# Technical Standards to Maintain

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#### "The nice thing about standards is that there are so many of them."

Dr. Andrew S. Tanenbaum, Professor, Author, and author of MNIX a free UNIX like operating system.



























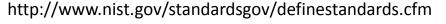




#### What is a Standard?

- According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST):
  - Common and repeated use of rules, conditions, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods, and related management systems practices.
  - The definition of terms; classification of components; delineation of procedures; specification of dimensions, materials, performance, designs, or operations; measurement of quality and quantity in describing materials, processes, products, systems, services, or practices; test methods and sampling procedures; or descriptions of fit and measurements of size or strength.







## **Types of Standards**

- Basic Standard that defines the composition of a material
- Terminology
- Test and Measurement
- Process
- Interface/Interoperability
- Performance
- Design





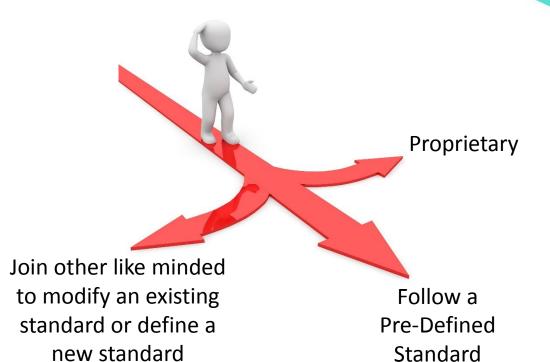
# **Types of Standards**

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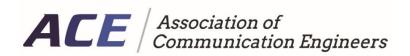
Code of Federal Regulations

#### **Voluntary**



**Open Source** 





# **Key Players**













#### **IETF**

- Internet Engineering Task Force: Standards arm of the Internet Society
- Founded in 1992 and is concerned with the evolution and smooth operation of the Internet architecture
- Has strong ties to the Internet Society through its Internet Engineering Steering Group and Internet Architecture Board
- Author of the RFC Standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="https://datatracker.ietf.org/">https://datatracker.ietf.org/</a>
  - Active standards are free





#### ITU

- International Telecommunications Union
- Founded in 1865 and became a specialized agency of the UN
- Concerned about connecting the world with information and communication technologies
- Authors of the ITU standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="http://www.itu.int/en/publications/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.itu.int/en/publications/Pages/default.aspx</a>
  - Select Publications by Sector
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#### **ANSI**

- American National Standards Institute
- Voice of the US Standards with the intent to strengthen the US position in the marketplace
- Founded in 1919
- In 1987 realized the impact of foreign markets and became active in the International Standards Groups
- Author of the ANSI Standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="http://webstore.ansi.org/">http://webstore.ansi.org/</a>
  - Not free





#### **IEEE**

- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
- An association dedicated to advancing innovation and technical excellence for the benefit of humanity
- Founded in 1884 as AIEE
- A world-wide organization heavily involved in standards including Internet operation
- Author of the IEEE Standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="http://standards.ieee.org/findstds/index.html">http://standards.ieee.org/findstds/index.html</a>
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#### **Ones to Watch**



**Software Defined Networks** 



**Network Function Virtualization** 

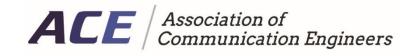




#### **ETSI**

- European Telecommunications Standards Institute
- Dedicated to produce top-quality standards for information and communications technologies
- Founded in 1988
- Working with many international companies to develop standards for Network Function Virtualization (NFV)
- Author of the ETSI Standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="http://www.etsi.org/standards-search#Pre-defined Collections">http://www.etsi.org/standards-search#Pre-defined Collections</a>
  - Free





#### **ONF**

- Open Networking Foundation
- User driven organization dedicated to the promotion and adoption of Software Defined Networking (SDN)
- Founded in 2010
- In 1987 realized the impact of foreign markets and became active in the International Standards Groups
- Author of the OpenFlow Standards
- Standards can be found at <a href="https://www.opennetworking.org/openflow-conformance-certification">https://www.opennetworking.org/openflow-conformance-certification</a>
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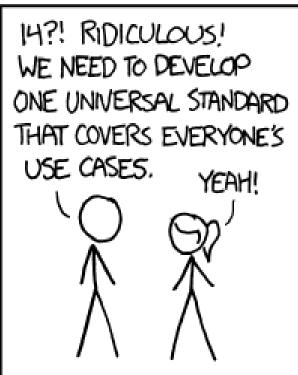




#### Conclusion

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.





SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

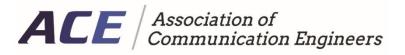




# **Questions**







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