

RFC 2028 (BCP 11) Issues

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The Organizations Involved in the IETF Standards Process

- Published October 1996 in wake of Kobe and POISED
- Updated for Intellectual Property Rights Issue by RFC3668, RFC3979, RFC8717
- Otherwise unchanged
 - Except for IETF LLC terminology
 - Many things have happened in nearly 25 years

Low Points – Just Examples

- Normative pointers to “Work in Progress” documents that have not been completed
- IETF Chair appointed by IAB
- May still have IETF LLC loose ends:
 - Update in RFC 8717 effectively points readers of RFC 2028 to RFC 8711 for details that are not there.
 - Is Secretariat, not IETF LLC itself, responsible for maintaining the “formal public record of the Internet standards process”?

In Particular

The Document Predates

- RFC 2850, the May 2000 Charter of the Internet Architecture Board
- RFC 3710, the February 2004 IESG Charter and its updates
- All of the changes to the RFC Editor Function and its relationship to the IETF that were first documented in RFC 4844 in 2007 or perhaps with RFC 3932 in 2004
- ...

What Is to Be Done?

Obvious Possibilities

- Continue to ignore the problem
 - Despite our apparently having documents and materials that reference it and our having referred other bodies to it.
- Make it Historic, erect a tombstone, and tell those who look for it either
 - Where to go instead - *or* -
 - That they are on their own
- Revise and replace the thing
 - Not a small task
 - And there may not be agreement about what it should say