

CSD for P802.1DC: Quality of Service Provision by Network Systems

IEEE 802 LAN/MAN STANDARDS COMMITTEE (LMSC) CRITERIA FOR STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT (CSD)

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1. IEEE 802 criteria for standards development (CSD)

The CSD documents an agreement between the WG and the Sponsor that provides a description of the project and the Sponsor's requirements more detailed than required in the PAR. The CSD consists of the project process requirements, 1.1, and the 5C requirements, 1.2.

1.1 Project process requirements

1.1.1 Managed objects

Describe the plan for developing a definition of managed objects. The plan shall specify one of the following:

- a) The definitions will be part of this project.
- b) The definitions will be part of a different project and provide the plan for that project or anticipated future project.
- c) The definitions will not be developed and explain why such definitions are not needed.

This project will use method a). The managed object definitions will be part of the project.

1.1.2 Coexistence

A WG proposing a wireless project shall demonstrate coexistence through the preparation of a Coexistence Assurance (CA) document unless it is not applicable.

a) Will the WG create a CA document as part of the WG balloting process as described in Clause 13? (yes/no)

b) If not, explain why the CA document is not applicable.

This project will use method b) This project is not a wireless project.

1.2 5C requirements

1.2.1 Broad market potential

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall have broad market potential. At a minimum, address the following areas:

a) Broad sets of applicability.

b) Multiple vendors and numerous users.

IEEE Std 802.1Q Time-Sensitive Networking (TSN) features have been steadily gaining market acceptance. Such networks are limited in size, and thus applicability, by limitations in the size of a bridged network. The proposed project will allow other Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), for example, the Deterministic Networking Working Group of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF DetNet), to standardize routers, hosts, or network address translation appliances that provide the same QoS functions as IEEE 802.1Q bridges, including queuing, shaping, transmission selection, and policing functions. Supporting larger networks will increase the proven applicability of IEEE 802 devices.

The interest from users has led a number of vendors to participate in the development of the project. Additional vendors and users are participating in IETF DetNet, demonstrating support for the expansion of these features.

1.2.2 Compatibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard should be in conformance with IEEE Std 802, IEEE 802.1AC, and IEEE 802.1Q. If any variances in conformance emerge, they shall be thoroughly disclosed and reviewed with IEEE 802.1 WG prior to submitting a PAR to the Sponsor.

a) Will the proposed standard comply with IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC and IEEE Std 802.1Q?

b) If the answer to a) is no, supply the response from the IEEE 802.1 WG.

No (choice b). IEEE 802.1 wishes to proceed, because in practice, the proposed project will allow devices such as routers or firewalls to make use of the 802.1Q Quality of Service features, by making a subset of these three standards available to these devices. This will promote interoperability with IEEE 802.1Q bridges, even though, in theory, the proposed project might make the specification of an incompatible alternative to an IEEE 802.1Q bridge easier. It will not redefine or extend these three standards, but defines how to use them in a non-bridge context. IEEE 802.1 is developing the proposed project, and also has primary responsibility for IEEE Std 802, IEEE Std 802.1AC, and IEEE Std 802.1Q.

The review and response is not required if the proposed standard is an amendment or revision to an existing standard for which it has been previously determined that compliance with the above IEEE 802 standards is not possible. In this case, the CSD statement shall state that this is the case.

1.2.3 Distinct Identity

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of a distinct identity. Identify standards and standards projects with similar scopes and for each one describe why the proposed project is substantially different.

IEEE Std 802.1Q contains the specifications for IEEE 802.1 QoS technology for bridges. No other standard describes the use of this technology for non-bridge systems.

1.2.4 Technical Feasibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence that the project is technically feasible within the time frame of the project. At a minimum, address the following items to demonstrate technical feasibility:

- a) Demonstrated system feasibility.
- b) Proven similar technology via testing, modeling, simulation, etc.

No new QoS mechanisms are being defined in the proposed project. The feasibility of deploying these technologies in devices that are not IEEE Std 802.1Q bridges has been proven by the implementation of these mechanisms in millions of devices.

1.2.5 Economic Feasibility

Each proposed IEEE 802 LMSC standard shall provide evidence of economic feasibility. Demonstrate, as far as can reasonably be estimated, the economic feasibility of the proposed project for its intended applications. Among the areas that may be addressed in the cost for performance analysis are the following:

- a) Balanced costs (infrastructure versus attached stations).
- b) Known cost factors.
- c) Consideration of installation costs.
- d) Consideration of operational costs (e.g., energy consumption).
- e) Other areas, as appropriate.

The hardware costs incurred by new (non-bridge) devices employing the standard are known to be similar to those in a bridge.

The well-established balance between infrastructure and attached stations will not be affected by the proposed project.

The cost factors, including installation and operational factors, are well-known from existing implementations. The proposed project will provide reference points for other standards and standardize managed objects, not new QoS functionality.