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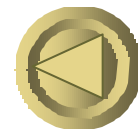
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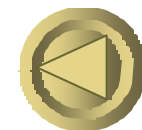
Status Summary

-  **Current Practices Draft became RFC 2980 (Thanks, Ned!)**
-  **RFC977bis is in 12th release since it became “draft-ietf-nntp-base-XX.txt”**
-  **There have been no updates of any of the proposed extensions since last IETF.**










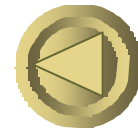
RFC977bis Draft

-  **Provides for internationalization using UTF-8**
-  **Provides for the addition of standard extensions via an IETF-based process**
-  **Clarifies ambiguities in RFC977**
-  **Some minor nits left to pick (I hope)**







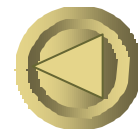
RFC977bis Issues

-  **wildmat – Specification confusion**
-  **Use of in *wildmat* PAT and other commands**
-  **Pipelining/Streaming in this draft or an extension**
-  **Clarification of “GMT” usage in DATE, NEWNEWS and NEWGROUPS**
-  **Document reorganization proposal**
-  **MODE READER clarification**
-  **Others?**



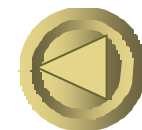
RFC977bis Issues – Wildmat

-  **Exclamation point NOT part of original *wildmat* description**
-  **Added to beginning of *wildmat* to negate it**
-  **Latest draft clarifies this**
-  **New text submitted by Clive Feather provides an alternative approach (more BNF-ish)**



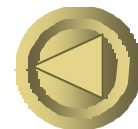
RFC977bis Issues – *wildmat* usage in PAT and others

- ✍ **Analysis by Clive Feather suggest that PAT is the only command that uses *wildmat* to match against non newsgroup names.**
- ✍ **Many on mailing list suggest keeping *wildmat* newsgroup name specific and dropping PAT from base document and build up an extension for it.**



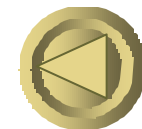
RFC977bis Issues – Pipelining/Streaming

- ✍ **RFC 977 does not specify that streaming/pipelining is permitted or not.**
- ✍ **RFC977bis follows RFC 977.**
- ✍ **Clive Feather proposed some text to permit streaming in all cases except for specific commands.**
- ✍ **Should this in the base or in an extension?**





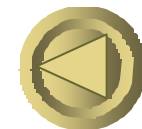
RFC977bis Issues – “GMT” or not

- ✍ **NEWNEWS and NEWGROUPS both want an argument specifying the date from which to determine what is new**
- ✍ **The local timezone for the server is the default for the date**
- ✍ **However, one permits GMT to be provided with a GMT suffix**
- ✍ **One also permits UTC**
- ✍ **Should that be continued?**
- ✍ **How precise does the time need to be?**





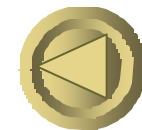
Document reorganization

-  **Draft 11 reflects some reorganization in section 9**
-  **More dramatic reorganization has been suggested**
 - **Combine the discussion of the extensions mechanism with the initial extensions defined in this document (combine current sections 8 and 12)**
 - **Create a new sub-section in section 4 about article organization and indexing based on material currently in section 9**






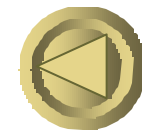
MODE READER

-  **Some mailing list participants have suggested that the current text is not clear enough on when a client needs to use this.**
-  **Is there any situation where a client is REQUIRED to use it?**



Agenda

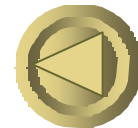
-  **1300 PST meeting starts --
Introductions**
-  **1305 PST -- Agenda Bashing**
-  **1310 PST -- Summary of current
work -- Stan Barber**



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1315 PST -- Discussion of issues concerning *draft-ietf-nntp-base-1X.txt*

- Suggested disposition -- Resolve outstanding issues during today's meeting and determine if the document is ready to be moved forward after the update**



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 **1350 PST -- Other Business**

 **1400 PST -- End of Meeting**

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