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– First editor of the IETF RFC Series
– Authored or co-authored more than 200 RFCs
– First director of IANA
– Member of the IAB (1990-1993)
– Chair of the IRTF (1992-1995)
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- Robustness Principle, RFC 793
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