

The “Expires” header field

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The general idea

- A header that says when a message expires

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Expires: Wed, 1 Dec 2024 17:22:57 +0000
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- RFC 2156 defined it in 1998 for translated X.400 mail
- RFC 850 defined it in 1983 for Usenet messages
- Now allow it on all 5322 mail

<https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/draft-billon-expires/>

Typical uses

- Info about meetings and other events
- Time limited commercial offers
- Periodic announcements
 - Today's weather report or lunch menu is not interesting tomorrow

AD sponsored in 2022

- Artart LC review: ready
- Opsdir LC review: ready
- Secdir LC review: ready
- Genart LC review: ready
- Strong objections from two individuals

Next steps

- WG adopt, we hope
- Review objections and make changes, if any

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