

# The Ice Protocol



The Ice protocol definition consists of three major parts:

- a set of data encoding rules that determine how the various data types are serialized
- a number of message types that are interchanged between client and server, together with rules as to what message is to be sent under what circumstances
- a set of rules that determine how client and server agree on a particular protocol and encoding version

## Topics

- [Data Encoding](#)
- [Protocol Messages](#)
- [Protocol Compression](#)
- [Protocol and Encoding Versions](#)

