

# [Draft] ELLA Report on Update of IEEE Std 802

- Rev 8: per discussion in IEEE 802.1 Maintenance TG (revised Slides 16, 17)
- Rev 7: per discussion in IEEE 802 Technical Plenary (revised Slides 12,16,18)
- Rev 6: agreed by Nendica for submittal to IEEE 802 Technical Plenary
- Rev 5: corrected dates on Slide 16 per new EC deadline; deleted blank Slide 18
- Rev 4: corrected dates on Slide 20 to match latest Slide 18
- Rev 3: changes on Slides 2 & 16 per Nendica meeting of 2021-12-23
- Rev 2: changes on Slide 1; delete slides after 22
- Rev 1: changes on Slide 2 and beginning with Slide 10

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# Introduction and Scope

- This is an informal report of the Nendica: IEEE 802 “Network Enhancements for the Next Decade” Industry Connections Activity
- It was prepared within the Nendica Study Item on “Evolved Link Layer Architecture” [ELLA]
- The scope includes:
  - Introduction, Scope, and Background
  - Standardization recommendations
    - Proposed development schedule for the revision of IEEE Std 802
    - Proposed content of PAR for the revision of IEEE Std 802
    - Proposed development schedule for the subsequent amendment of IEEE Std 802

# IEEE Std 802: Overview and Architecture

- Maintained by 802.1 WG
- Originally IEEE Std 802-1990
  - Note: IEEE 802 was initiated ten years earlier.
  - originally known as IEEE Std 802.1A
- Revision IEEE Std 802-2001
- Revision IEEE Std 802-2014
- Amendments
  - IEEE Std 802d-2017: Allocation of Uniform Resource Name (URN) Values in IEEE 802 Standards
  - IEEE Std 802c-2017: Local Medium Access Control (MAC) Address Usage
  - P802f: Amendment: YANG Data Model for EtherTypes (WG ballot)

# Need to revise IEEE Std 802

- Reason 1:
  - No new amendments beyond three, per SA Standards Board
- Reason 2:
  - *an IEEE standard may remain continuously active only if a revision process for that standard is completed and approved within 10 years from the date that the standard was approved or last revised*
  - *If the revision project has not been completed and approved by Year 10, the approved standard will be transferred to inactive-reserved status.*
- Should complete a revision by end of 2024.
  - Should open a PAR ASAP (March 2022)
- Do we need more than a maintenance roll-up?
  - Is there risk that a comprehensive amendment may miss deadline?
    - What consequences would follow a missed deadline?
    - Do we need a backup plan if comprehensive amendment runs late?

# IEEE 802 Restructuring ad hoc

- IEEE 802 Restructuring ad hoc opened a Technical Coherence sub-ad hoc, which met 3 times in June/July, discussed ELLA development, and agreed:
  - *A project to revise IEEE Std 802 should be initiated.*
  - *The project should be charged with ambitious but documented goals.*
  - *The goals should be specified in a consensus report to accompany the PAR.*
  - *The report and PAR could be generated by a focused pre-PAR activity, conducted in, for example, a Study Group or an Industry Connections Activity such as Nendica.*

# Nendica

- Nendica: IEEE 802 “Network Enhancements for the Next Decade” Industry Connections Activity
- Chartered by IEEE SA in ICAID IC17-001-03
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/content/dam/ieee-standards/standards/web/governance/iccom/IC17-001-IE.pdf>
  - Sept 2021 – Sept 2023
  - Subgroup of 802.1 WG
- Goals include
  - *document emerging requirements and directions for IEEE 802 networks, identify commonalities, gaps, and trends not currently addressed...*
  - *facilitate building industry consensus towards proposals to initiate new standards development efforts...*
  - *Encouraged topics include enhancements of IEEE 802 communication networks and vertical networks as well as enhanced cooperative functionality among existing IEEE standards in support of network integration.*
  - *Findings related to existing IEEE 802 standards and projects are forwarded to the responsible working groups for further considerations.*
- Deliverables include
  - *reports and other consensus outputs ... recommendations regarding overviews of current industry practice and trends, new standardization topics, documentation of use cases and user needs for those topics, and proposed organizational approaches to ensure effective participation from user communities*

# About IEEE SA Industry Connections

- Industry Connections
  - <https://standards.ieee.org/industry-connections/>
- *Industry Connections Activities do not develop standards. Industry Connections Activities may propose a new standard by submitting a project authorization request (PAR). If the PAR is approved, the standard is developed in an IEEE standards development Working Group.*

# ELLA

- Nendica Study Item: Evolved Link Layer Architecture [ELLA]
  - Initiated by Nendica, 2021-07-22
- Goal is an informal report documenting:
  - *Summary of aspects missing from current IEEE 802 Architecture documentation*
  - *Potential benefits enabled by additional architectural details*
  - *Impact of new and evolving technologies on architecture*
  - *Architectural optimization in specific network environments*
  - *Possible standardization recommendations*



# IEEE 802.1 WG Motion, 2021-11-16

- *802.1 authorizes Nendica to generate a PAR and, if appropriate, CSD for pre-circulation to the March IEEE 802 Plenary Session for a revision to IEEE Std 802, taking into account information from the 802.1 Technical Plenary*
  - WG vote (y/n/a): 41/1/8
  - Approved by IEEE 802.1 WG, 2021-11-16

# IEEE 802 Technical Plenary

- 802.1 Chair announced IEEE 802 Technical Plenary series
  - starting Dec 2, 16:00 – 18:00 ET
    - <https://1.ieee802.org/2021-12-technical-plenary-agenda/>
  - Jan 13: 09:00 ET
  - Mar 3: 09:00 ET
- *This series of meetings would:*
  - *Provide wider awareness for the need to revise IEEE Std 802*
  - *Provide an opportunity to discuss the content – notably should it be the same or should it add more architecture*
  - *Provide examples of the current 802 architecture (i.e., spread around in 802, .1Q, .1AC, .3, .11, .15.x, ...)*
  - *Identify gaps in the current architecture*
- Discussion points, 2021-12-02, from various participants
  - the architecture should support evolving technologies
  - three years may be insufficient to do a significant revision

# Schedule demands

- Schedule, to get a PAR activated in March 2022
  - SASB vote: March 24
  - NesCom vote: March 23
  - EC decided 2021-12-07 to cancel March 2022 venue for Plenary
    - Electronic Plenary announced for March 4-18
  - 802 PAR submittal deadline announced as Feb 2
    - CSD and other report (if submitted) due to 802 with PAR
  - NesCom submittal deadline: Feb 11
- Need final report with proposed PAR/CSD content by Feb 2 for submittal to 802 (and PAR to NesCom by Feb 11)

# Project Deadline Risk Assessment

- Risk of missing 2024 deadline for revision
  - *If the revision project has not been completed and approved by Year 10, the approved standard will be transferred to inactive-reserved status.*
- Implications of inactive status
  - IEEE Std 802 currently includes no conformance text.
    - So, no product conformance issues arise.
  - Content of IEEE Std 802 is embodied in ISO/IEC
    - IEEE Std 802-2014 => [ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-A:2015](#)
    - IEEE Std 802d => [ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-A:2015/AMD 1:2018](#)
    - IEEE Std 802c => [ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-A:2015/AMD 2:2019](#)
  - => no action by IEEE is necessary upon change to inactive status
  - => ISO/IEC status does not change; remains internationally active
  - => IEEE Registration Authority registry of identifiers would continue in support of ISO/IEC standards, and IEEE 802 standards.
  - *References to standards that are not active are permitted, provided such standards are publicly available at the date of publication of the IEEE standard. ([IEEE SA Operations Manual](#))*
    - So no direct implication if a reference transitions to inactive status.
  - *An inactive-withdrawn or inactive-reserved standard can be revised at any time.*
  - No direct implications of inactive status have been identified.
    - Nevertheless, inactive status should be avoided.

# Separate Maintenance/Amendment

- Intend to ensure completion of revision by 2024 by dividing the work into two or more PARs
  - Maintenance-level Revision PAR
  - Comprehensive Amendment PAR or PARS
    - Initiated simultaneously with Revision PAR, or
    - Initiated soon after Revision PAR, or
    - Initiated after detailed evaluation of implications of amendment on all IEEE 802 standards
- During Revision ballot, the entire draft is subject to comment.
  - the existence of an amendment project, open at the time of ballot, may help to limit the amount of new content proposed in the maintenance-level ballot
    - since those seeking to add new content would turn toward, or could be encouraged toward, the amendment project

# Working Group Views

## **802.11 ARC comments on 802 project(s)**

- *Prefer the IEEE Std 802 to not become inactive/reserved status*
- *Recommend having two parallel projects to ensure the deadline is met, while allowing technical discussion/updates*
  - *Suggest one project dedicated to only the maintenance roll-in of approved amendments. The project group/chair will need to work to limit discussions to issues that arise directly from the roll-in.*
  - *Suggest the second project can be for technical discussion of any topics of interest to commenters and members, on existing material to be updated or removed, new material to be considered/added, etc.*
    - *Recommend to include in this technical discussion the consideration of a specification of the LLC service, the LSAP, Link-layer connections, and the support of/mapping to the MSAP(s).*
- **IEEE 802.11 Architecture Standing Committee, 2021-12-13**
  - <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-1993-03-0arc.pptx>

# CSD Applicability

- Is a CSD [Criteria for Standards Development statement] needed?
  - *“PARs that which introduce no new functionality are exempt from the requirement to provide a CSD statement. Examples of such PARs are: ... PARs to consolidate documents.”*
  - *“Such PAR packages shall provide a statement that the project is not intended to provide any new functionality.”*
    - IEEE 802 LMSC Operations Manual, v25 Revised 19 November, 2021

# Revision PAR Schedule: Part 1

- Schedule, to Feb 2 PAR submittal
  - Dec 2 – Technical Plenary
  - Weekly meetings (Thursday)
    - Dec 9 [09:00 ET]
    - Dec 16 [09:00 ET]
    - Dec 23 [09:00 ET]
    - Dec 30: no meeting
    - Jan 6 [16:00 ET] complete draft Nendica report
    - Jan 11: present to 802.1 Maintenance TG
  - Jan 13: Technical Plenary - preview draft Nendica report
  - Jan 18: 802.1 interim session, Maintenance TG: complete draft PAR
    - agreed, with an editorial revision
  - Jan 20 or 27: finalize Nendica report on 802 Revision
  - Feb 2: 802.1 Chair pre-submits PAR to EC
    - notifies 802 EC that “the project is not intended to provide any new functionality”
  - Feb 11: 802.1 Chair pre-submits PAR to NesCom



# PAR Development Schedule: Part 2

- Schedule, to PAR approval
  - March 3 – Technical Plenary
  - March 9 – Comments due within 802 on PAR
  - March 9-15 – 802.1 review of comments on PAR
    - Discussion in Maintenance Task Group
  - March 15 – complete 802.1 response to comments, final PAR
  - March 16 – deadline for 802.1 response to comments within 802
  - March 18 – 802 PAR agreement at 802 EC meeting
  - March 18 – confirm 802 agreement to forward NesCom
  - March 23 – NesCom recommendation decision
  - March 24 – SASB approval vote

# Revision Development Schedule

- **Maintenance/Revision Project Schedule**
  - **May 2022 – TG ballot on editorial rollup**
    - (P802f when available)
    - TG ballot open to all
  - **November 2022 – WG ballot**
    - WG ballot open to all 802 WG members
  - **November 2023 – SA ballot**
  - **July 2024 – 802 EC agreement to forward to RevCom**
  - **September 2024 – RevCom/SASB approval**

# Key elements of Prior PAR

- Project title (current):
  - Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture
- Scope of proposed standard (current):
  - This standard contains descriptions of the IEEE 802(R) standards published by the IEEE for frame-based data networks as well as a reference model (RM) for protocol standards. The IEEE 802 architecture is defined, and a specification for the identification of public, private, and standard protocols is included.
- Purpose clause (current):
  - This standard serves as the foundation for the family of IEEE 802 standards published by IEEE for local area networks (LANs), metropolitan area networks (MANs), personal area networks (PANs), and regional area networks (RANs).
- Need for the project (2014 revision project):
  - Revision of existing IEEE 802-2001 standard is needed to remove redundant material and reflect the current IEEE 802 architecture and its suite of standards.
- Stakeholders for the Standard (2014 revision project):
  - Standards developers within IEEE 802. Manufacturers, distributors, and users of products and services that conform to the LAN, MAN, and PAN standards developed by IEEE 802.
- Working Group (2014 revision project):
  - Higher Layer LAN Protocols Working Group (802.1)

# Key elements of Revision PAR

- Project title (**unchanged**):
  - Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture
- Scope of proposed standard:
  - This standard contains descriptions of the IEEE 802(R) standards published by the IEEE for frame-based data networks as well as a reference model (RM) for protocol standards. ~~The IEEE 802 architecture is defined, and a~~A specification for the identification of public, private, and standard protocols is included.
- Purpose clause:
  - This standard serves as the foundation for the family of IEEE 802 standards published by IEEE for local area networks (LANs), metropolitan area networks (MANs), personal area networks (PANs), ~~and~~ regional area networks (RANs), etc.
- Need for the project:
  - This maintenance revision of IEEE Std 802 is needed to consolidate amendments, remove redundant and obsolete material, and update the standard per current IEEE SA style.
- Stakeholders for the Standard:
  - Standards developers within IEEE 802. Manufacturers, distributors, and users of products and services that conform to the standards developed by IEEE 802.
- Working Group:
  - Higher Layer LAN Protocols Working Group (802.1)
- Expected Date of submission for Initial SA Ballot: November 2023
- Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom: September 2024

# Revision PAR: additional

- TITLE: ~~IEEE~~ Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture
- *Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project: 30*
- *Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard? Yes, 802f*
- *Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope? No*
- *Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization? No*
- Note: Submittal notifies 802 EC that “the project is not intended to provide any new functionality”.

# Amendment PAR(s) Development Schedule

- Schedule, to PAR approval
  - March 2022 – 802.1 WG tasks Nendica to expand ELLA report with proposed content of amendment PAR(s)
  - May 2022: Technical Plenary - preview draft Nendica report
  - May 2022 802.1 interim session – produce draft PAR & CSD
  - May 2022: finalize report
  - June 2022: 802.1 Chair pre-submits PAR/CSD to EC
  - June 2022: 802.1 Chair pre-submits PAR to NesCom
  - July 2022 – Comments due within 802 on PAR/CSD
  - July 2022– 802.1 review of comments on PAR/CSD
  - July 2022 – complete 802.1 response to comments, final PAR/CSD
  - July 2022 – deadline for 802.1 response to comments within 802
  - July 2022 – 802 PAR/CSD agreement at 802 EC meeting
  - July 2022– confirm 802 agreement to forward NesCom
  - Sept 21, 2022– NesCom recommendation decision
  - Sept 22, 2022– SASB approval vote