



What will the Future Bring?



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Reliable Internet Stream Transport (RIST)
Protocol Specification – Main Profile



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Preamble to Video Services Forum (VSF) Technical Recommendation TR-06-2:2021

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Coming Soon....

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TR-06-3 Advanced Profile Key Elements:

Tunnel Level Enhancements, including:

- Packet recovery
- Transparent fragmentation support, with fragment-level recovery
- Lower-overhead transport options
- Pre-Shared Key operation enhancements, including packet integrity hashes
- Common format with the ST-2110 over WAN group
- Support for optional lossless packet payload data compression

Other Future RIST Functionality

- Support for Rendezvous.
- Registration Authority.

- The RIST Activity Group meets every Wednesday at 11AM ET.
- If you are a VSF member feel free to join the RIST Activity Group and participate.
- If you are not a VSF member. See Bob....

