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| Report on preparation of an IEEE Milestone proposal for Wi-Fi | | | | |
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Abstract

Author reports the activity of proposing an IEEE Milestone on the subject of Wi-Fi.

The Benelux Section of the IEEE Region 8 has requested author of this document to prepare a Milestone proposal to recognize the technical innovation of Wi-Fi. They will also sponsor the activity.

A committee was established to prepare the proposal and to organise the necessary events once the proposal is approved. We have put a [placeholder](http://ieeemilestones.ethw.org/index.php/Milestone-Proposal:The_birth_of_WiFi.) in the list of proposals with the name “The birth of Wi-Fi”. The plan is to place the Milestone Plaque in an appropriate museum.

The demonstration of the 2 Mbit/s NCR product at the 1990 Networld show in Dallas, Texas, will be taken as the date of the first event leading to the establishment of the standardization effort and the “Crossing of the chasm” in Geoffrey Moore’s model of technology adoption life cycle.

The leadtime to approval of a proposal can take nine to fifteen months.

**References:**

[**The IEEE Milestones program**](http://ethw.org/Milestones:IEEE_Milestones_Program)

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