

EECS 423  
Distributed Systems  
2004 Fall Semester

## Homework 3

Due at the beginning of class, October 7, 2004  
No late papers accepted

The objective of this assignment is to conduct a review of the proposed standard for e-Parcel.

The current merged specifications are available on the course Web site and are likely to contain defects or inefficiencies due to factors including but not limited to:

- Merging disparate documents and proposed standards
- Missing items and specifications
- Typos
- Missing or inconsistent terms in glossary
- Redundant terms in glossary
- Conflicting specifications
- Inconsistent use of terminology
- Failure to comply with major goals in distributed systems
- Failure to comply with RFCs cited in the document
- Missing copyright or intellectual property notices

You are requested to conduct an informal inspection of the specifications, identify defects or inefficiencies, and document them in your report, along with an explanation and a proposal to fix the problem. The fix should be cut-and-paste into the RFC. Selected fixes will be integrated in the authoritative RFC.

If you think that your original document described an important concept that is not reflected any longer in the combined document, point it out in your report along with an explanation and a proposal for insertion in the design document.

However, in general, you are allowed to add features to the protocol only if they are absolutely necessary to fix a problem.

Hand in your papers as an e-mail to [vx111@po.cwru.edu](mailto:vx111@po.cwru.edu).