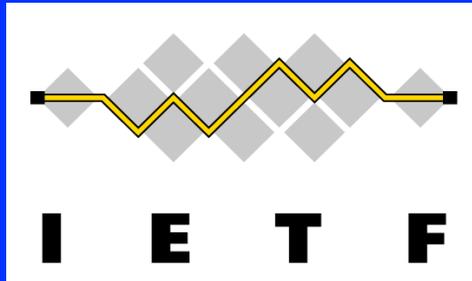


The Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)



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What is the IETF?

- ◆ since 1986, Internet standards R us
- ◆ does not exist, **no** members, **no** voting
- ◆ “*rough consensus & running code*”
- ◆ 1,200 to 2K at 3/year meetings, **NK** on mail lists
1,570 & 1679 last 2 meetings, next mtg: Vienna in July
- ◆ 132 working groups (where the stuff happens)
- ◆ 8 areas (for organizational convenience) with ADs
APS, GEN, INT, O&M, RTG, SEC, SUB, TSV
- ◆ management: **IESG** (ADs, chosen by community)
- ◆ architectural guidance & liaisons: **IAB**
- ◆ produces **standards** (defined as such by use)

What is the IETF?, contd.

- ◆ IETF documents - all open
- ◆ Internet-Drafts
 - anyone** can submit - expire in 6 months
 - some I-Ds are working group documents
- ◆ RFCs (stands for “RFC”)
 - archival publications (never changed once published)
 - different types: (**not all RFCs are standards!**)
 - informational, experimental, BCP, standards track, historic
- ◆ 3-step standards track
 - Proposed Standard, Draft Standard, Internet Standard
- ◆ interoperability not conformance

Stats

- ◆ 301 RFCs published since Jan 2001
- ◆ 145 Standards Track
- ◆ 17 Best Current Practice
- ◆ 80 documents approved & in RFC Editor queue

Hot Areas

- ◆ IP telephony
 - SIP, RTP, enum, megaco/H.248, spirits, rohc, sigtran, etc
- ◆ QoS
 - nsis (old work includes diffserv, RSVP, intserv)
- ◆ storage
 - ips (iSCSI, FCIP), NFSv4, RDDP
- ◆ SUB-IP
 - MPLS, GMPLS, IPO, TE, VPNs, L2 over IP/MPLS
- ◆ base Internet protocols
 - IPv6, TCP enhancements, SCTP, DCCP, RMT, mobile IP

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Hot Areas, contd.

- ◆ Internet emergency use
- ◆ location-based technology
- ◆ security
 - IPSec, secure email, etc
- ◆ routing
 - BGP update, IS-IS, routing futures, multicast
- ◆ management
 - SNMPv3, XML-based, policy-based
- ◆ applications
 - LDAP, iCal, IM, FAX, email, webdav

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IPR

- ◆ IETF IPR rules in RFC 2026 Section 10
- ◆ currently working on clarifying these rules in ipr working group
- ◆ current IETF rules
 - require disclosure of all of own IPR in own submissions
 - submissions of others
- ◆ WG takes IPR into account when choosing technology
- ◆ push from open source people for RF-only process
 - consensus to not change to RF-only

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E.G., IEPREP

- ◆ Internet Emergency Preparedness WG
- ◆ significant disconnect between parties
 - regulators: must have way to prioritize emergency traffic
 - ISPs: no need in backbone, can not have problem that this will fix
 - regulators: any place, any time
 - enterprises: you are not coming in here!
 - regulators: only “official” emergency workers
 - ISPs: also need to support emergency communications for customers

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The Network?

- ◆ what is “The Network”?
- ◆ earlier talk referred to “The Network”
- ◆ but getting fuzzier as to what that is
 - POTS
 - cellular
 - Internet
 - enterprise IP networks

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IETF Technologies in the World

- ◆ Internet runs on IETF technologies
- ◆ not to pick on anyone but...
- ◆ talk this AM - listed lots of IETF technologies
 - MPLS, RSVP, etc
- ◆ but did not list IETF (later mention verbally)
- ◆ general issue: use of / extensions to SDO technology by another SDO
 - not just an IETF problem - but an IETF problem

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Ways to “Work”

- ◆ megaco/H.248
 - common text IETF/ITU-T - just too much fun
- ◆ RFC 3429 - MPLS OAM
 - let ITU-T develop their own in an area that the IETF is not interested (or disagree)
- ◆ RFC 3427 “Change Process for the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)”
 - says ‘SIP is an IETF protocol, changes should be by IETF’
 - drafts of same process for MPLS & RSVP
- ◆ IS-IS
 - agreement with JTC1 to split standards effort

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Finding out What is Going ON

- ◆ important to know when new work is contemplated
 - to ensure communication before things get frozen
- ◆ IETF sends proposals for new WGs & WG changes to SDO mailing list
 - asking for comments
 - get few comments

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