

**Adoption of I-Ds
(updating existing guidelines)
draft-carpenter-gendispatch-
rfc7221bis-01**

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Why?

- Participants are sometimes confused about WG "adoption" of a draft and how it fits into the standards process.
- That has led to misunderstandings or conflict.
 - Details omitted to protect the guilty :-)
- RFC7221 offers guidelines but apparently not quite clear enough.

FYI: The story of RFC7221

- The authors just wrote it
- They solicited review from a few key people
- They solicited review from the WG chairs
- The document was AD sponsored through IETF last call
- Relatively few community comments

Deliverable

- An update to RFC7221 that adds
 - Clarification of the implications of WG adoption
 - Additional guidelines for adoption
 - Guidelines for "unadoption"
- No other changes to the RFC
- No change to IETF rules; this is Informational

Logistics

- `draft-carpenter-gendispatch-rfc7221bis-00` is the unchanged RFC text
- `draft-carpenter-gendispatch-rfc7221bis-01` has the proposed updates
- `rfcdiff` is your friend
- `github.com/becarpenter/draft-adoption`

Summary of new text (1)

- Consequences of WG Adoption
 - Change control moves to WG
 - WG agrees to work on it
 - But no guarantee of consensus
- Relationship to Formal IETF Rules
 - A WG adoption call is *not* a required step; WG Chairs can decide to declare consensus without it.

Summary of new text (2)

- ***Any*** participant may ask for adoption
- WG Chairs should handle adoption regardless of their own opinions
- After a call for adoption, WG Chairs
 - Judge whether there is rough consensus
 - Choose document editors (not necessarily the existing authors)

Summary of new text (3)

- Additional criteria to be considered:
 - If not already in scope, is a simple modification to the charter feasible?
 - Is the proposal useful?
 - Is the quality of writing sufficient as a basis?
 - Are any IPR disclosures acceptable?
 - Is the work in conflict with work elsewhere in the IETF?

Summary of new text (4)

- Withdrawal of an adopted I-D is a WG decision
 - After failed attempts to make progress, the WG Chairs may make a WG call for the withdrawal of a draft
 - Following the discussion, the WG Chairs may declare rough consensus for withdrawal of the WG draft
 - The I-D is then removed from the WG agenda and returned to its authors

Next steps

- Continue discussion on a suitable list.
(Which one? A WG is certainly not justified.)
- Solicit AD sponsorship