

IEEE P802.11
Wireless Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications

Proposal for PAR

Attached is a Project Authorization Request Form completed at the IEEE P802.11 meeting held at La Jolla, CA, 4 November 1990. The Working Group passed (unanimously) a motion to submit the PAR to the Executive Committee for further processing. The Executive Committee passed the following motion unanimously:

That the 802.11 PAR (IEEE P802.11/90-19) be approved for submittal to NESCOM by the P802 Executive Committee. Further, that the PAR for 802.4C be withdrawn concurrent with the approval by NESCOM of the 802.11 PAR.

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PROJECT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST (PAR)

1. Date of Request: **1990-11-15**

2. Assigned Project #:

3. Does this PAR revise a previously approved PAR? YES NO

Note: see PAR 802.4c withdrawal

4. Description of	Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trial Use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed Document:	Recommended Practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Guide	<input type="checkbox"/>		of Std. _____		

5. Project Title:

Wireless Access Method and Physical Layer Specifications

6. Scope of Proposed Standard: *(Use attachment sheet if necessary)*

To develop a Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specification for wireless connectivity for fixed, portable and moving stations within a local area.

Refer to the attachment for details

7. Purpose of Proposed Standard: *(Use attachment sheet if necessary)*

To provide wireless connectivity to automatic machinery, equipment or, stations that require rapid deployment, which may be portable, or hand-held or which may be mounted on moving vehicles within a local area.

To offer a standard for use by regulatory bodies to standardize access to one or more radio frequency bands for the purpose of local area communication.

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8. SPONSOR: Society: **Computer Society**Committee: **Technical Committee on Computer Communications (TCCC)**9. Name of Group that will write the standard: **IEEE P802.11**10. Target Completion Date: **1992-12-31**11. Proposed Coordination: *(See Instructions.)*

SCC10 (IEEE Dictionary)

Method of Coordination:

Refer to the attachment for details

12. Are you aware of any patent, copyright, or trademark issues?

X_ YES NO

Are you aware of any standards or projects with a similar scope?

X_ YES NO

(If yes, attach a sheet with a complete description of the impact of the similarities.)

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13. Copyright Agreements for IEEE Standards

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6. Scope of proposed standard

To develop a Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specification for wireless connectivity for fixed, portable and moving stations within a local area.

Type of medium

The goal is that the MAC shall support PHYs using electromagnetic waves through the air (i.e. radio waves as well as infra-red or visible light).

PHY layer suitable for use with the electromagnetic frequency spectrum as described in the following paragraph will be defined with this standard. If evidence of need and sufficient interest exists other PHY layers will be considered at a later time.

Radio spectrum

Currently the only available unlicensed spectrum is in the ISM bands in the USA provisionally 915 MHz band in Canada and Australia. Test programs are underway in the UK and elsewhere, evaluating license free operation.

The initial effort will be for the ISM bands and to consider the use of additional bands beyond ISM.

However, these ISM bands are already heavily used, and it is felt that service degradation from other users will happen, increasing with time. Therefore, in order to further development of the standard, the 802.11 committee should participate in the development of changed or new regulations for short distance radio services in which all authorized users of any new frequency allocation shall be permitted to radiate only a defined maximum power density. The goal is to provide regulations which allow for an easy approval process for the end-user.

To further enhance the standard the 802.11 committee will undertake to document the benefits of, and make recommendations for international spectrum allocation and use, where possible.

Supported Stations

The standard shall support stationary stations, movable stations, and mobile stations moving at pedestrian and vehicular (local premises environment) speeds. This is to be implemented with one PHY if feasible.

Environment

Because the range of wireless transmission / reception may be smaller than the physical coverage area desired, a distribution system designed to provide range extensibility will be addressed as part of this standard.

The standard will include support of the following:

- Basic Service Area (BSA) in which each station can communicate with any other station in the BSA.
- Extended Service Area (ESA) in which each station can communicate with any other station via the defined and managed Distribution System.
- Stations which interoperate in both BSA and ESA shall be defined if feasible.

Possible target environments include:

- in buildings and other premises such as offices, financial institutions, shops, malls, small and large industry, hospitals and residences,
- outdoor areas such as parking lots, campuses, building complexes and outdoor plants and storages.

Note: The definition of performance classes within a PHY may be necessary to support environments with benign or hostile characteristics.

Supported service

The Wireless MAC shall support both connectionless service as defined in the MAC Service definition at rates between 1 and 20 Mbit/s as well as a service supporting packetized voice.

Compatibility requirements

The specification shall meet the following standards and documents:

- the IEEE P802 Functional Requirements including section 5.6.1 (in version 6.5) as defined below:

"5.6.1 The MAC Service Data Unit (MSDU) loss rate shall be less than 4×10^{-5} for an MSDU length of 512 octets."

A minimally conformant IEEE P802.11 network will meet all of the P802 requirements except that 5.6.1 will be met at least 99.9 % of the time on a daily basis, in 99.9 % of the total geography of the service area.

IEEE P802.11 will define approaches to allow a minimally conformant network to achieve full conformance over the total geography of the service area.

- IEEE 802.2 MAC service Definition
 - ISO 10039 MAC Service Definition
 - IEEE 802.1 A Overview and Architecture,
 - IEEE 802.1 B for LAN/MAN Management,
 - IEEE 802.1 D for T and SRT bridges,
 - IEEE 802.1 F for Guidelines for the Development of Layer Management Standards,
 - IEEE 802.10 Secure Data Exchange.
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- The standard shall anticipate restrictions on Electromagnetic fields and pulsing of Electromagnetic fields due to potential biological hazards.

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Note: To make this purpose feasible, this PAR also authorizes IEEE P802 to petition or provide comments to regulatory bodies worldwide (e.g. the FCC in the USA, the Department of Communications in Canada, the RF agency of the Department of Trade and Industry in the UK and the Radio Frequency Commission of the CEPT of Europe)

10 Target completion

Architecture definition available	March 1991
First draft standard ready for ballot in 802.11	Nov 1991
First draft conformance standard ready for ballot in 802.11	March 1992
TCCC ballot of MAC & PHY standard	July 1992
TCCC ballot for conformance standard	Nov 1992
Submission to ISO of MAC & PHY standard and conformance standard	Dec 31, 1992

11 Proposed Coordination

CCIR Task Group 8/1 (formerly IWP 8/13)	draft circulation
CEPT/RFC/FM	draft circulation
ETSI RES	corresp/membership overlap
ECMA TC32/TG10	corresp/participation
\ SP-50	membership overlap
SCC10 (IEEE dictionary)	draft circulation
ASC X3S3	draft circulation
ISO/IEC JTC1/SC6/WG1 and WG3	Through ASC X3S3
ASC TIP1	correspondence

12. Patent, Related Project

Patents potentially relevant to the work of IEEE P802.11 are known to exist.

CCIR Study Group 9 owns a project designated "Question AM/8 or Z/9" titled "Radio Local Area Networks". To date there is no understanding of the level of interest of the project.

To prevent duplication of effort, IEEE P802.11 has requested the mandate to liaise to CCIR.