

# MPLS Overview

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- MPLS is not just a protocol it is a set of solutions
  - Standards bodies working on extensions and architectures to solve real problems
    - VPLS, Layer 3 VPNs, ATM over MPLS ...
    - Part of the evolution in IP networks
    - Strong feedback loop between standards and implementation
  - This is in keeping with the traditional way IP protocols have been developed
  - A weak area is network management support
- The answer to the question “is MPLS ready for prime time?” is “it depends on the application”

