



Recommendations on Using Assigned Transport Port Numbers

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Purpose

- BCP advice to ***protocol designers***
 - Encourage port conservation
 - Encourage use of existing services
 - Discourage ‘reinventing the wheel’
 - Clarify how to describe a service in an application and/or ID
- **NOT**
 - Direction to the IESG or Expert Review team



Current status

- IESG review
 - Concerns with Secs 7.4, 8 (security)
 - Revised substantially
- 08 – Mar 13
 - Interim major roll-in of IESG suggestions
- 09 – Mar 23
 - See next slides



07->09 summary

- **Clarification of IANA vs. designer**
 - Title, Abstract, Sec 1 (Intro)
 - Focus on “assigned ports”, not all ports
 - Various other clarifications
- **Security revisions**
 - 7.4, 8 revised completely



7.4 Support for Security

- Refer to additional security mechanisms
 - DTLS, TCP-AO, IPsec
- One vs. two ports for insecure/secure
 - Clarify one port preference is not for security
 - Removed MUST; changed to “encouragement”
 - Updated to reflect both recent SAAG and RFC6335 lack of consensus
- Sec 8
 - Updated to align with 7.4