

Protocol Information

Introduction

This file contains information on the various protocols in the ARPA Network. An effort will be made to keep the information current, but this depends on the cooperation of the users of this file to convey any information about protocol developments, or corrections to this information to Jon Postel at SRI-ARC.

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This is a compendium of all the protocol related activity and most of this activity and most of this activity is with experimental protocols, for those protocols, which are official standards the designation "[Official]" will be appended to the name.

This protocol information file is online as:

Pathname: [OFFICE-1] <NETINFO.PROTOCOL-INFORMATION.TXT

and also [BBNB] <POSTEL.PROTOCOL-INFORMATION.NLS

Much of the documentation of protocols appears as Requests for Comments (RFCs) and many of these are available online. When a document is accessible online a pointer to that source will be given. Also note that recent RFCs are online at Office-1 in directory <NETINFO> with names of the form RFCnnn.TXT where nnn is replaced by the RFC number. There is also an index of recent RFCs as an online file:

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC-INDEX.TXT

There are three other online files that are relevant to protocols:

There is a file that lists Official Host Names and associated information as described in RFC 608, the pathname of this file is:

[Office-1] <NETINFO>HOSTS.TXT

There are two files that list the addresses of the Network Liaisons, one file lists the online message address, and the other the US Mail address and phone number. A network liaison is a person designated by a host organization as the contact and coordinator for network technical information from that organization.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>LIAISON-SNDMSG.TXT

[Office-1] <NETINFO>LIAISON.TXT

These files are prepared by Jake Feinler of the Network Information Center (NIC). Indeed the NIC has been very helpful in providing the online file space for the recent Request for Comments, and other protocol related files. The NIC also maintains the hardcopy reference library of all RFCs.

The NIC has assembled and filed with the National Technical Information Service the collection of documents known as "ARPA Network Current Network Protocols". This collection represents the more or less "official" protocols as of 1-December-74. The accession number is ADA003890.

IMP-IMP

surface

Contact:

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Documents:

Heart, F. et. al. "the Interface Message Processor for the ARPA Computer Network," AFIPS Conference Proceedings, 36:551-567, SJCC 1970.

McQuillan, J.M. et. al. "Improvements in the Design and Performance of the ARPA Network," AFIPS Conference Proceedings, 41:741-754 RFCC, 1972.

McQuillan, J.M. "Throughput in the ARPA network - Analysis and Measurement," BBN Report 2491, the text is also contained in BBN Quarterly Technical Report 16, available from the National Technical Information Service [NTIS] accession number AD7544441.

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

Satellite

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Documents:

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

IMP-HOST

IMP-HOST [Official]

Contact:

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Documents:

"Specification for the Interconnection of a HOST and an
IMP," BBN Report 1822, Revised December 1974. NTIS:
ADA002751.

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Schedule:

Comments:

The "link number" field has been extended from 8 to 12 bits and renamed the "message identification" field. Message type 6 now is used to indicate a reason for at type 7 (destination dead) message. (See BBN1822).

There has been some recent changes to the Ready line interpretation by the IMP for deciding the alive/dead status of a host.

Important changes to the IMP and IMP/HOST Interface announced in RFC 660 23-Oct-74.

(31-DEC-74) The change to allow up to eight messages to be in transit between a source host and destination host should be made very soon. This should not effect the hosts at all except to provide better thruput and fewer inter-message delays.

(6-JAN-75) BBN Report 1822 updated.

Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5, and Appendix C now include data on the Pluribus IMP. The Pluribus IMP is based on a modular mutliprocessor hardware design; it should be capable of much higher bandwidth and greater reliability than other IMP models.

Section 3.1 contains additional information, which may be helpful to Host programmers.

Section 3.3 and 3.4 add a new type of Host to Host data message, the uncontrolled packet. Section 3.7 has been added to describe the use of this new message type.

Section 3.4 describes changes to the sub-types of IMP to host message types 6 and 7.

Appendix A has been updated.

Appendix B has been expanded to provide specific recommendations for Host implementation of the Host/IMP Interface.

Minor clarifications have been made in Appendix F. (No changes have been made to Figure F - (or F-9).)

Recent developments:

(18-June-75) Very important changes to the Host to IMP and IMP to Host interface protocol are proposed (specified?) in a recent note. The areas changed include: expanded leader size, expanded address field, new message length field, expanded handling type field, source host control of packets per message, change in the handling of unordered messages (current type 3 messages), change in the addressing of fake hosts, including an address field in the IMP/Host hop message, (best of all) backward compatibility, and a possible change in the maximum message length.

Walden, D. "IMP/Host and Host/IMP Protocol Change," RFC 687, NIC 32654, 2-Jun-75.

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(18-Jun-75) Comments on the changes proposed by Walden in RFC 687:

Postel, J. "Comments on the proposed Host/IMP Protocol Changes," RFC 690, NIC 32699, 6-Jun-75.

HOST-HOST

ncp - standard host-to-host [Official]

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBN)

Documents:

McKenzie, A. "Host/Host Protocol for the ARPA Network," NIC 8246, NTIS: AD757680, Jan 1972.

Postel, J. "Assigned Link Numbers," RFC 604, NIC 21186, 26-Dec-73.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

ncp - host-to-host [Experimental]

Contact:

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Documents:

McKenzie, A. "host/Host Protocol for the ARPA Network," NIC 8246, NTIS: AD757680, Jan 1972.

Postel, J. "Assigned link Numbers," RFC 604, NIC 21186, 26-Dec-73.

Burchfiel, et. al. "Tip-Tenex Reliability Improvements" RFC 636 NIC 30490 June 1974.

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Schedule:

Comments:

The BBN TIP and TENEX groups have specified and are implementing additional protocol commands with the intention of providing better reliability and survivability over system

malfunctions. The additional protocol commands are for cleaning up partly closed connections and resynchronizing the allocation values on open connections (see RFC 636).

(31-DEC-74) Tenex 1.32 and the Tips are now running this protocol.

Recent developments:

ncp - host-to-host [Experimental]

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

McKenzie, A. "Host/Host Protocol for the ARPA Network," NIC 8246, [NTIS # AD-757 680], Jan 1972

Postel, J. "Assigned Link Numbers," RFC604, NIC211685, 26-Dec-73.

Kanodia, R. "A Lost Message Detection and Recovery Protocol," RFC 663, NIC 31387, 29-Nov-74.

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Schedule:

Comments:

(31-DEC-74) This recent proposal is interesting in several features, but some have suggested that is aimed at a non-problem.

Recent developments:

msp - Message Switching Protocol

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Documents:

Walden, D. "A System for Interprocess Communication in a Resource Sharing Computer Network, " RFC 62, NIC 4962, 3-Aug-70. Also published in Communications of the ACM volume 15, number 4, April 1972.

Bressler, B. "A Proposed Experiment with a Message Switching Protocol, " RFC 333, NIC 9926, 15-May-72.

People:

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Bob Bressler (BRESSLER@BBN)

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

tcp - Transmission Control Protocol

Contact:

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Documents:

Cerf, V. and R., Kahn. "A Protocol for Packet Network Intercommunication," IEEE Transactions on Communication Vol COM- 22 No 5, May 1974.

Mader, E. "A Protocol Experiment," RFC 700, NIC 31020.

[OFFICE-1] <NETINFO> RFC700.TXT

Cerf, V. Y. Dalal, and C. Sunshine. "Specification of Internet Transmission Control Program," RFC 675, INWG 72, NIC 31505, December 1974 Revision.

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Schedule:

Some experiments now running. Implementation of full protocol to begin by 1-Jan-75.

Comments:

Specification completed August 4th, but some work still in progress on handling of single message conversations. A new sequencing scheme (proposed by Tomlinson) may be utilized. The addressing field is now used as 4 bit format, 4 bit network, 16 bit TCP, and 24 bit process&port.

Crocker has suggested a 64 bit path address to be parsed and reformatted by the gateways along the route. There is reluctance to experiment with too many things at once though.

(28-Oct-74) A file indicating some of the changes in the specifications since the 4-Aug-74 document is now available as [ISI] <CRF> TCP- CHANGES. The areas of change are "Initial Sequence Number", "Socket definition", "Additional User System Calls", "Packet Format", and "Discussion of opening and closing (SYN, REL)".

(23-NOV-74) Specifications for test implementation are now said to be ready on 1-DEC-74, and an implementation completed by 1-FEB-74.

(31-DEC-74) New specification document available:

Cerf, V. Y. Dalal, and C. Sunshine. "Specification of Internet Transmission Control Program," RFC 675, INWG 72, NIC 31505, December 1974 Revision.

Recent developments:

(30-May-75)

Status of TCP development. The BBN version is running at BBN-TENEXA, but simulates a lot of JSYS calls which will be cast into the tenex operating system during the summer. The SU-DSL version for the PDP-11/20 is in the debugging stage. The UCL (London) version for a PDP-9 is in the coding stage. We are continuing with the "three-way handshake" version which is highly reliable in environments which permit packets to be delivered on the order of hours later than they were injected into the connected networks. A simple TCP is being designed for the packet radio network and does not use three-way handshake since waiting a second or so to clear out old packets is not serious.

A test plan for packet radio net, arpanet, and atlantic satellite networks is in preparation (delivery date 1 August 1975).

Recent international agreements indicate that a form of TCP with a simpler header (144 bits instead of 256 bits) and no three-way handshake is the most likely international standard. An IFIP WG 6.1 Recommendation to CCITT stated that the maximum packet delay through all concatenated networks should not exceed 30 seconds.

nvp - Network Voice Protocol

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Documents:

"Specifications for the Network Voice Protocol (NVP)" NSC Note 43.

People:

Schedule:

Comments:

Specification document available (10-Oct-74).

(20-JAN-75) An initial version of NVP was implemented for real-time voice experiments between ISI and Lincoln Laboratory in August 1974. An expanded version has been in operation since December 1974 for real-time voice communication between Lincoln and CHI. NVP uses both type 0 and type 3 IMP-Host messages, and allows increased bandwidth and decreased delays at the cost of reliability.

Recent developments:

packet radio

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Documents:

People:

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

Network Debugging Protocol

Contact:

Eric Mader (MADER@BBN)

Documents:

Mader, E. "Network Debugging Protocol," RFC 643, NIC 30873, July-74.

Beeler, M. "Response Time in Cross-network Debugging," RFC 685, NIC 32298, 16-April-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO> RFC685.TXT

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Schedule:

Comments:

This is a protocol for a PDP-11 cross-network debugger.

Recent Developments:

(15-May-75) A measure of the responsiveness of cross-network debugging has been reported in:

Beeler, M. "Response Time in Cross-network Debugging," RFC 685, NIC 32298, 16-April-75.

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pup - PARC Universal Protocol

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Documents:

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments

(15-May-75) Link 151 (decimal) assigned.

HOST-FRONTED

Host-Front End

Contact:

Michael Padlipsky (Padlipsky@MIT-Multics)

Documents:

Padlipsky, M. "A Proposed Protocol for Connecting Host Computers to ARPA-Like Networks via Front-End Processors," RFC 647, NIC 31117, 12-Nov-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC647.TXT

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

This is a suggested simple protocol for connecting host to front end computers, which are in turn connected to the network.

Recent developments:

PROCESS-PROCESS

ICP - Initial Connection Protocol [Official]

Contact:

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Documents:

Postel, J. "Official Initial Connection Protocol," NIC 7101, 11-June-71.

Wolfe, S. [no title] RFC 202, NIC 7155, 26-July-71.

Postel, J. "Official Telnet-Logger Initial Connection Protocol," NIC 7103, 15-June-71.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

Telnet

Old Telnet

Contact:

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Documents:

Postel, J. "Telnet Protocol," RFC 318 3-April-72.

People:

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

New Telnet [Official]

Contact:

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Documents:

NIC 18639 "TELNET Protocol Specifications" AUG 73

NIC 18640 "Telnet Option Specification" Aug 73

Telnet Options

0 Transmit Binary

"Binary Transmission," NIC 15389

1 Echo

"Echo," NIC 15390

- 2 Reconnection
"Reconnection," NIC 15391
- 3 Suppress Go Ahead
"Suppress Go Ahead Option," NIC 15392.
- 4 Negotiate Approximate Message Size
"Approximate Message Size Negotiation," NIC
- 5 Status
Crocker, D. "Status," RFC 651, NIC 31154, 25-Oct-74.
[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC651.TXT
- 6 Timing Mark
"Timing Mark," NIC 16238.
- 7 Remote Controlled Transmission and Echoing
Crocker, D. "Remote Controlled Transmission and Echoing," NIC 19859, 1-Nov-73.
- 8 Negotiate About Output Line Width
Walden, D. "Output Line Width," NIC 20196,
13-Nov-73.
- 9 Negotiate About Output Page Size
Walden, D. "Output Page Size," NIC 20197, 13-Nov-73.
- 10 Output Carriage Return Disposition
Crocker, D. "Output Carriage Return Disposition,"
RFC 652, NIC 31155, 25-Oct-74.
[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC652.TXT
- 11 Output Horizontal Tab Stops
Crocker, D. "Output Horizontal Tab Stops," RFC 653,
NIC 31156, 25-Oct-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC653.TXT

12 Output Horizontal Tab Disposition

Crocker, D. "Output Horizontal Tab Disposition,"
RFC 654, NIC 31157, 25-Oct-74.

13 Output Formfeed Disposition

Crocker, D. "Output Form Feed Disposition," RFC 655,
NIC 31158, 25-Oct-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC655.TXT

14 Output Vertical Tab Stops

Crocker, D. "Output Vertical Tab Stops," RFC 656,
NIC 31159, 25-Oct-74.

15 Output Vertical Tab Disposition

Crocker, D. "Output Vertical Tab Disposition," RFC
657, NIC 31160, 25-Oct-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC657.TXT

16 Output Linefeed Disposition

Crocker, D. "Output Line Feed Disposition," RFC 658,
NIC 31161, 25-Oct-74.

[Office -1] <NETINFO>RFC658.TXT

255 Extended Options List

"Extended Options List," NIC 16239.

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Schedule:

All Hosts were to have been running the new Telnet (both user and server) by 1 January 1974.

Comments:

Note: the server program is to be available on socket 23 decimal (27 octal).

The Status Option has been revised to take advantage of the subcommand feature and to reduce the amount of data transmitted to report the option status.

Seven new options have been defined to allow control of the format effectors Carriage Return, Line Feed, Form Feed, Horizontal Tab, and Vertical Tab.

(31-DEC-74) Rick Schantz has made some suggestions regarding the Reconnection Option in:

Schantz, R. "A Note on Reconnection Protocol," RFC 671, NIC 31439, 6-Dec-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC671.TXT

Recent developments:

(15-May-75) The latest survey of Telnet Server status by Doug Dodds is:

Dodds, D. "February, 1975, Survey of New-Protocol Telnet Servers," RFC 679, NIC 31890, 21-Feb-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC669.TXT

(18-Jun-75) A schedule for implementation of New Telnet in the TIP has been published:

Walden, D. "Tentative Schedule for the New Telnet Implementation for the TIP," RFC 688, NIC 32655, 4-Jun-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC688.TXT

FTP

Old File Transfer

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

McKenzie, A. "File Transfer Protocol," NIC 14333, RFC 454, 16-Feb-73.

Clements, R. "FTPSRV - Extensions for Tenex Paged Files," RFC 683, NIC 32251, 3-April-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC683.TXT

Harvey, B. "One More Try on the FTP," RFC 691, NIC 32700, 6-Jun-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC691.TXT

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Schedule:

Comments:

(31-DEC-74) Kanodia has published an RFC on performance measurements of FTP at Multics, which shows the important effect of Host buffering in constraining thruput.

Kanodia, R. "Performance Improvement in ARPANET File Transfers From Multics," RFC662, NIC 31386, 26-Nov-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC662.TXT

Recent developments:

(15-May-75) The Tenex FTP implementation has been extended to transfer paged files as described in:

Clements, R. "FTPSRV - Extensions for Tenex Pages Files,"
RFC 683, NIC 32251, 3-April-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC683.TXT

(18-Jun-75) Brian Harvey has suggested that old FTP is good enough, that it is in wide use, so lets just fix the bugs instead of implementing new FTP. His suggested bug fixes are also included in his RFC:

Harvey, B. "One More Try on the FTP," RFC 691, NIC 32700, 6-Jun-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC691.TXT

New File Transfer

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

Neigus, N. "File Transfer Protocol," NIC 17759 RFC 542 12-July-73.

Postel, J. "Revised FTP Reply Codes," NIC 30843 RFC 640 5-June-74.

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Comments:

Recent developments:

Pathnames

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Documents:

Crocker, D. "Network Standard Data Specification Syntax," RFC 645, NIC 30899, Jul-74.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

File Access Protocol

Contact:

Jon Day (Day.CAC@MIT-Multics)

Documents:

Day, J. "Memo to FTP Group: File Access Protocol," RFC 520, NIC 16819, 25-Jun-73.

People:

Ken Pogran (Pogran.CompNet@MIT-Multics)

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

File formats

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

Postel, J. "Standard File Formats," RFC 678, NIC 31524, 19-Dec-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC678.TXT

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

(31-DEC-74) This new format standard for document file was published:

Postel, J. "Standard File Formats," RFC678, NIC 31524, 19-Dec-74.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC678.TXT

Recent developments:

Mail

Current Mail

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

Page 26 of RFC 454 (see old file transfer).

Myer, T. "Message Transmission Protocol," RFC 680, NIC 32116, 30-April-75.

[Office-1] <NETINFO>RFC680.TXT

Sussman, J. "FTP Error Code Usage for More Reliable Mail Service," RFC 630, NIC 30237, 10-Apr-74.

Thomas, B. "On the problem of Signature Authentication for Network Mail," RFC 644, NIC 30874, 22-July-74.

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Schedule:

Comments:

Concern over the authentication of the author of network messages has lead to the concept of an authorized mail sending process (see RFC 644).

Recent developments:

(15-May-75) The standard formats for mail header information fields have been extended as documented in:

Myer, T. "Message Transmission Protocol," RFC 680, NIC 32116, 30-April-75.

Proposed Mail

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

White, J. "A Proposed Mail Protocol," RFC 524, NIC 17140, 13-Jun-73.

Crocker, D. "Thoughts on the Mail Protocol Proposed in RFC 524," RFC 539, NIC 17644, 7-JULY-73.

White, J. "Response to Critiques of the Proposed Mail Protocol," RFC 555, NIC 17993, 27-July-73.

Crocker, D. "Mail Priority," RFC 577, NIC 19356, 18-Oct-73.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

RJE - Remote Job Entry

Contact:

Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

Documents:

Bressler, B. "Remote Job Entry Protocol," RFC 407, NIC 12112,
16-Oct-72.

Krilanovich, M. "Announcement of RJS at UCSB," RFC 436, NIC
13700, 10-Jan-73.

People:

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

RJS - CCNs Remote Job Service

Contact:

Robert Braden (BRADEN@UCLA-CCN)

Documents:

Braden, R. "Interim NETRJS Specification," RFC 189, NIC 7133,
15- July-71.

Harslem, E. "Using Network Remote Job Entry," RFC 307, NIC
9258, 24- Feb-72.

Braden, R. "Update on NETRJS," RFC 599, NIC 20854, 13-Dec-73.

Crocker, D. "CCNRJS: Remote Job Entry between Tenex and UCLA-
CCN," NUTS Note 22, 5-Mar-75.

[ISI] <DOCUMENTATION>CCNRJS.DOC

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

Graphics

Contact:

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Documents:

Spoull, R. and E. Thomas. "A Networks Graphics Protocol," NIC 24308, 16-Aug-74.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Document available from Robert Spoull.

Recent developments:

Data Reconfiguration Service

Contact:

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Documents:

Anderson, B. "Status Report on Proposed Data Reconfiguration Service," RFC 138, NIC 6715, 28-April-71.

Feah, "Data Reconfiguration Service at UCSB," RFC 437, NIC 13701, 30- June-74.

People:

Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

RSEXEC - The Resource Sharing Executive

Contact:

Robert Thomas (THOMAS@BBN)

Documents:

Thomas, R. "A Resource Sharing Executive For the ARPANET," AFIPS Conference Proceedings, 42;155-163, NCC, 1973.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

The TIPS and some RSEXEC servers now are cooperating to perform TIP user authentication and accounting functions.

Recent developments:

Line Processor Protocol

Contact:

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Documents:

[BBNB] <LP>MCS4.NLS

Andrews, D. "Line Processor - A Device for Amplification of Display Terminal Capabilities for Text Manipulation," AFIPS Conference Proceedings, 43:257-265, NCC, 1974.

People:

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

PROGRAMS

Neted - Network Standard Editor [Official]

Contact:

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Documents:

Padlipsky, M. "NETED: A Common Editor for the ARPA Network," RFC 569, NIC 18972, 15-Oct-73.

People:

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Jon Postel (POSTEL@BBNB)

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Schedule:

Comments:

Recent developments:

UULP - Unified User-Level Protocol

Contact:

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Documents:

Padlipsky, M. "Specification of a Unified User-Level Protocol,"
RFC 666, NIC 31396, 26-Nov-73.

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Schedule:

Comments:

Also know as Common Command Language (CCL).

Recent developments:

NATIONAL SOFTWARE WORKS

The national Software Works (NSW) is developing a set of protocols for its use of the ARPA Network, other uses of these protocols is encouraged.

The Distributed Programming System (DPS) is intended to facilitate the sharing of resources in the network at the subroutine level. The Distributed Programming System will be used to split NLS into a front end and back end components. Distributed Programming system is also to be used in the NSW and the basis for communication between the Works Manager, the Tool Bearing Hosts, and Front End procedure packages.

The documents cited below give a view of the Distributed Programming System and its use.

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Documents:

The documents cited here represent the state of the protocol in January-75, much as changed since that time that has not been adequately documented, therefore, these documents should be viewed as generally descriptive not specifically definitive.

Each is available online in two forms: as an NLS file and as a formatted text file. The Journal number (e.g., 24459) refers to the former, of course and the pathname (e.g., [BBNB] <NLS>PCP.TXT) to the latter, accessible via FTP using username=ANONYMOUS and password=GUEST (no account required).

In addition, these documents are available from Jon Postel in hardcopy.

PCP (24459,) "The Procedure Call Protocol"

This document describes the virtual programming environment provided by PCP, and the inter-process exchanges that implement it.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PCP.TXT

PIP (24460,) "The Procedure Interface Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP and that serves as procedure-call-level interface to PCP proper. It includes procedures for calling, resuming, interrupting, and aborting remote procedures.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PIP.TXT

PSP (24461,) "The PCP Support Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP and that augments PCP proper, largely in the area of data store manipulation. It includes procedures for obtaining access to groups of remote procedures and data stores, manipulating remote data stores, and creating temporary ones.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PSP.TXT

PMP (24462,) "The Process Management Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP and that provides the necessary tools for interconnecting two or more processes to form a multi-process system (e.g., NSW). It includes procedures for creating, deleting, logically and physically interconnecting processes, and for allocating and releasing processors.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PMP.TXT

PCPFMT (24576,) "PCP Data Structure Formats"

This document defines formats for PCP data structures, each of which is appropriate for one or more physical channel types.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PCPFMT.TXT

PCPHST (24577,) "PCP ARPANET Inter-Host IPC Implementation"

This document defines an implementation, appropriate for mediating communication between Tenex forks, of the IPC primitives required by PCP.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PCPHST.TXT

PCPFRK (24578,) "PCP Tenex Inter-Fork IPC Implementation"

This document defines an implementation, appropriate for mediating communication between processes on different hosts within the ARPANET, of the IPC primitives required by PCP.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PCPFRK.TXT

PCPTNXINT (24792,) "Tenex PCP Process internal Structure"

This document defines the internal structure of a PCP process implemented to run on Tenex, and as such serves as a process implementer's guide. It describes the process' fork structure, the role and composition of each fork, and the manner in which the various forks interact with one another; indicates which components are supplied with PCP and which are the responsibility of the process implementer; and describes the manner in which the components are assembled at load time.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>PCPTNXINT.TXT

HOST (24581,) "NSW Host Protocol"

This document describes the host level protocol used in the NSW. The protocol is a slightly constrained version of the standard ARPANET host to host protocol. The constraints affect the allocation, RFNM wait, and retransmission policies.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>HOST.TXT

EXEC (24580,) "The Executive Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP. It includes procedures and data stores for user identification, accounting, and usage information.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>EXEC.TXT

FILE (24582,) "The File Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP. It includes procedures and data stores for opening, closing, and listing directories, for creating, deleting, and renaming files, and for transferring the files and file elements between processes.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>FILE.TXT

FILE-APP (24813,) "The File Package Appendix"

This appendix contains some comments on implementation strategy. The thrust is to argue that the file package as specified is near minimal and that the conversion between the PCP format and the internal storage format can be encapsulated into a few subroutines.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>FILE-APP.TXT

BATCH (24583,) "The Batch Job Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP. It includes procedures for creating and deleting batch jobs, obtaining the status of a batch job, and communicating with the operator of a batch processing host. This package is implemented at the host that provides the batch processing facility.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>BATCH.TXT

LLDEBUG (24579,) "The Low-Level Debug Package"

This document describes a package that runs in the setting provided by PCP. It includes procedures for a remote process to debug at the assembly-language level, any processes known to the local process. The package contains procedures for manipulating and searching the process' address space, for manipulating and searching its symbol tables, and for setting and removing breakpoints from its address space. Its data stores hold process characteristics and state information, and the contents of program symbol tables.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>LLDEBUG.TXT

RJE-MODEL (24655,) "The NSW Remote Job Entry Model"

This document discusses the process of utilizing a batch processing facility to complete a programming task in the NSW environment. This same activity in another environment might utilize a remote job entry system.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>RJE-MODEL.TXT

TBH (24656,) "NSW Requirements on Tool Rearing Hosts"

This document discusses the environment needed in the tool bearing host and the interfaces to the operating system components by various PCP packages.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>TBH.TXT

NVTP (24827,) "The Network Virtual Terminal Package"

The Network Virtual Terminal Package (package name = NVTP) contains the procedures interfacing PCP procedure calls to terminal oriented input and output character streams as defined by the ARPANET Telnet protocol.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>NVTP.TXT

NTP (25008,) "The NSW Tool Package"

This document describes the procedures and data stores required of a process for use as a tool within the NSW.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>NTP.TXT

NSWSTRUC (25009,) "NSW Process Structure"

This document describes the structure of the PCP process tree used in the NSW.

Pathname: [BBNB] <NLS>NSWSTRUC.TXT

PCPV2CHANGES (25062,) "PCP Inter-Version (2-3) Documentation"

This document describes the divergence from the Version 2 documentation in the implementation and current thinking.

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A demonstration of the National Software Works is to be performed in summer 1975.

Comments:

(31-DEC-74) The following are the latest documents:

PCPFRK (24578,) "PCP Tenex Inter-Fork IPC Implementation"

FILE-APP (24813,) "The File Package Appendix"

RJE-MODEL (24655,) "The NSW Remote Job Entry Model"

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(21-JAN-75) The following are the latest documents:

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Recent developments:

(15-May-75) Significant changes in design and initial scope have altered the implementation of the Distributed Programming System from the design presented in these documents, the documents still serve to give the flavor of the intended system, but no longer are a reliable guide to the details of the actual implementation.

(18-Jun-75) The L10 source code of the Tenex implementation is available online as:

[BBNB] <NLS>C2DPS.TXT

(18-Jun-75) A description of the user interface to DPS in Tenex is available online as:

[BBNB] <JWHITE>DPSJSYS.TXT

(18-Jun-75) A description of the Works Manager procedures is available online as:

[BBNB] <MILLSTEIN>WM-PROCEDURES.TXT

(18-Jun-75) A set of memos describing the interface to the B4700 batch system is available online as:

[BBNB] <MUNTZ>BMEMO.n

where n is in the range 1 thru 12.

(18-Jun-75) A description of the file package is available online as:

[BBNB] <NLS>25850.TXT

(18-Jun-75) A description of the 8 bit binary communication format is available online as:

[BBNB]25966.TXT

ADDRESS ASSIGNMENTS

Assigned Links

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Link Assignments:

Decimal	Octal	Use
0	0	Control Messages
1	1	Reserved
2-71	2-107	Regular Messages
72-151	110-227	Reserved
152	230	PARC Universal Protocol
153	231	TIP Status Reporting
154	232	TIP Accounting
155-158	233-236	Internet Protocol
159-191	237-277	Measurements
192-195	300-303	Message Switching Protocol
196-255	304-255	Experimental Protocols

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Recent developments:

(15-May-75) Link 151 (decimal) assigned for the PARC Universal Protocol.

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Socket Assignments:

General Assignments:

Decimal	Octal	Use
0-63	0-77	Network Wide Standard Function
64-127	100-177	Hosts Specific Functions
128-223	200-337	Reserved for Future Use
224-255	340-377	Any Experimental Function

Specific Assignments:

Decimal	Octal	Use
1	1	Old Telnet
3	3	Old File Transfer
5	5	Remote Job Entry
7	7	Echo
9	11	Discard
11	13	Who is on or SYSTAT
13	15	Date and Time
15	17	Who is up or NETSTAT
17	21	Short Text Message
19	23	Character generator TTYTST
21	25	New File Transfer
23	27	New Telnet
25	31	Distributed Programming System
65	101	Speech Data Base at LL-TX-2
67	103	Datacomputer at CCA
69	105	CPYTNET
71	107	NETRJS (EBCDIC) at UCLA-CCN
73	111	NETRJS (ASCII) at UCLA-CCN
75	113	NETRJS (TTY) at UCLA-CCN
77	115	any private RJE server
232-237	350-355	Authorized Mailer at BBN
239	357	Graphics
241	361	NCP Measurement
243	363	Survey Measurement
245	365	LINK
247	367	TIPSRV
249-255	371-377	RSEXEC

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(31-DEC-74) Socket 25 (31 octal) assigned to Distributed Programming System.

Recent developments:

