

Subject: Archive of officially-blessed suggestions for next revision
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1 Introduction

2 It has been proposed that the J3 papers archive is an appropriate archive for the suggestions that have
 3 been “officially-blessed” by J3 for further consideration.

4 The J3 papers archive is too big and too scattered to be useful as a database for reference to J3
 5 suggestions. We need another database that is the officially-blessed-suggestions extract of the J3 papers
 6 archive, collected in one place.

7 There are at least three possibilities.

- 8 (1) A list of the J3 papers that describe suggestions approved by J3, in a one-file standing
 9 document paper.
- 10 (2) A directory containing only papers describing suggestions, with a new series of numbers, to
 11 which J3 papers are moved, mutatis mutandis, when they become approved by J3.
- 12 (3) One giant text paper with all the approved suggestions in it, similar to 96-004.

13 My preference order is 2, 1, 3. 1 and 3 both require somebody to be the editor of the list. 2 just
 14 requires the librarian to give out numbers and put the files into the proper directory. We agree that
 15 the `papers###.txt` and `000.txt` files that Mallory provides are useful. A similar file could be produced
 16 periodically with the subjects of the latest revision (all revisions?) of all the papers in the officially-
 17 blessed-suggestion archive, if the librarian is disposed to do so. If we require a greppable form in addition
 18 to PostScript, this paper wouldn't be necessary. That's why I always submit both `.tex` and `.ps` files. I
 19 can find all the subjects in a directory with

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20 grep "Subject: *" *.tex *.txt
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21 Editing the list/humongous paper wouldn't just consist of adding new proposals as they arrive. It would
 22 also require editing the list/paper as old proposals evolve. With 2 we can do that without the service
 23 of an editor: Just put `r#` after the paper number in the file name (and page heading of the revised
 24 paper), as we do for J3 papers. The difference of this from ordinary J3 papers is that we wouldn't ask
 25 for a new paper number for a revision presented at a meeting different from the original presentation,
 26 so we'd have more obvious continuity.

27 Even if we call the list of suggestions “Standing document 004” there would be no requirement for it to
 28 be a single file. It could be a directory. After all, look at 007. In the Frame days, the only way to get
 29 007 into one file was with PostScript tools.

30 In any case, nothing gets into 004 without J3 (J3-USTAG?) voting it in. This applies especially to public
 31 suggestions. The minutes would reflect the votes.

32 2 Formal motion

33 Establish a new standing document 004 of suggestions officially approved by J3 for further consideration.
 34 Represent it as a directory of individual papers, with numbers of the form `X-nnn[r#]`, where X is TBD
 35 (S for Suggestion?), and `nnn` starts at 101.

36 The following are recorded in the **History** section of each paper:

- 37 (1) The original J3 paper number and the meeting at which it was submitted.
- 38 (2) The assigned suggestion-paper number and the meeting at which it was voted into 004.
- 39 (3) As revisions are made, at least the meeting at which the revision is accepted and the revised
 40 paper number.
- 41 (4) If a suggestion is withdrawn, a revision is put into the archive with “Withdrawn at meeting
 42 `nnn`” in the History section.
- 43 (5) If proposals are merged, one proposal number survives, and the others have “Merged into
 44 `xxx` at meeting `nnn`” in the history section.