

**RFC Editor Reporting  
March 2011**

**1. Monthly Summary**

The following numbers represent the March 2011 statistics for documents moving through the RFC Editor queue.

Submitted	56
Published	49

Number of Documents in Queue per State at EOM

EDIT	44
RFC-EDITOR	33
AUTH48	33
REF	1
IANA	0
AUTH	2
TO	2
IESG	1
MISSREF	45

**2. Submission and Publication Rates**

There were a significant number of documents submitted in January and March 2011. We believe this coincides with the March turnover in the IESG (3), as the area directors (ADs) cleared their queue before handing their duties off to the incoming ADs.

The following table shows the average submissions and publications per month on an annual basis:

Year	Submissions	Publications
2008	27	26
2009	27	24
2010	31	30

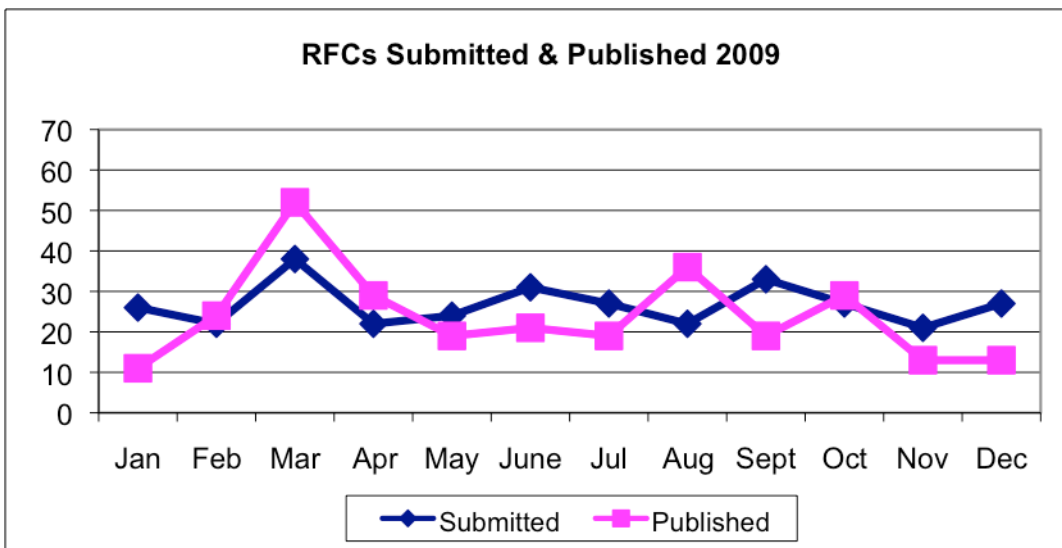
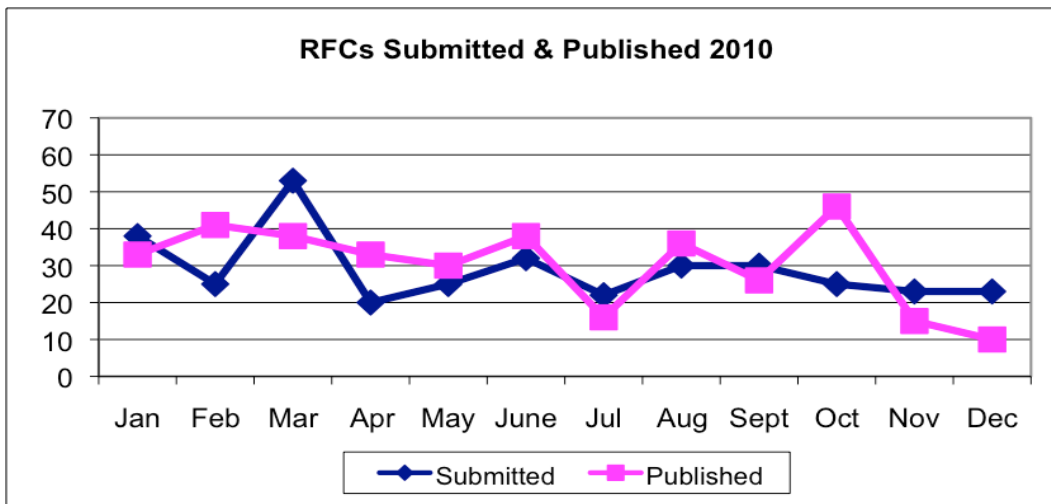
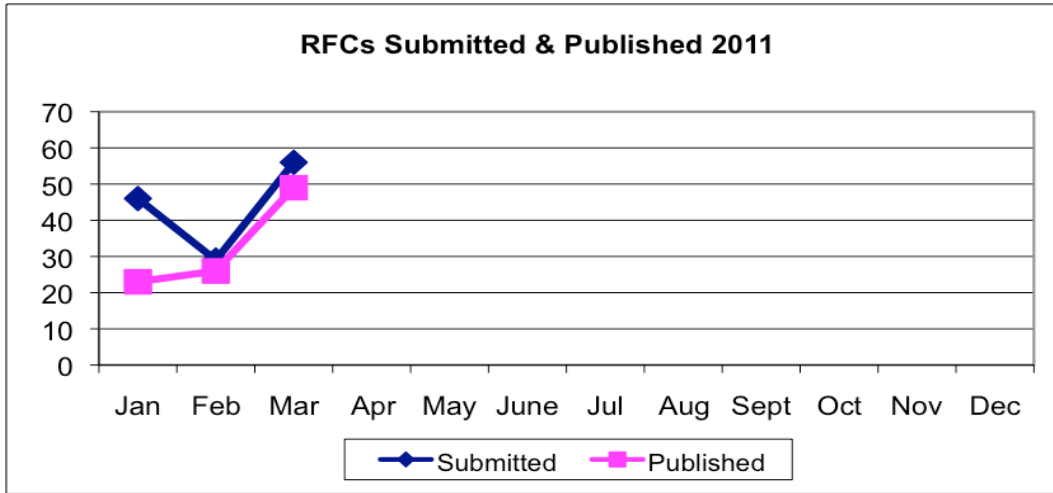
The graphs below show that RFC publication is typically lower during the months of November-January, which we attribute to the holidays and vacation season. There are a number of factors that affected the processing times for 2009; a few of significant importance are noted here:

- a. November 2008 – RFC 5378 was published, defining a new copyright notice for RFCs.
  - This created the “pre-5378 problem.”
  - It also caused non-IETF stream documents to be put on hold, as it did not account for the Independent Submission and IRTF streams.
- b. February 2009 – An RFC 5378-fix was approved and announced, introducing new text to serve as a work-around for people experiencing the “pre-5378 problem.”
- c. September 2009 – An updated TLP was announced to resolve issues surrounding the inclusion of the BSD license in RFCs.
- d. December 2009 – TLP 4.0 was announced, freeing the non-IETF stream documents for publication.
- e. December 2009 – RFC 5741 was published, defining new header and boilerplate material for all streams.
- f. November 2009-January 2010 – RFC Editor focused on transition from USC/ISI to AMS.

Processing times have been impacted since November 2008 because of the issues regarding the transition to the RFC 5378 copyright notice and legends. Publication rates increased in the first quarter of 2010, as the issues defined above have been resolved, and the documents that were stuck in AUTH48 moved forward to publication.

The following graphs show the annual submission and publication rates for RFCs over the past 3 years. The effects of the above can be viewed in publication rates in the 2009 graph.

**Annual Submission and Publication Rates**



### **3. Queue Processing Times**

The subsequent figures show the processing times of documents as they move through the RFC Editor queue. The diagrams show document counts, page counts, and average times in queue per state (EDIT, RFC-EDITOR, and AUTH48).

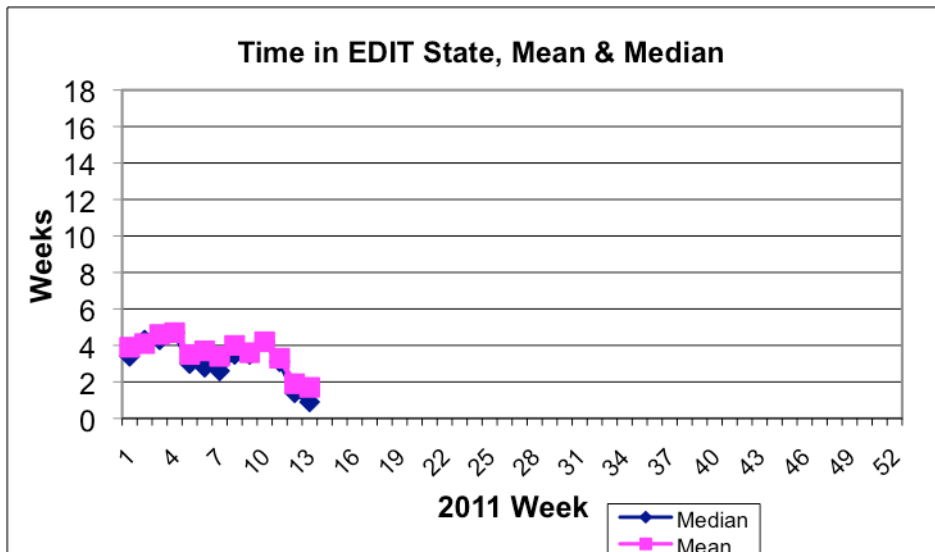
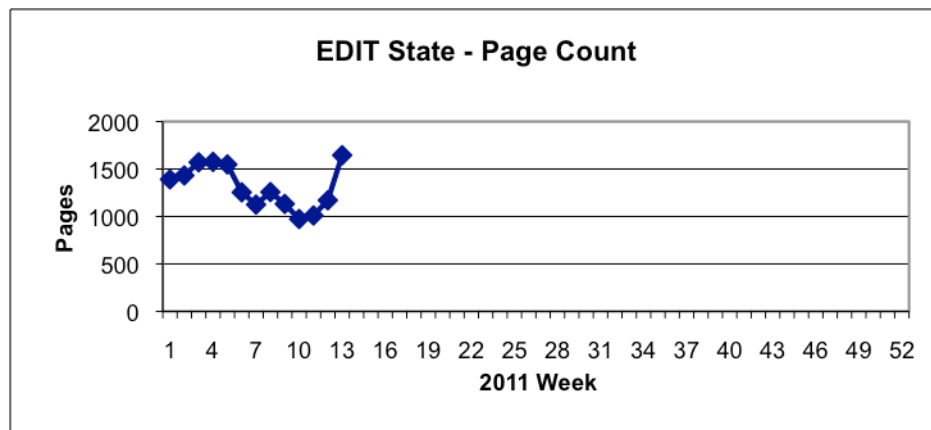
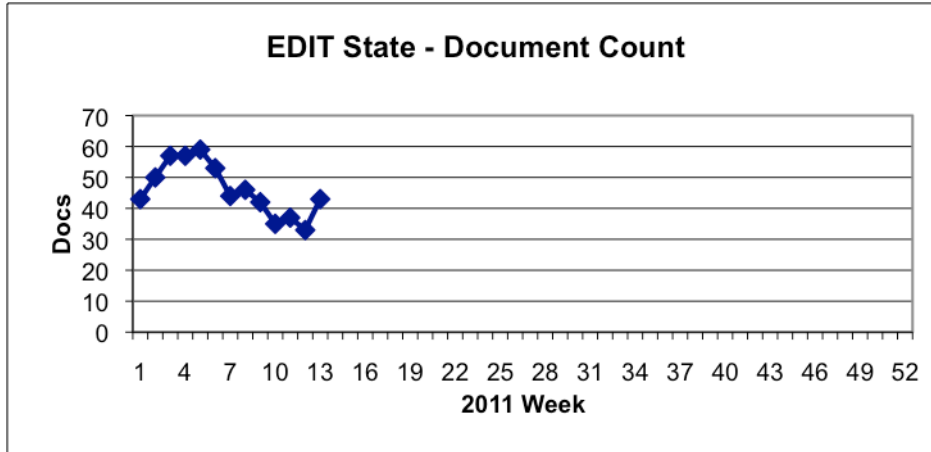
There was an increase in the size of the EDIT queue over the last quarter of 2010, as members of the RFC Production staff invested time on other developments and because of the usual slow period at the end of the year (see Section 2). An additional part-time editor was brought on to help with the slowly building queue and in anticipation of the expected burst before AD turnover.

The AUTH48 state grew throughout the year to be 3x the size it was a year ago, as documents continued to be processed through the queue, but were stuck in AUTH48 because of the issues mentioned in Section 2. However, the weeks in AUTH48 dropped significantly after April 2010 from a maximum of 30+ weeks down to an average of below 5 weeks.

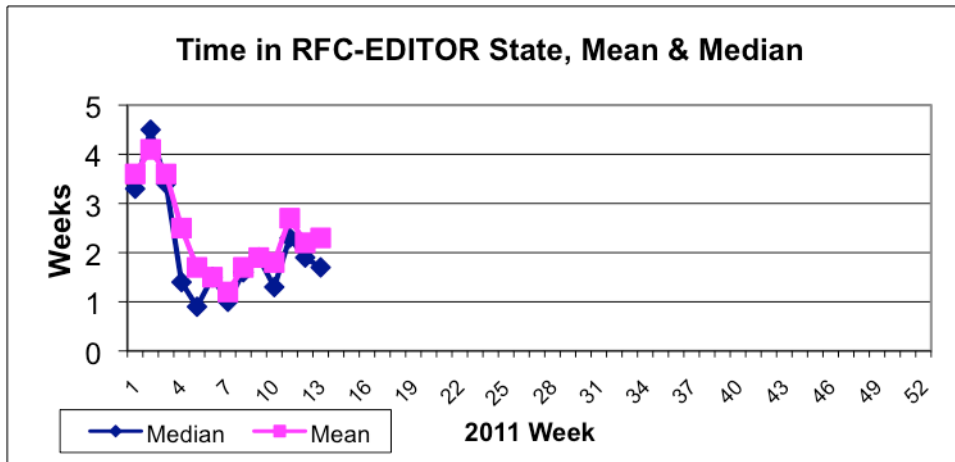
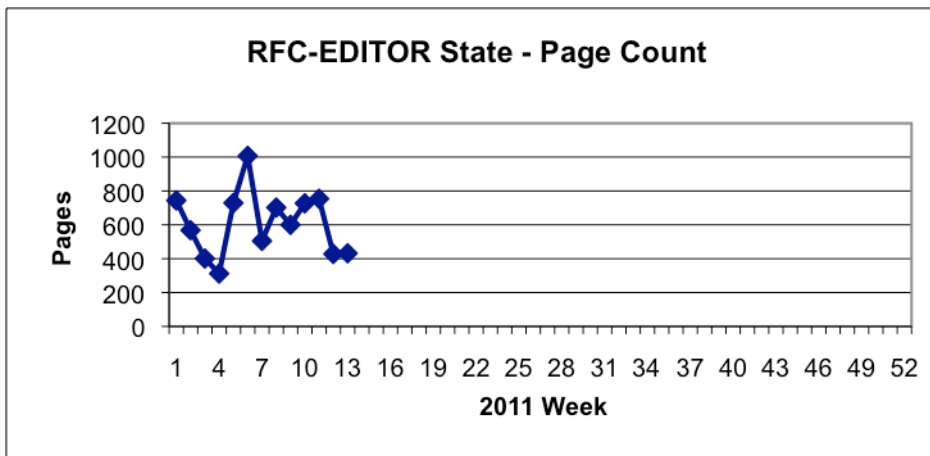
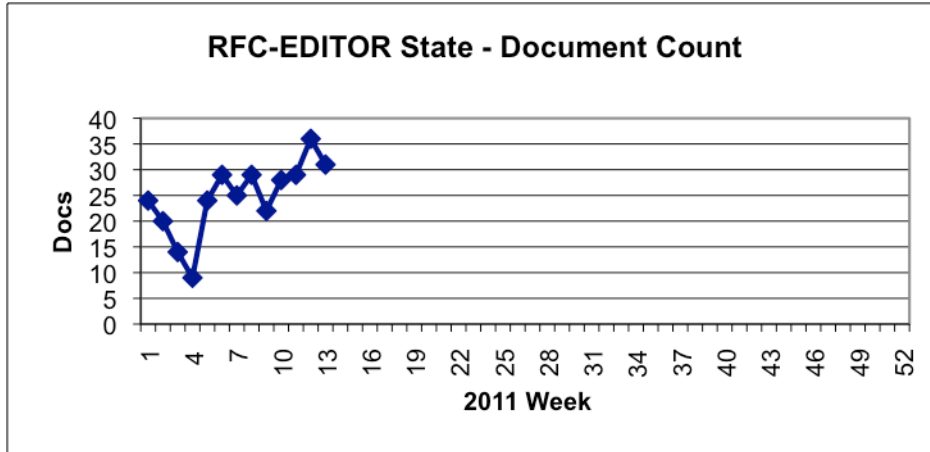
Note that there is a ripple effect, as spikes in document and page counts may be due to clusters of documents moving through the queue together. A cluster does not move to the next state until the entire set is ready to be moved. You will often see bursts in EDIT, then RFC-EDITOR, and finally PUB, as the set of documents move through the states together to publication.

Generally speaking, the more documents there are in the queue, the longer it takes for documents to move through the queue.

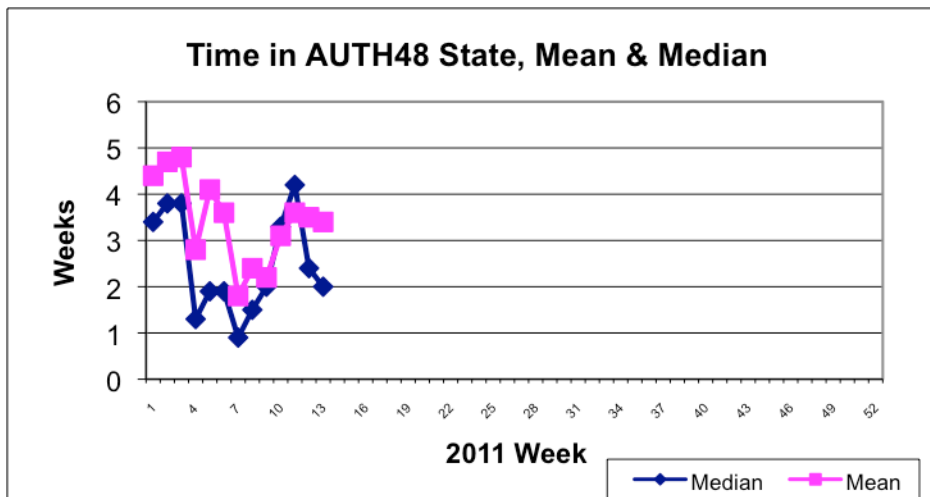
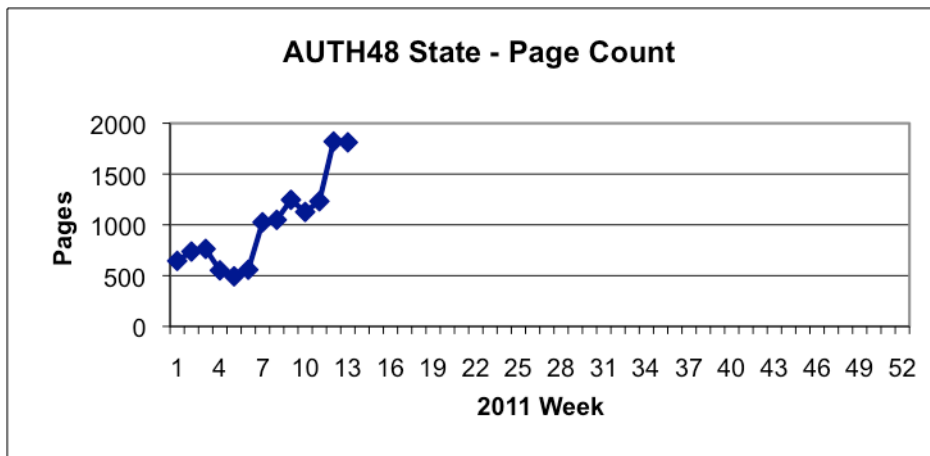
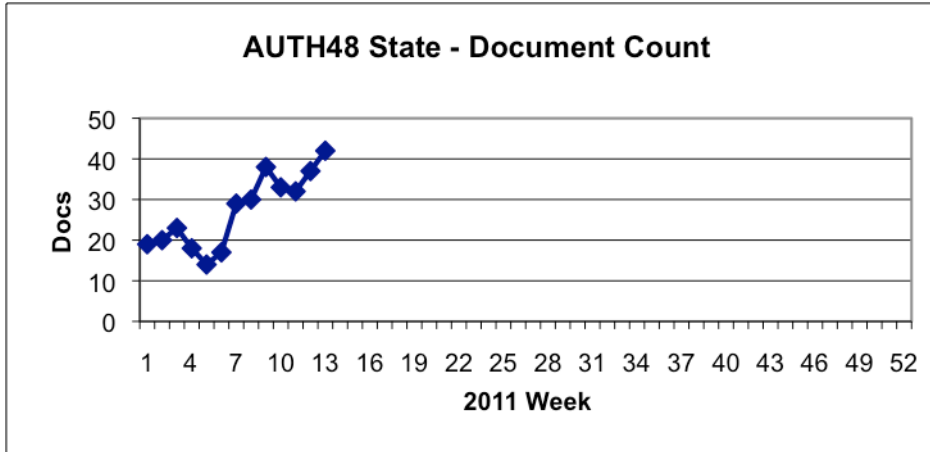
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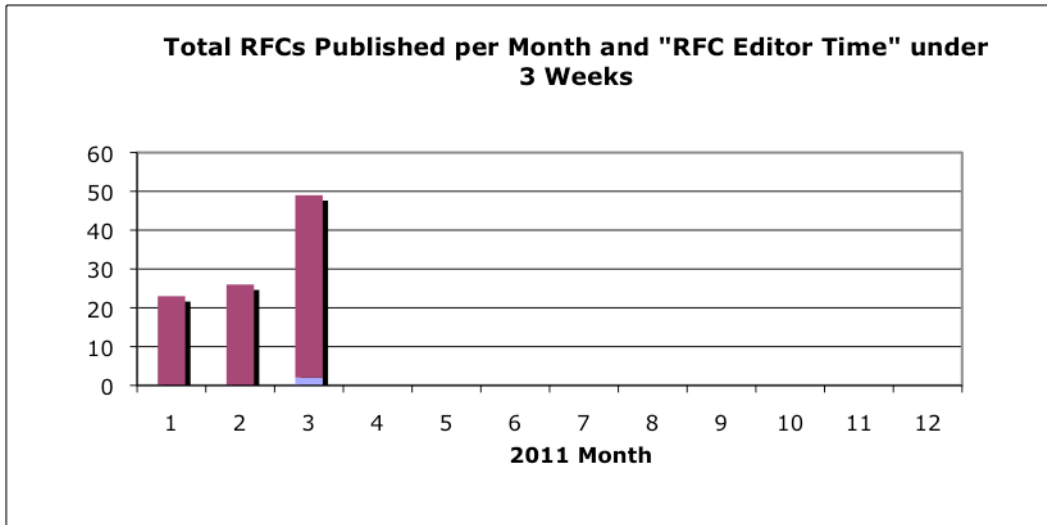
AUTH48 State 2011



#### 4. SLA Compliance Levels

The charts below show our compliance with the performance goals set in our SLA. Note that compliance as defined in our SLA requires that 90% of the documents published have an RFC Editor time (EDIT and RFC-EDITOR states) of less than 20 days.

This graph shows the total number of documents published per month, highlighting those that were published with an RFC Editor time of fewer than 20 days.



The following graph shows our percent compliance with the SLA (i.e., 90% of published RFCs will have an RFC Editor time of less than 20 days).

