FYI on the X Window System

Status of this Memo

This FYI RFC provides pointers to the published standards of the MIT X Consortium. This memo provides information for the Internet community. It does not specify any Internet standard. Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

The following documents are standards of the MIT X Consortium:

X Window System Protocol
X Version 11, Release 4
Robert W. Scheifler

Xlib - C Language X Interface
X Version 11, Release 4
James Gettys, Robert W. Scheifler, Ron Newman

X Toolkit Intrinsics - C Language Interface
X Version 11, Release 4
Joel McCormack, Paul Asente, Ralph R. Swick

Bitmap Distribution Format
Version 2.1

Inter-Client Communication Conventions Manual
Version 1.0
David S. H. Rosenthal

Compound Text Encoding
Version 1.1
Robert W. Scheifler

X Logical Font Description Conventions
Version 1.3
Jim Flowers

X Display Manager Control Protocol
Version 1.0
Keith Packard
X11 Nonrectangular Window Shape Extension
Version 1.0
Keith Packard

The following documents are draft standards of the MIT X Consortium. To become standards, further "proof of concept" is required, in the form of working implementations. The specifications may be subject to incompatible changes if implementation efforts uncover significant problems.

PEX Protocol Specification
Version 4.0P
Randi J. Rost (editor)

Extending X for Double-Buffering, Multi-Buffering, and Stereo
Version 3.2
Jeffrey Friedberg, Larry Seiler, Jeff Vroom

Standards and draft standards of the MIT X Consortium are generally included in the MIT X software distribution. The distribution is usually available via anonymous FTP from a variety of hosts around the world. Questions about FTP sites for the current release can be sent to xrequest@expo.lcs.mit.edu. The distribution can also be ordered on tape from MIT for a nominal charge, contact:

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