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IEEE Std 802.1Qbc™-2011	Provider Bridging—Remote Customer Service Interfaces
IEEE Std 802.1Qbb™-2011	Priority-based Flow Control
IEEE Std 802.1Qaz™-2011	Enhanced Transmission Selection for Bandwidth Sharing Between Traffic Classes
IEEE Std 802.1Qbf™-2011	PBB-TE Infrastructure Segment Protection
IEEE Std 802.1Qbg™-2012	Edge Virtual Bridging
IEEE Std 802.1aq™-2012	Shortest Path Bridging
IEEE Std 802.1Q-2011/Cor 2-2012	Technical and editorial corrections
IEEE Std 802.1Qbp™-2014	Equal Cost Multiple Paths (ECMP)

The 2011 revision of this standard incorporated the text of the following amendments into IEEE Std 802.1Q-2005.

IEEE Std 802.1ad™-2005	Provider Bridges
IEEE Std 802.1ak™-2007	Multiple Registration Protocol
IEEE Std 802.1ag™-2007	Connectivity Fault Management
IEEE Std 802.1ah™-2008	Provider Backbone Bridges
IEEE Std 802-1Q-2005/Cor-1-2008	Corrections to the Multiple Registration Protocol
IEEE Std 802.1ap™-2008	Management Information Base (MIB) Definitions for VLAN Bridges
IEEE Std 802.1Qaw™-2009	Management of Data Driven and Data Dependent Connectivity Faults
IEEE Std 802.1Qay™-2009	Provider Backbone Bridge Traffic Engineering
IEEE Std 802.1aj™-2009	Two-Port Media Access Control (MAC) Relay
IEEE Std 802.1Qav™-2009	Forwarding and Queuing Enhancements for Time-Sensitive Streams
IEEE Std 802.1Qau™-2010	Congestion Notification
IEEE Std 802.1Qat™-2010	Stream Reservation Protocol

Clause 13 of IEEE Std 802.1Q-2011 was also revised to include an updated specification of the Rapid Spanning Tree Algorithm and Protocol (RSTP), superseding references to IEEE Std 802.1D™-2004 [B10].[a]

The 2005 revision of this standard incorporated the text of the following amendments into IEEE Std 802.1Q-1998.

IEEE Std 802.1u™-2001	Technical and Editorial Corrections
IEEE Std 802.1v™-2001	VLAN Classification by Protocol and Port
IEEE Std 802.1s™-2002	Multiple Spanning Trees

This standard was first published as IEEE Std 802.1Q-1998, making use of the concepts and mechanisms of LAN Bridging that were introduced by IEEE Std 802.1D and defining additional mechanisms to allow the implementation of Virtual Bridged Networks.

[a]Numbers in brackets correspond to the numbers in the bibliography in Annex Q.

For an introduction to this standard that details each of the provisions introduced by amendments and revisions throughout its development, refer to 1.3.

This standard contains state-of-the-art material. The area covered by this standard is undergoing evolution. Revisions are anticipated within the next few years to clarify existing material, to correct possible errors, and to incorporate new related material. Information on the current revision state of this and other IEEE 802 standards may be obtained from

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1. Overview

IEEE 802® Local Area Networks (LANs, 3.93)[1] of all types can be connected together with Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges (3.130) or Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) Bridges (3.259), collectively known as Bridges (3.22). This standard defines the operation of Bridges and Bridged Networks. VLANs facilitate the administration of logical groups of stations. Stations in the same VLAN communicate as if they were on the same LAN, while traffic between VLANs is restricted. Management of VLAN Bridges and stations allows stations to be added to, removed from, or moved between VLANs.

This standard further extends the specification of VLAN Bridges to enable a service provider organization to use a common infrastructure of Bridges and LANs to offer the equivalent of separate LANs, Bridged, or Virtual Bridged Networks to independent customer organizations.

This standard specifies protocols and protocol entities within the architecture of Bridges that provide capabilities for detecting, verifying, and isolating connectivity failures in Bridged Networks. These capabilities can be used in networks operated by multiple independent organizations, each with restricted management access to each other's equipment.

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