RFC Format Project Status Report

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Project Goals

- XML as the unchanging, underlying format
- TXT, PDF/A-3, HTML as the outputs
  - HTML will include an embedded CSS
- SVG line art (black and white) allowed
- Non-ASCII characters allowed

The Future of Internet-Drafts

- The RFC Editor and the IESG is planning a staged approach to testing the new features that will be available to RFCs
  - e.g., start by allowing one new feature set such as SVG images, seeing how that works, then allowing additional features over time

Next steps for RFC Format

- Format requirements drafts will go through full review process; will be published as RFCs
- Coding will be an iterative process; expect more details and requests for people to help test in mid 2016
- *-bis* documents will be created for all format-related RFCs to capture final outcomes and decisions; those will be the ones to require backwards compatibility

For more information

- Including suggested reading order for drafts

http://www.rfc-editor.org/rse/format-faq/

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