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IPFS Standards

The purpose of *IPFS Standards* is to foster interoperability between independent implementations of the IPFS stack by producing Internet-grade specifications and test suites.

Specifying IPFS and the InterPlanetary stack.

The technology that powers the content-addressable web is being standardized here.

Specifications

The specifications are broken up into multiple areas that cover the stack.

Architecture

These documents define the architectural principles that IPFS is built upon, and can be used as tools to evaluate implementations and applications of IPFS.

IPFS Principles

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Meta

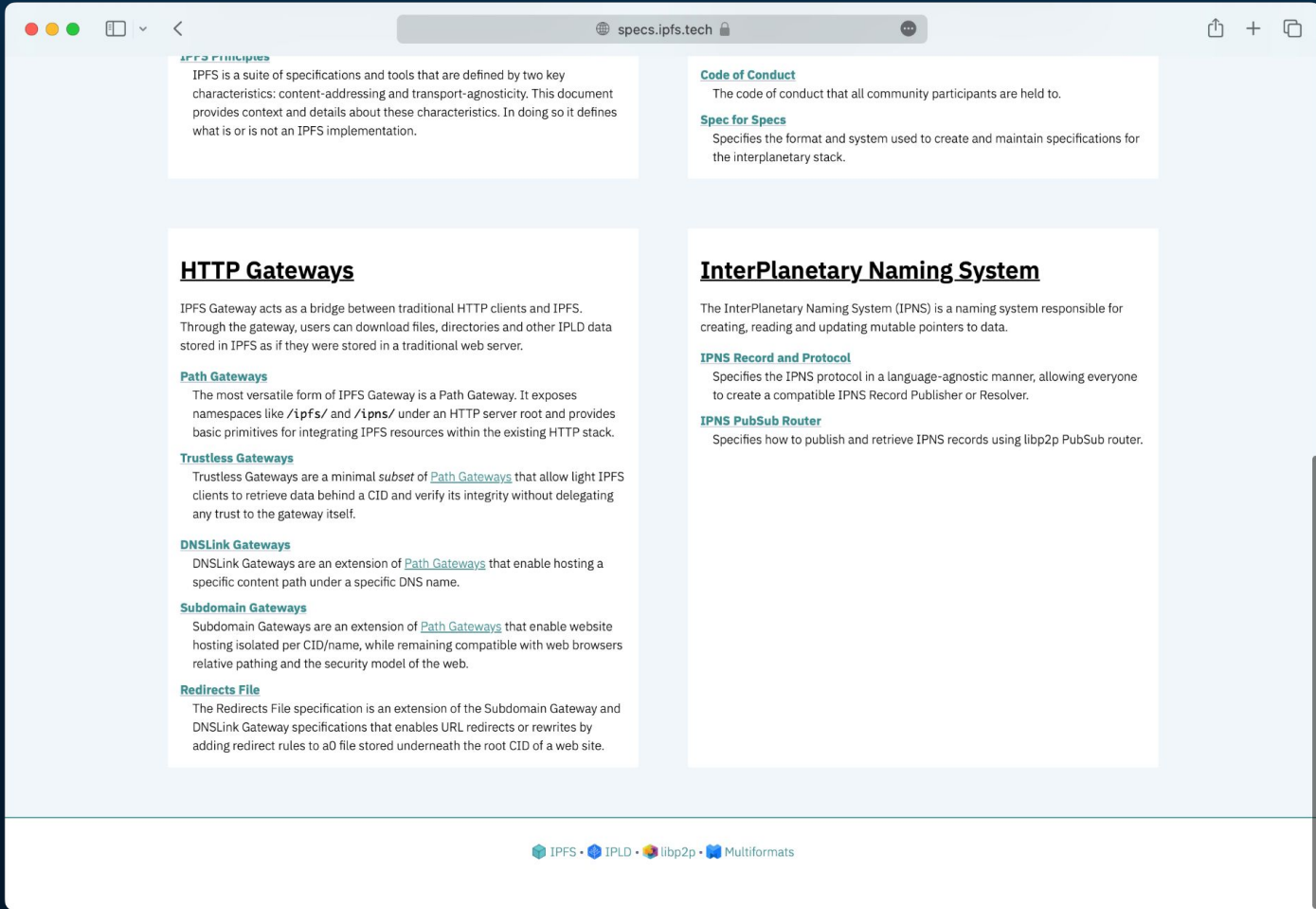
Meta contains all the non-technical documents that conspire to make the standards project work: what the core values are, what the governance model is, how to produce documents, etc.

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HTTP Gateways

IPFS Gateway acts as a bridge between traditional HTTP clients and IPFS. Through the gateway, users can download files, directories and other IPLD data stored in IPFS as if they were stored in a traditional web server.

Path Gateways

The most versatile form of IPFS Gateway is a Path Gateway. It exposes namespaces like `/ipfs/` and `/ipns/` under an HTTP server root and provides basic primitives for integrating IPFS resources within the existing HTTP stack.

Trustless Gateways

Trustless Gateways are a minimal *subset* of [Path Gateways](#) that allow light IPFS clients to retrieve data behind a CID and verify its integrity without delegating any trust to the gateway itself.

DNSLink Gateways

DNSLink Gateways are an extension of [Path Gateways](#) that enable hosting a specific content path under a specific DNS name.

Subdomain Gateways

Subdomain Gateways are an extension of [Path Gateways](#) that enable website hosting isolated per CID/name, while remaining compatible with web browsers relative pathing and the security model of the web.

Redirects File

The Redirects File specification is an extension of the Subdomain Gateway and DNSLink Gateway specifications that enables URL redirects or rewrites by adding redirect rules to a0 file stored underneath the root CID of a web site.

InterPlanetary Naming System

The InterPlanetary Naming System (IPNS) is a naming system responsible for creating, reading and updating mutable pointers to data.

IPNS Record and Protocol

Specifies the IPNS protocol in a language-agnostic manner, allowing everyone to create a compatible IPNS Record Publisher or Resolver.

IPNS PubSub Router

Specifies how to publish and retrieve IPNS records using libp2p PubSub router.

DOM
Living Standard — Last Updated 31 March 2023

Participate:
[GitHub whatwg/dom](#) (new issue, open issues)
[Chat on Matrix](#)

Commits:
[GitHub whatwg/dom/commits](#)
 Snapshot as of this commit
[@thedomstandard](#)

Tests:
[web-platform-tests dom](#) (ongoing work)

Translations (non-normative):
[日本語](#)

Abstract
DOM defines a platform-neutral model for events, aborting activities

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W3C Candidate Recommendation

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HTTP Semantics

Abstract
The Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is a stateless application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypertext information systems. This document describes the overall architecture of HTTP, establishes common terminology, and defines aspects of the protocol that are shared by all versions. In this definition are core protocol elements, extensibility mechanisms, and the "http" and "https" Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) schemes.

This document updates RFC 3894 and obsoletes RFCs 2818, 7231, 7232, 7233, 7235, 7538, 7615, 7694, and portions of 7230.

Status of This Memo
This is an Internet Standards Track document.
This document is a product of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). It represents the consensus of the IETF community. It has received public review and

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This document has [errors](#).

RFC 9110

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Why standards? 🤔

- It should be possible to implement without looking at source code.
- Long-term, **documentation > code**.
- Maintain a clear track record of community consensus.
- Support better test writing (*testing is coming too*!).
- Be clear so as to create a bridge to other systems.

What are the goals? 🏆

- Looking **gooooood**.
- Give them visibility. A bunch of markdown files in a repository was not enough.
- Keep it simple: it's still all Markdown.
- Stable links & references management.
- Support typical spec features (definitions, references, RFC 2119 keywords, metadata, etc.)
- Progressively add more tooling on top to make people's lives easier.

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1.1 Frontmatter

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A [spec](#) *must* begin with [frontmatter](#). **Frontmatter** is a preamble to the document placed right at the start, delimited with `---` and containing YAML data ([YAML]). The [frontmatter](#) for this [spec](#) looks like this:

```
---
date: 1977-03-15
editors:
  - name: Robin Berjon
    email: robin@berjon.com
    url: https://berjon.com/
    github: darobin
    twitter: robinberjon
    mastodon: "@robin@mastodon.social"
    affiliation:
      name: Protocol Labs
      url: https://protocol.ai/
maturity: stable
xref:
  - dom
  - test-methodology
---
```

The [frontmatter](#) *must* contain an `editors` field, which is an array of objects describing people who are responsible for editing this given [spec](#). The `editors` field *must* contain at least one person. The fields that describe a person are `name`, `email`, `url`, `github`, `twitter`, `mastodon`, and `affiliation` which is in turn an object with fields `name` and `url`. Each person as well as the `affiliation` *must* have a `name`; every other field is OPTIONAL.

The `xref` field exemplified above is described in the [references](#) section.

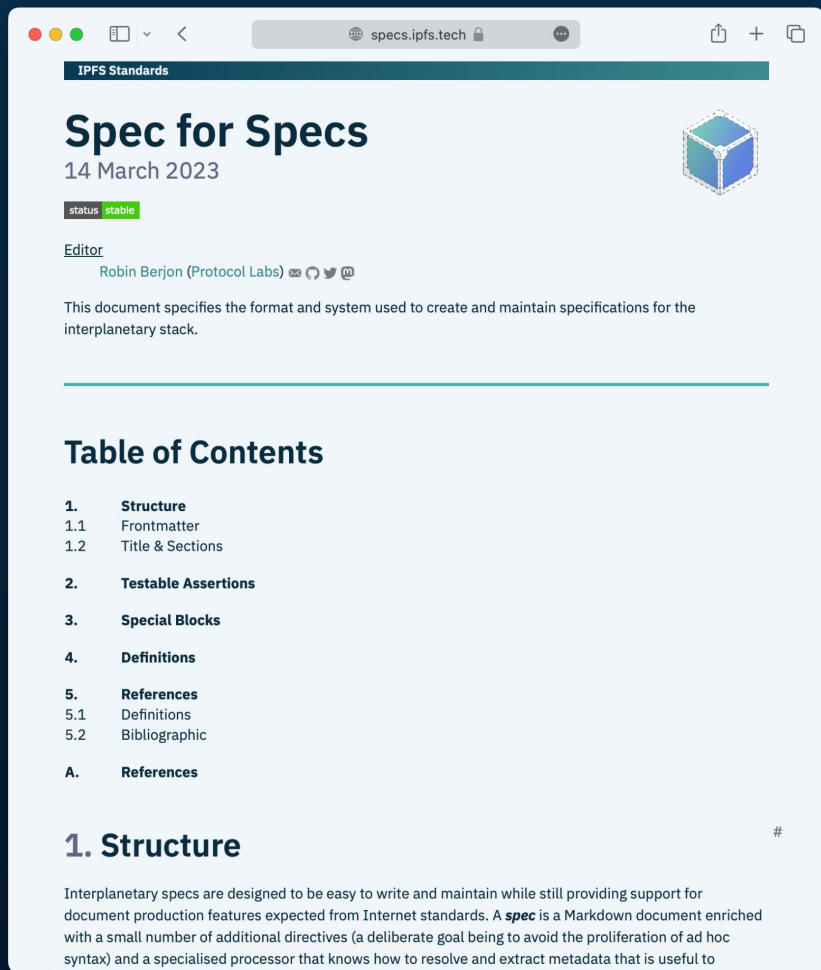
The `maturity` field indicates the document's stability. This list is subject to revision, but the maturity levels currently supported are:

- `status` `draft`
- `status` `wip`
- `status` `reliable`
- `status` `stable`
- `status` `permanent`
- `status` `deprecated`

The `date` field is a YYYY-MM-DD specification of the last dated change to the spec.

1.2 Title & Sections

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'specs.ipfs.tech'. The page title is 'IPFS Standards'. The main heading is 'Spec for Specs' with a date of '14 March 2023'. A status badge indicates 'status stable'. Below this, the editor is listed as 'Robin Berjon (Protocol Labs)' with social media icons. A brief description states: 'This document specifies the format and system used to create and maintain specifications for the interplanetary stack.' A 'Table of Contents' section lists the following items:

- 1. Structure
 - 1.1 Frontmatter
 - 1.2 Title & Sections
- 2. Testable Assertions
- 3. Special Blocks
- 4. Definitions
- 5. References
 - 5.1 Definitions
 - 5.2 Bibliographic
- A. References

The first section, '1. Structure', is expanded, showing a paragraph: 'Interplanetary specs are designed to be easy to write and maintain while still providing support for document production features expected from Internet standards. A **spec** is a Markdown document enriched with a small number of additional directives (a deliberate goal being to avoid the proliferation of ad hoc syntax) and a specialised processor that knows how to resolve and extract metadata that is useful to

How can you participate?



- **specs:** ipfs/specs
- **generator:** ipfs/spec-generator
- Read the “**Spec for Specs**” (mostly Markdown with some lightweight additions & conventions).
- Or just copy a spec and figure it out...
- Run `make watch` and you're in business!
- *That's it!*

🙏 Thank you! 🙏

