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## Abstract

This document registers those Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) methods that have been defined in RFCs before the IANA HTTP Method Registry was established.

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## 1. Introduction

This document registers those Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) methods that have been defined in RFCs other than [\[RFC7231\]](#) before the IANA HTTP Method Registry was established.

## 2. Security Considerations

There are no security considerations related to the registration itself.

Security considerations applicable to the individual HTTP methods ought to be discussed in the specifications that define them.

### 3. IANA Considerations

The table below provides registrations of HTTP method names that have been added to the IANA "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Method Registry" at <<http://www.iana.org/assignments/http-methods>> (see [Section 8.1](#) of [RFC7231]).

Method Name	Safe	Idempotent	Reference
ACL	no	yes	[RFC3744], <a href="#">Section 8.1</a>
BASELINE-CONTROL	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 12.6</a>
BIND	no	yes	[RFC5842], <a href="#">Section 4</a>
CHECKIN	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 4.4</a> and [RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 9.4</a>
CHECKOUT	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 4.3</a> and [RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 8.8</a>
COPY	no	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.8</a>
LABEL	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 8.2</a>
LINK	no	yes	[RFC2068], <a href="#">Section 19.6.1.2</a>
LOCK	no	no	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.10</a>
MERGE	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 11.2</a>
MKACTIVITY	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 13.5</a>
MKCALENDAR	no	yes	[RFC4791], <a href="#">Section 5.3.1</a>
MKCOL	no	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.3</a>
MKREDIRECTREF	no	yes	[RFC4437], <a href="#">Section 6</a>
MKWORKSPACE	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 6.3</a>
MOVE	no	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.9</a>
ORDERPATCH	no	yes	[RFC3648], <a href="#">Section 7</a>
PATCH	no	no	[RFC5789], <a href="#">Section 2</a>
PROPFIND	yes	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.1</a>
PROPPATCH	no	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.2</a>
REBIND	no	yes	[RFC5842], <a href="#">Section 6</a>
REPORT	yes	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 3.6</a>
SEARCH	yes	yes	[RFC5323], <a href="#">Section 2</a>
UNBIND	no	yes	[RFC5842], <a href="#">Section 5</a>
UNCHECKOUT	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 4.5</a>
UNLINK	no	yes	[RFC2068], <a href="#">Section 19.6.1.3</a>
UNLOCK	no	yes	[RFC4918], <a href="#">Section 9.11</a>
UPDATE	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 7.1</a>
UPDATEREDIRECTREF	no	yes	[RFC4437], <a href="#">Section 7</a>
VERSION-CONTROL	no	yes	[RFC3253], <a href="#">Section 3.5</a>

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