

# Update on P1588g

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Title: Master-slave alternative optional terminology

Scope of the project:

This amendment adds an optional alternative suitable and inclusive terminology to the terms, “master” and “slave,” but it does not replace the terms “master” and “slave.”

Expected date of submission to SA for first ballot: December 2021

Expected date of submission to revCom: December 2022

# Project Challenges

- Agreeing on the new terms has created more passion and more debate than any topic in the history of IEEE 1588.
  - Debate would go on until the end of TAI if the 1588 officers let it
  - I recommend that other standards committees use what we choose, even if its not perfect, and avoid spending a lot of time on what is mainly just the names used for port states.
- What to do with “Grandmaster.”
  - Is it covered by the current PAR language if we decide to change it?

# Project Milestones

1. Second round of straw polls to guide 1588 Maintenance Subcommittee concluded 2021-05-03. We are still sorting out the results
2. Language of draft amendment put to working group ballot, July 2021 (projected)
3. Language of draft amendment submitted to RevCom, September 2021 (projected)
4. Amendment approved by SA by the end of the year (if all goes well)