**

Type: change

[50]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-26): "Standard data container" needs to be defined in the context of MKRESOURCE

Resolution: Not relevant once we switch to MKREF.

#### **[D.22](#) lc-05-standard-data-container**

Type: change

[51]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-26): Inconsistency about whether a "standard data container" can be created with MKRESOURCE or not.

Resolution: Not relevant once we switch to MKREF.

#### **[D.23](#) lc-20-intro-mkresource**

Type: change

[52]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 5](#): Start with "The new MKRESOURCE method" to make it clear that it is being introduced for





the first time here.

Resolution: Say "The MKREF method defined normatively here . . ."

#### [D.24](#) **lc-22-coll**

Type: change

[53]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Inconsistency about whether collections can be created with MKRESOURCE.

Resolution: Not relevant for MKREF.

#### [D.25](#) **lc-25-atomic**

Type: change

[54]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): Is MKRESOURCE atomic as viewed by a client? Can another client access the new resource's properties before they have been fully initialized? Maybe the MKRESOURCE request should let the client ask for it to be atomic.

Resolution: No longer relevant once we switch to MKREF with no request body.

#### [D.26](#) **lc-41-no-webdav**

Type: change

[55]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Make redirect references independent of the rest of WebDAV. The creation method for redirect references shouldn't require an XML request body.

Resolution: We will make redirect references independent of the rest of WebDAV. MKREF will not have an XML request body.

#### [D.27](#) **lc-42-no-webdav**

Type: change

[56]



yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Use a creation method that creates only redirect references. The MKRESOURCE method hinders experiment because a user of a server who wishes to add support for the creation of a new resource type can't simply throw in another Apache module and allow it to provide the code for the new resource type. They have to find the code used for MKRESOURCE and change it to support the new resource type.

Resolution: We will replace MKRESOURCE with MKREF, which creates only redirect reference resources.

#### **D.28 lc-58-update**

Type: change

[57]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): There needs to be a way to update the target of a redirect reference.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issues 6, 43.

#### **D.29 lc-01A-body**

Type: change

[58]

joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-26): In the definition of MKRESOURCE, "Body" needs to be defined or else terminology changed.

Resolution: We will use MKREF instead of MKRESOURCE.

#### **D.30 lc-23-body**

Type: change

[59]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 5.1](#): Get rid of the statement that the body of the resource is empty (PostConditions). It would be good if the response to GET included a response body that could be shown to a user by a client that doesn't do automatic redirection. There is a related problem in [Section 6](#) on PUT. It is wrong to assume that what is PUT to a resource is what GET will return. In [Section 6](#), say "A PUT with Apply-To-RR MAY contain a request body. The semantics of the request body is out of scope for this specification..." Also fix the discussion of example 6.2.



Resolution: Redirect references cannot have bodies. GET with Apply-To-RR MUST fail with 403. PUT with Apply-To-RR MUST fail with 403. See also issue 1.

#### **D.31 lc-24-properties**

Type: change

[60]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 5.1](#): Replace the sentence "The properties of the new resource are as specified by the DAV:propertyupdate request body, using PROPPATCH semantics" with the following: "The MKRESOURCE request MAY contain a DAV:propertyupdate request body to initialize resource properties. Herein, the semantics is the same as when sending a MKRESOURCE request without a request body, followed by a PROPPATCH with the DAV:propertyupdate request body."

Resolution: No longer relevant once we switch to MKREF with no request body.

#### **D.32 lc-47-207**

Type: change

[61]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): In line with his wish to get rid of the request message body of MKRESOURCE, 207 would not be an appropriate response code. The description of 409 might lead someone to believe that you can't create redirect references outside of WebDAV namespaces. Suggests a different description.

Resolution: No longer relevant - MKREF can't get a 207 response. Revise to make it clear that the first condition will only occur in WebDAV-compliant namespaces.

#### **D.33 lc-48-s6**

Type: change

[62]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Replace all of [section 6](#) with just this: A redirect resource, upon receiving a request without an Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header, MUST respond with a 302 (Found) response. The 302 (Found) response MUST include a location header



identifying the target and a Redirect-Ref header. If a redirect resource receives a request with an Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header then the redirect reference resource MUST apply the method to itself rather than blindly returning a 302 (Found) response.

Resolution: Keep a summary along the lines of Yaron's proposal (don't use the word "blindly"). Keep the bullets detailing the headers to be returned. Delete the rest, including the examples. See also issue 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

#### **[D.34](#) lc-28-lang**

Type: edit

[63]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#): Get rid of the sentence "A reference-aware WebDAV client can act on this response in one of two ways." A client can act on the response in any way it wants.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 48.

#### **[D.35](#) lc-29-lang**

Type: edit

[64]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#), para 4: Obvious, doesn't need to be stated. Maybe note in an example.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 48.

#### **[D.36](#) lc-31-MKCOL**

Type: edit

[65]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-07): [Section 6](#), para on MKRESOURCE and MKCOL is obvious and doesn't need to be stated. Maybe show in an example.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 48.

#### **[D.37](#) lc-49-put**

Type: change





[66]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Remove the last sentence of Example 6.2, which says that PUT replaces the reference with a different resource.

Resolution: No longer relevant. Deleted this example in response to issue 48.

#### **[D.38](#) lc-44-pseudo**

Type: change

[67]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Instead of adding an optional prop XML element to the response element in 207 responses, define a new location XML element and a new refresource XML element.

Resolution: Agree to define new XML elements that are not pseudo-properties. Disagreement about whether refresource is needed. See issue 61.

#### **[D.39](#) lc-61-pseudo**

Type: change

[68]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 7](#): It doesn't make sense to ask future editors of [RFC 2518](#) to define DAV:location with the semantics it has here. [RFC 2518](#) should provide the information in the Location header somehow in multistatus responses, but not by using properties.

Resolution: Define an XML element for location that is not a pseudo-property. We'll keep the recommendation that [RFC 2518](#) add this for 302 responses. See also issue 44.

#### **[D.40](#) lc-60-ex**

Type: change

[69]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 7](#), para 3: Make it clear that these are just examples of client behavior, and are not meant to limit the client's behavior to these options.



Resolution: Agreed to delete this paragraph. Continue discussion of what information should be returned with 302 in multistatus. Just location? Also redirectref?

#### **[D.41](#) lc-62-oldclient**

Type: change

[70]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 7](#): It's too strong to claim that non-referencing clients can't process 302 responses occurring in Multi-Status responses. They just have an extra round trip for each 302.

Resolution: Remove last sentence of the paragraph that recommends changes to [RFC 2518](#).

#### **[D.42](#) lc-63-move**

Type: change

[71]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 7.1](#): Is MOVE atomic from the perspective of a client? Agrees that there should be no 302s for member redirect references, but finds the rationale dubious.

Resolution: Remove 7.1. Reword 7.2 to avoid concerns with "poses special problems" and "due to atomicity".

#### **[D.43](#) lc-67-redirectref**

Type: change

[72]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): 7.4: The explanation should not contrast displaying the properties of the redirect ref with displaying the properties of its target, but with returning a 302.

Resolution: Revise as recommended.

#### **[D.44](#) lc-06-reftarget-relative**

Type: change

[73]



joe@orton.demon.co.uk (2000-01-29): Why does the spec talk about relative URIs in DAV:reftarget in MKRESOURCE requests? Is the server required to resolve the relative URI and store it as absolute? Is the server required to keep DAV:reftarget pointing to the target resource as the reference / target move, or is DAV:reftarget a dead property?

Resolution: DAV:reftarget is readonly and present only on redirect references that are also WebDAV resources. Add a method for setting the target. Change definition of Redirect-Ref header so that it has the target as its value (comes back on all 302 responses). Server MUST store the target exactly as it is set. It MUST NOT resolve relatives to absolutes and MUST NOT update if target resource moves. See also issue 17, 43, 50, 57

#### **D.45 lc-57-noautoupdate**

Type: change

[74]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Add language to forbid servers from automatically updating redirect resources when their targets move.

Resolution: Agreed. See also issue 6.

#### **D.46 lc-71-relative**

Type: change

[75]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 9](#): Base URI should be the Request-URI or href minus its final segment.

Resolution: Fix this.

#### **D.47 lc-53-s10**

Type: change

[76]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): The behavior described in this section would have a very serious impact on the efficiency of mapping Request-URIs to resources in HTTP request processing. Also specify another type of redirect resource that does not behave as in [section 10](#), but instead would "expose the behavior we see today in



various HTTP servers that allow their users to create 300 resources." Be sure we know what behavior will be if the redirect location is not an HTTP URL, but, say ftp.

Resolution: We won't define 2 sorts of redirect references here. Servers SHOULD respond with 302 as described here, but if they can't do that, respond with 404 Not Found. (It's hard to modularize the behavior specified - it impacts processing Not Found cases of all methods, so you can't just add it to an HTTP server in a redirect ref module.)

#### **D.48 lc-72-trailingslash**

Type: change

[77]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): [Section 10](#): Forbid DAV:reftarget from ending in "/"

Resolution: Make the note warn about the possibility of two slashes in a row, recommend against ending target with a slash, since that could result in two slashes in a row.

#### **D.49 lc-54-s10**

Type: change

[78]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): The Note: in [section 10](#) has the same problem pointed out in Bindings.NoSlash and needs to be fixed. It contradicts [RFC 2518](#) and 2616, which both assume that a URL and the same URL + "/" may map to different resources.

Resolution: Agreed in mailing list discussions that no change is needed.

#### **D.50 lc-50-blindredirect**

Type: change

[79]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Replace current language explaining the purpose of the Redirect-Ref header with language that simply states that it marks blind 302 responses from redirect resources. ([Section 6.3](#), 11.1)





Resolution: [Section 6.3](#) was removed in response to issue 48. In 11.1, change the definition of the Redirect-Ref header to have the value of the target (relative URI) as its value. Then we don't need a method for retrieving the target's relative URI. Presence of the Redirect-Ref header lets the client know that the resource accepts Apply-To-RR header and the new method for updating target. Reject Yaron's suggested language, but make the above changes.

#### **[D.51](#) lc-74-terminology**

Type: change

[80]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): "plain HTTP/1.1 redirect" - find some good name for this and use it consistently

#### **[D.52](#) lc-75-ignore**

Type: change

[81]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-14): 11.2: "If the Apply-To-Redirect-Ref header is used on a request to any other sort of resource besides a redirect reference resource, the server SHOULD ignore it." Don't need to say this since HTTP already says that any header that is not understood should be ignored.

#### **[D.53](#) lc-76-location**

Type: change

[82]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): 12.2: Make DAV:location a real (live) property, get rid of the DAV:reftarget property

#### **[D.54](#) lc-78-directory**

Type: change

[83]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 16.4](#): Change "directory" to "collection". Not new to this protocol. Holds for any protocol that has hierarchical access paths.



**[D.55](#) lc-79-accesscontrol**

Type: change

[84]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 16.4](#): "In some environments, the owner of a resource might be able to use access control to prevent others from creating references to that resource." That would not be consistent with the concept of redirect references as weak links (e.g. think of moving a resource to a different location that is already the target of some redirection reference).

**[D.56](#) lc-80-i18n**

Type: change

[85]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 17](#): Could get rid of a lot of this section, since this protocol extends WebDAV. Just reference [WebDAV].

**[D.57](#) lc-55-iana**

Type: change

[86]

yarong@Exchange.Microsoft.com (2000-02-11): Expand the IANA section to list all methods, headers, XML elements, MIME types, URL schemes, etc., defined by the spec.

Resolution: Agreed.

**[D.58](#) lc-82-iana**

Type: change

[87]

reuterj@ira.uka.de (2000-02-22): [Section 18](#): Just reference [WebDAV] and say this protocol does not introduce any new considerations.



## Intellectual Property Statement

The IETF takes no position regarding the validity or scope of any intellectual property or other rights that might be claimed to pertain to the implementation or use of the technology described in this document or the extent to which any license under such rights might or might not be available; neither does it represent that it has made any effort to identify any such rights. Information on the IETF's procedures with respect to rights in standards-track and standards-related documentation can be found in [BCP-11](#). Copies of claims of rights made available for publication and any assurances of licenses to be made available, or the result of an attempt made to obtain a general license or permission for the use of such proprietary rights by implementors or users of this specification can be obtained from the IETF Secretariat.

The IETF invites any interested party to bring to its attention any copyrights, patents or patent applications, or other proprietary rights which may cover technology that may be required to practice this standard. Please address the information to the IETF Executive Director.

## Full Copyright Statement

Copyright (C) The Internet Society (2003). All Rights Reserved.

This document and translations of it may be copied and furnished to others, and derivative works that comment on or otherwise explain it or assist in its implementation may be prepared, copied, published and distributed, in whole or in part, without restriction of any kind, provided that the above copyright notice and this paragraph are included on all such copies and derivative works. However, this document itself may not be modified in any way, such as by removing the copyright notice or references to the Internet Society or other Internet organizations, except as needed for the purpose of developing Internet standards in which case the procedures for copyrights defined in the Internet Standards process must be followed, or as required to translate it into languages other than English.

The limited permissions granted above are perpetual and will not be revoked by the Internet Society or its successors or assignees.

This document and the information contained herein is provided on an "AS IS" basis and THE INTERNET SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET ENGINEERING TASK FORCE DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY WARRANTY THAT THE USE OF THE INFORMATION



HEREIN WILL NOT INFRINGE ANY RIGHTS OR ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF  
MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

#### Acknowledgment

Funding for the RFC Editor function is currently provided by the  
Internet Society.