

RFC 62 IMPLEMENTED: Add a template for RFCs

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Background

Today, we have RFC process documentation which is excellent and extensive located [in our docs](#). Our RFC process aims to be *“lightweight so that it can be used for many purposes (e.g. product specs, policy decisions, technical discussion), and it is optimized for facilitating collaboration and feedback.”*

Problem

As someone getting back into the RFC process after we improved our documentation extensively, I found it hard to quickly understand the gist of the document design. I had to look at various other recent RFCs to get a general idea of format that looks good and adheres to our best practices. While I know that our process is designed to be lightweight and the actual format doesn't matter much -- I couldn't help but feel having a quickstart guide of sorts would be beneficial.

Solution

Offer a template in our RFC folder that others can copy and use when learning the general layout of RFCs, and use our extensive documentation as a secondary process. This would allow our RFC process to be even more minimal as anyone could very quickly understand the general idea within a few minutes, without reading through a large documentation page. What this template would look follows below. It would live in a file named `TEMPLATE` and would be referenced as a quickstart from [our docs](#):

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Background

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Problem

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Solution

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