

**List of Internet Official Protocol Standards:
Replaced by an Online Database
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Abstract

At one time, the RFC Editor published periodic snapshots of the "Internet Official Protocol Standards". These documents were known as xx00 documents, the most of which was published in May 2008. This document notes that the RFC Editor will no longer be publishing these snapshots as RFCs.

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1. Introduction

[[RFC1083](#)], published in December 1988, was the first document published in the RFC series that detailed a "list of documents that define the standards for the Internet protocol suite" and any ongoing experiments. Snapshots were published on a periodic basis.

[[RFC1280](#)] was the first of these publications to be published as STD 1. Starting with [[RFC2200](#)], RFC numbers ending with 00 were reserved for snapshots of the Official Protocol Standards. [[RFC5000](#)], published in May 2008, was the last snapshot documented in an RFC. This document notes that the RFC Editor will no longer continue this tradition, and that RFC numbers typically reserved for these documents (i.e., those numbers ending with 00) will be available for assignment to other RFCs-to-be.

2. Online List of Official Internet Protocol Standards

Previously, publishing a snapshot of the current list of Standards Track and Experimental documents was helpful to the Internet community, as the information was not available otherwise. However, in 2000, the RFC Editor produced an online list that is dynamically updated and available to individuals with access to the public Internet [[STDS-TRK](#)]. As the list has been online for over 10 years, it is time to make the online list more official.

3. STD 1

In some sense, STD 1 was retired when [RFC 5000](#) was published. After consultation with the IAB, [RFC 5000](#) was published as an Informational document, but was still identified as STD 1 in the document header. The status was listed as Informational, as the document does not describe an implementable Standard. However, it was associated with STD 1 to keep the document consistent with its historic connection to the subseries identifier.

Because the online list has obsoleted the xx00 publications in practice, the IESG has decided to pursue moving [RFC 5000](#) and STD 1 to Historic [[RETIRE-STD1](#)]. Marking STD 1 as Historic would result in identifier STD 1 not being available for future use.

4. Cleaning Up RFC Editor Data

As part of the cleanup related to ending the publication of the Official Protocol Standards, the RFC Editor will mark a number of unused numbers ending in 00 through [RFC 7000](#) "never issued". Moving forward, other numbers typically reserved for these documents (i.e., those numbers ending with 00) will be assigned to future RFCs-to-be.

5. IANA Considerations

This document does not request any IANA actions.

6. Security Considerations

This document does not impact the security of the Internet.

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