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The term "**3GPP specification**" covers all **GSM** (including **GPRS** and **EDGE**) and **3G** specifications. The following terms are also used to describe networks using the 3G specifications: **UTRAN**, **W-CDMA**, **UMTS** (in Europe) and **FOMA** (in Japan). Revised versions of many of these specifications are produced up to four times a year following the quarterly TSG plenary meetings. See the table below which gives links to lists of specifications arising from each plenary TSG meeting since the freezing of [Release](#) 1999. The month of the meeting and the meeting number are shown in each case.

Following each TSG SA plenary meeting, a complete set of specifications is produced. This set includes not only the new specifications generated at that meeting, but also the latest versions of each specification that was not changed at that meeting. i.e. each directory holds a complete set of specifications. Each set has an associated **status list** as detailed in the table below. Each set (and corresponding status list) includes the specs arising from the TSG GERAN meetings held since the preceding SA meeting. (GERAN meets asynchronously from the other TSGs.)

The **Status List** (Zipped RTF format) summarizes the current version number for every release of every 3GPP specification following each TSG plenary meeting. Also listed for each specifications are:

- the 3GPP working group and rapporteur responsible for the specification
- the Project Manager in MCC (Mobile Competence Centre) responsible for the specification
- the meeting at which it was, or is expected to be, "frozen" (i.e. the point after which only corrections are allowed)

year-month	remark	status list	specs directory	TSG CN	TSG RAN	TSG T	TSG SA	TSG GERAN
2002-06			nya					10th meeting
2002-06	Rel-5 features content functionally frozen (remainder)	StatusList (provisional)	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2002-06/	16th meeting	16th meeting	16th meeting	16th meeting	
2002-04			ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2002-04-geran-mtg-09-delta/					9th meeting
2002-03	Rel-5 features content functionally frozen (part)	StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2002-03/	15th meeting	15th meeting	15th meeting	15th meeting	
2002-02								8th meeting
2001-12		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2001-12/	14th meeting	14th meeting	14th meeting	14th meeting	
2001-11								7th meeting
2001-09		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2001-09/	13th meeting	13th meeting	13th meeting	13th meeting	
2001-08								6th meeting
2001-06		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2001-06/	12th meeting	12th meeting	12th meeting	12th meeting	5th meeting
2001-06								4th meeting
2001-03	Rel-4 features content functionally frozen	StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2001-03/	11th meeting	11th meeting	11th meeting	11th meeting	
2001-01								3rd meeting
2000-12		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2000-12/	10th meeting	10th meeting	10th meeting	10th meeting	

2000-11								2nd meeting
2000-09		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2000-09/	9th meeting	9th meeting	9th meeting	9th meeting	1st meeting
2000-06		StatusList	ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/2000-06/	8th meeting	8th meeting	8th meeting	8th meeting	
2000-03				7th meeting	7th meeting	7th meeting	7th meeting	
1999-12	R99 features content functionally frozen			6th meeting	6th meeting	6th meeting	6th meeting	

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- **lpswitch WS_FTP Pro®** : This general purpose file transfer program simplifies the process of downloading large numbers of files from an FTP site.
- **FTPSync®**: This tool allow the user to specify a directory on their local disk and synchronize it with a directory on an FTP site.

Latest version

The **latest versions** of the specifications can always be found here:

<ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/latest/>.

Particular version

All older versions of specifications (where available) are stored in the archive subdirectory. All versions of all releases of a given specification are placed directly under the name of the specification.

<ftp://ftp.3gpp.org/specs/archive/>

Title or subject

If you only know the **title** or the **subject**, but not the specification number, the best place to start looking is the [complete list](#) of all 3GPP specification numbers and titles. A high level description of each *series* (of specification e.g. the 25.- series) is available in on the page called "[Releases and the numbering scheme for 3G specifications](#)". Once you have identified possible specification numbers, go the "Latest Version" directory mentioned above.

Specs related to a particular working group

Each 3GPP TSG Working Group has a home page, which lists the specifications under their responsibility. Follow the links from [here....](#)

Official versions published by recognized Standards Development Organizations

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Further information:

- **Work plan.** The 3GPP [Work plan](#) describes the new functionality currently being elaborated in the TSG working groups. It also indicates the expected timescales for their finalization.
- **Numbering scheme.** What is the system for numbering specifications? Which specifications contain information on? Find out [here](#).
- **Releases (and phases, stages).** An introduction to the 3GPP mechanism for specifications releases can be found [here](#).
- **Historical information.** If you need to look for old / superceded specifications or change requests, start [here](#).
- **TSG working methods.** The procedures for creating, enhancing and maintaining specifications are described in [TR 21.900](#). A presentation outlining the release and change request process can be found [here](#).
- **3GPP Drafting rules.** The rules for drafting specifications are described in [TR 21.801](#).
- **Change Requests (CRs).** The change request mechanism is used when a correction or new functionality is required for an existing specification. [Here](#) you can find all information related to change requests.

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