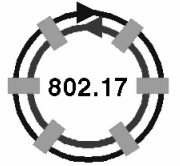




Maintenance Philosophy

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Agenda

- Brainstorm to determine what criteria will be used to consistently dispose of maintenance requests
 - what is an error versus a feature request



Definition of an Error

- An error is:
 - when the specifications are not aligned with the expected (by the working group) behavior of the function
 - two (or more) parts of the standard, specifying a particular function are contradictory



Criteria for “fixing” an error

- An error can be disposed of in the following ways:
 - fixed at the next maintenance amendment
 - deferred until a full revision
- The following criteria shall be considered when evaluating whether to fix an error:
 - impact to existing implementation HW
 - impact to existing implementation SW
 - compatibility / interoperability / impact of the change with existing implementations / networks
 - impact to the document (how big is the change)
 - relative effort of making the change compared to the impact of not making the change