

# **draft-ietf-cbor-cddl-control-02**

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- New control operators for CDDL: `.cat/.plus`, `.abnf/.abnfb`, `.feature`
- Was waiting for implementation experience with `.abnf/.abnfb` —
  - ABNF is hard — thoughts about splitting it off
  - ABNF finally implemented in early March, no more waiting needed
  - One new observation: ABNF is indentation-sensitive
- Proposal: go ahead, but add `.det` for “**dedenting cat**” (PR #6)  
→ `.plus/.cat/.det`, `.abnf/.abnfb`, `.feature`

# Proposed next steps

- (Status: Implemented in CDDL tool 0.8.21)
- → Submitted trial balloon -03 with .det
- ? Get pre-WGLC reviews
- → WGLC

# **draft-ietf-cbor-packed-02**

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- draft-ietf-cbor-packed-02:
  - Add Tag allocations for suffix packing
  - Add WoT example
- Missing: more details for table setup (and its extensibility)
- Issue: add circumfix packing? (compare draft-bormann-lpwan-cbor-template-02)
- **Next step:** Get the implementation out, further implementation work
- Heads-up for next thing: **Streaming** packing? (Can be added to this later.)

# **draft-bormann-cbor-time-tag-04**

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# draft-bormann-cbor-time-tag-04

- Tag 1001 has been around for a while and is in active use
- Add timescale key (UTC ~ NTP, TAI ~ GPS ~ PTP)
- Add clock quality (~ PTP [RFC8575], uncertainty [GUM] and guarantees [RFC3161])
- Add duration (delta, 1002), period (interval, 1003)
- Next steps:
  - ? Could live on as individual for more time (registrations have been made)
  - ? Could become WG document with a view of completion in 2021

# **draft-bormann-cbor-notable-tags-03**

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# draft-bormann-cbor-notable-tags-03

- Intention: hitchhikers' guide for the CBOR tag landscape
- Collect descriptive information that explains
  - Why sometimes there are multiple tags for one area of application, and
  - What distinguishes them
  - How to select between them
- Slow progress → any day now [**please send PRs!**]
- Plan is to snapshot and publish after some time (2022?)
- Also *defines* some tags (e.g., 63 for encoded cbor seq, 65535 etc. for invalid tags)

# **draft-bormann-cbor-cddl-freezer-05**

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- Essentially unchanged for a year now
  - last change: extracted computed literals and .abnf → -control
- More controls (less urgent needs): .pcre, endianness, bitfields
- Alternative representations: CDDL in JSON (interface between tools!)
- Language extensions:
  - **Module superstructure (export/import), namespacing**
  - Co-occurrence constraints (hard to do right; piggyback on *what?*)
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- More controls (less urgent needs): .pcre, endianness, bitfields
- Alternative representations: CDDL in JSON (interface between tools!)  
→ could extract for informational
- Language extensions:
  - Module superstructure (export/import), namespacing → highest perceived need
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**ai=28 (128-bit integers/floats)?**

# ai=28

- Extension beyond 64-bit arguments (int/float, not meaningful for the rest)
- Can use tags to handle some of this now:
  - Tag 2/3 for uint128, nint128 (use one more byte, but can compact leading 0)
  - Tag 5 can handle float128 and more, but only with icky conversion work
  - Tag 83 is for **arrays** of float128, but can send one of them as well
  - Should we define specific tags (float128, float256???)?
- Or should we open Pandora's ai=28 box?