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00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:20,244  
Sound of communications traffic and music.

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00:00:20,279 --> 00:00:21,956  
Spaceflight missions of the future ...

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00:00:21,991 --> 00:00:24,756  
will be collaborative ventures of many

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00:00:24,791 --> 00:00:27,492  
nations. But with technology changing

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00:00:27,527 --> 00:00:30,117  
rapidly, how can space agencies ensure

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00:00:30,152 --> 00:00:32,645  
that their data and communications

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00:00:32,680 --> 00:00:34,661  
systems will work together... to even

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00:00:34,696 --> 00:00:37,204  
allow international spaceflight missions?

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00:00:37,239 --> 00:00:39,892  
As technology evolves, our missions and

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00:00:39,927 --> 00:00:41,652  
international agreements need to evolve

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00:00:41,687 --> 00:00:44,453  
too. It's a challenge, but necessary for

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00:00:44,488 --> 00:00:47,461  
us to work together. Looking back, who

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00:00:47,496 --> 00:00:49,541

would have foreseen all the consequences

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00:00:49,576 --> 00:00:51,877

of international air travel or the

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00:00:51,912 --> 00:00:54,916

internet availability across the globe?

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00:00:54,951 --> 00:00:56,596

Similarly, the "Space Race" has yielded

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00:00:56,631 --> 00:00:59,125

untold benefits to mankind including the

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00:00:59,160 --> 00:01:01,828

seeds of cooperation between nations in

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00:01:01,863 --> 00:01:08,725

space. Early international science

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00:01:08,760 --> 00:01:10,852

missions in the 1960's were followed by

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00:01:10,887 --> 00:01:13,092

joint manned missions with the Soviet

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00:01:13,127 --> 00:01:16,229

Union and later Russia from the 1970's

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00:01:16,264 --> 00:01:18,596

to the present. These set the stage for

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00:01:18,631 --> 00:01:21,988

the possibilities to come. Those early

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00:01:22,023 --> 00:01:23,765

missions proved that there are great

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00:01:23,800 --> 00:01:26,278

benefits to cooperation, and to

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00:01:26,313 --> 00:01:29,445

international standardization!

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00:01:29,480 --> 00:01:32,196

That is where CCSDS or the Consultative

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00:01:32,231 --> 00:01:35,572

Committee for Space Data Systems comes in.

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00:01:35,607 --> 00:01:37,925

This international consortium capitalizes

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00:01:37,960 --> 00:01:40,421

on new technology and moves it rapidly

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00:01:40,456 --> 00:01:43,589

to an international standard.

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00:01:43,624 --> 00:01:45,285

Today we enjoy the benefits of an

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00:01:45,320 --> 00:01:46,965

international internet with rarely a

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00:01:47,000 --> 00:01:49,156

thought about the speed and complex

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00:01:49,191 --> 00:01:51,188

routing that allows us to take it for

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00:01:51,223 --> 00:01:52,997

granted. But for the internet to work

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00:01:53,032 --> 00:01:55,268

globally, many nations had to accept

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00:01:55,303 --> 00:01:59,205

one set of communications standards.

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00:01:59,240 --> 00:02:01,333

Just as our home computers are becoming

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00:02:01,368 --> 00:02:03,477

more plug-n-play because of better

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00:02:03,512 --> 00:02:07,220

terrestrial standards... CCSDS aims for

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00:02:07,255 --> 00:02:09,557

those same kinds of improvements in

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00:02:09,592 --> 00:02:11,925

"space" communications and data systems;

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00:02:11,960 --> 00:02:15,157

establishing agreements similar to those

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00:02:15,192 --> 00:02:17,701

that founded the global internet.

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00:02:17,736 --> 00:02:19,861

As humans have pushed back the space

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00:02:19,896 --> 00:02:21,589

frontier with a permanent international

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00:02:21,624 --> 00:02:24,212

presence in low earth orbit, we've

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00:02:24,247 --> 00:02:27,060

adapted that internet technology for space,

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00:02:27,095 --> 00:02:30,324  
and we're expanding the International Space

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00:02:30,359 --> 00:02:32,532  
Station's role as a test bed for more

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00:02:32,567 --> 00:02:34,949  
advanced internet technology. But what

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00:02:34,984 --> 00:02:38,373  
happens as we routinely expand both robotic

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00:02:38,408 --> 00:02:41,236  
and human exploration beyond a near Earth

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00:02:41,271 --> 00:02:44,260  
orbit? New challenges and opportunities

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00:02:44,295 --> 00:02:46,964  
emerge in an environment where data

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00:02:46,999 --> 00:02:49,797  
transmission takes seconds, several minutes,

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00:02:49,832 --> 00:02:55,285  
or even longer. One of the key CCSDS efforts

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00:02:55,320 --> 00:02:57,765  
that will lay the groundwork for future

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00:02:57,800 --> 00:03:00,644  
international space missions is Delay or

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00:03:00,679 --> 00:03:04,116  
Disruption Tolerant Networking or DTN.

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00:03:04,151 --> 00:03:06,980

DTN pushes the boundary of internet

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00:03:07,015 --> 00:03:10,501  
communications into space! This will adapt

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00:03:10,536 --> 00:03:12,901  
internet systems to become tolerant of the

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00:03:12,936 --> 00:03:16,389  
deep space environment and provide automatic

67  
00:03:16,424 --> 00:03:19,092  
network routing. The routing of data from

68  
00:03:19,127 --> 00:03:22,164  
Earth, for example, to a robotic lander on Mars,

69  
00:03:22,199 --> 00:03:25,460  
currently relies on a disruption prone series

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00:03:25,495 --> 00:03:27,477  
of paths that are vulnerable to a variety of

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00:03:27,512 --> 00:03:30,597  
single point failures. Commands must be routed

72  
00:03:30,632 --> 00:03:32,948  
through a series of communication nodes; then

73  
00:03:32,983 --> 00:03:37,013  
on to Mars, only when every node is available.

74  
00:03:37,048 --> 00:03:40,772  
Now imagine a human mission endangered because

75  
00:03:40,807 --> 00:03:42,615  
a communication link is lost. Critical life-

76  
00:03:42,650 --> 00:03:47,221  
saving time or priceless data could be lost

77  
00:03:47,256 --> 00:03:50,772  
because of an inability to buffer and reassemble

78  
00:03:50,807 --> 00:03:53,828  
that communication. Unlike the terrestrial

79  
00:03:53,863 --> 00:03:56,804  
internet, space is not a richly connected

80  
00:03:56,839 --> 00:04:00,021  
environment. A Delay and Disruption Tolerant

81  
00:04:00,056 --> 00:04:02,821  
Network will be required to ensure both faster

82  
00:04:02,856 --> 00:04:05,668  
and more reliable transfer. To remedy this

83  
00:04:05,703 --> 00:04:08,596  
situation "bundles" of data will need to be

84  
00:04:08,631 --> 00:04:10,981  
stored and forwarded automatically to the

85  
00:04:11,016 --> 00:04:13,381  
next available link in the communications

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00:04:13,416 --> 00:04:17,157  
chain. To smoothly transition to the future

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00:04:17,192 --> 00:04:20,453  
communications environment, some very obvious

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00:04:20,488 --> 00:04:24,340

steps need to be taken. Moving from lag time

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00:04:24,375 --> 00:04:26,980  
or "latency" of a few seconds near Earth to as

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00:04:27,015 --> 00:04:29,796  
much as 40 minutes, round trip to Mars, will

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00:04:29,831 --> 00:04:32,757  
require a blended approach that more reliably

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00:04:32,792 --> 00:04:36,709  
integrates terrestrial and space-based networks.

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00:04:36,744 --> 00:04:38,997  
The new Space Internetworking environment will

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00:04:39,032 --> 00:04:41,989  
integrate traditional spacecraft data types;

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00:04:42,024 --> 00:04:45,844  
command, telemetry, voice, video... plus new data

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00:04:45,879 --> 00:04:49,956  
types like message bus technology and web

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00:04:49,991 --> 00:04:52,485  
browsing in an autonomous and standardized

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00:04:52,520 --> 00:04:55,317  
architecture. A Solar System Internet will

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00:04:55,352 --> 00:04:57,942  
provide highly efficient communications that

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00:04:57,977 --> 00:05:00,788  
integrate DTN and internet technologies for

101  
00:05:00,823 --> 00:05:05,252  
the benefit of international space missions.

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00:05:05,287 --> 00:05:08,517  
CCSDS is also working in other areas bringing

103  
00:05:08,552 --> 00:05:10,485  
together technology development and

104  
00:05:10,520 --> 00:05:13,493  
standardization. They envision that Mission

105  
00:05:13,528 --> 00:05:15,926  
Operations will benefit from using service

106  
00:05:15,961 --> 00:05:19,940  
oriented architecture. Standardized “service

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00:05:19,975 --> 00:05:23,748  
interfaces” allow interoperability between

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00:05:23,783 --> 00:05:25,861  
Mission Control Centers and between the

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00:05:25,896 --> 00:05:29,253  
spacecraft and ground systems! Mission Operations

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00:05:29,288 --> 00:05:32,389  
standardization means that Mission Control Centers

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00:05:32,424 --> 00:05:35,444  
become service providers to other operations teams

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00:05:35,479 --> 00:05:38,436  
and potentially even their spacecraft can become

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00:05:38,471 --> 00:05:41,732

service providers. External institutions can use

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00:05:41,767 --> 00:05:44,757

the same service to interface with equipment or

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00:05:44,792 --> 00:05:47,829

experiments on spacecraft or rovers! Everyone

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00:05:47,864 --> 00:05:51,460

benefits from using standard service interfaces

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00:05:51,495 --> 00:05:54,901

rather than requiring custom interfaces.

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00:05:54,936 --> 00:05:59,236

Connecting to Mission control... a spacecraft...

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00:05:59,271 --> 00:06:03,270

an experiment becomes easier and less expensive!

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00:06:03,305 --> 00:06:06,517

This is just a small sample of the work done up

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00:06:06,552 --> 00:06:10,021

to now; by these and other CCSCS teams. There is

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00:06:10,056 --> 00:06:13,636

much work ahead. The goal of collaboration

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00:06:13,671 --> 00:06:16,789

between agencies and nations is challenging.

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00:06:16,824 --> 00:06:19,765

The task of keeping up with ever-changing

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00:06:19,800 --> 00:06:21,797

technology is difficult, but the rewards are

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00:06:21,832 --> 00:06:27,285

worth the efforts. CCSDS efforts will allow

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00:06:27,320 --> 00:06:30,708

international cooperation and standardization

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00:06:30,743 --> 00:06:33,604

to extend to all aspects of the space-to-ground

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00:06:33,639 --> 00:06:36,452

communications and mission architecture; from

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00:06:36,487 --> 00:06:38,933

cooperating control centers, through cross-

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00:06:38,968 --> 00:06:41,109

supporting communication systems, to multi-agency

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00:06:41,144 --> 00:06:44,725

mission spacecraft. Investing in a reliable

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00:06:44,760 --> 00:06:49,060

and efficient space data and communication system

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00:06:49,095 --> 00:06:53,076

capitalizes on new technology systems and techniques

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00:06:53,111 --> 00:06:55,893

will pay cost and safety dividends for generations

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00:06:55,928 --> 00:06:59,909

to come. In essence, we can't afford not

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00:06:59,944 --> 00:07:03,573

to make these investments. We owe it to ourselves

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00:07:03,608 --> 00:07:06,628

and following generations to lay the groundwork

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00:07:06,663 --> 00:07:09,636

today for a communications and control system;

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00:07:09,671 --> 00:07:12,469

a Solar System Internetwork that will deliver

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00:07:12,504 --> 00:07:15,573

the dream of extending human reach wherever