

## P802.3

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**Status:** PAR for a Revision to an existing IEEE Standard  
**Root Project:** 802.3-2008

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**1.1 Project Number:** P802.3  
**1.2 Type of Document:** Standard  
**1.3 Life Cycle:** Full Use

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**2.1 Title:** Standard for Ethernet

**Old Title:** IEEE Standard for Information technology--Telecommunications and information exchange between systems--Local and metropolitan area networks--Specific requirements Part 3: Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications

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**3.1 Working Group:** Ethernet Working Group (C/LM/WG802.3)

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**3.2 Sponsoring Society and Committee:** IEEE Computer Society/LAN/MAN Standards Committee (C/LM)

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None

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**4.1 Type of Ballot:** Individual

**4.2 Expected Date of submission of draft to the IEEE-SA for Initial Sponsor Ballot:** 08/2011

**4.3 Projected Completion Date for Submittal to RevCom:** 02/2012

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**5.1 Approximate number of people expected to be actively involved in the development of this project:** 150

**5.2 Scope:** This standard defines Ethernet local area, access and metropolitan area networks. Ethernet is specified at selected speeds of operation; and uses a common media access control (MAC) specification and management information base (MIB). The Carrier Sense Multiple Access with Collision Detection (CSMA/CD) MAC protocol specifies shared medium (half duplex) operation, as well as full duplex operation. Speed specific Media Independent Interfaces (MIIs) provide an architectural and optional implementation interface to selected Physical Layer entities (PHY). The Physical Layer encodes frames for transmission and decodes received frames with the modulation specified for the speed of operation, transmission medium and supported link length. Other specified capabilities include: control and management protocols, and the provision of power over selected twisted pair PHY types.

**5.3 Is the completion of this standard dependent upon the completion of another standard:** No

**5.4 Purpose:** This document will not include a purpose clause. **Old Purpose:**

**5.5 Need for the Project:** IEEE Std 802.3-2008 will need to have a revision initiated by 2011 to allow consideration of future amendments per standards board policies. It is expected that this Revision will include the merge of IEEE Std 802.3av-2009, IEEE Std

802.3bc-2009, IEEE Std 802.3at-2009, IEEE Std 802.3-2008/Cor1-2009, IEEE Std 802.3ba-2010, IEEE Std 802.3az-2010, IEEE Std 802.3bg-201x and IEEE Std 802.3bf-201x. Because there are multiple other amendments in the "pipeline", it will be desirable to complete this revision by 2012 to provide a solid base for sponsor balloting of other approved amendment projects. These schedule considerations require that major new capabilities or functional enhancement will have to be deferred to a future amendment project to avoid delaying approved and current proposed new projects.

**5.6 Stakeholders for the Standard:** Ethernet is pervasive, with a consequent pervasive set of stakeholders. This includes and is not limited to: component providers (e.g., optical transceivers, cabling and integrated circuit), system product providers (e.g., switch and NIC), network providers (e.g. installers, network support, enterprise network implementers), bandwidth providers (e.g., carriers), software providers (e.g., network management), providers of network powered or powering devices, and obviously the users of any of these products or services.

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### **Intellectual Property**

**6.1.a. Is the Sponsor aware of any copyright permissions needed for this project?:** No

**6.1.b. Is the Sponsor aware of possible registration activity related to this project?:** No

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**7.1 Are there other standards or projects with a similar scope?:** No

### **7.2 Joint Development**

**Is it the intent to develop this document jointly with another organization?:** No

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**8.1 Additional Explanatory Notes (Item Number and Explanation):** .