IETF Chair and IESG Report, 109

This report, sent out before IETF 109 begins, provides more details than can be covered during the plenary. Discussion of these topics beforehand and afterwards is encouraged on ietf@ietf.org.

If you have topics that you think the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) should discuss during the plenary, please send email.

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In addition, there are typically several other reports posted prior to the meeting: the IAB Report and the IETF Administration LLC Board Report. The IANA, Secretariat, and Temporary RFC Series Project Manager reports can be found under the IETF Plenary on the meeting materials page (materials to be supplied later).

Conversion of IETF 109 from In-Person to Online

On August 27, 2020, the IETF Chair, IRTF Chair, and IETF LLC Chair announced the cancellation of the in-person IETF 109 Bangkok meeting. This decision was made after conducting an assessment of local conditions using the criteria set out in the assessment framework developed with community input. IETF 109 will instead be held online.

A detailed agenda is available on the IETF Datatracker:
https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/agenda/

At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 05:00 UTC / 12:00 ICT. A participant guide is available.

Meeting Sponsors

Although the in-person IETF 109 meeting was cancelled, our original Meeting Host, Cisco, graciously offered to serve as Host for the virtual meeting. Thank you!

CISCO

Also thanks to Gold Sponsor Huawei, Silver Diversity and Inclusivity Sponsor Fastly, and the Bronze Running Code and Diversity and Inclusivity Sponsor ICANN. The IETF 109 fee waiver program has been generously sponsored by Cisco, Google, and Futurewei. Thanks for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 109 Hackathon is being held online Monday, November 9 through Friday, November 13, 2020. The Hackathon is free to attend and is open to everyone. It is a collaborative event, not a competition. Any competition is friendly and in the spirit of advancing the pace and relevance of new and evolving internet standards.

- Monday November 9 - 05:00 UTC / 12:00 ICT - Hackathon kickoff
- Friday November 13 05:00 UTC / 12:00 ICT - Hackathon closing

Thanks to the Hackathon sponsor ICANN!

Request for Conversation (HotRFC)

The HotRFC Session will take place online on Friday November 13 at 14:00 UTC / 21:00 ICT.

Working Group Actions Since IETF 108

The following changes have occurred since IETF 108:

Working groups approved:

- [A Semantic Definition Format for Data and Interactions of Things (asdf)](#)
- [Building Blocks for HTTP APIs (httpapi)](#)
- [JSON Path (jsonpath)](#)
- [Revision of core Email specifications (emailcore)](#)
- [Secure Media Frames (sframe)](#)

Working groups rechartered:

- [Concise Binary Object Representation Maintenance and Extensions (cbor)](#)
- [Network File System Version 4 (nfsv4)](#)

BOFs for IETF 109:

- [MAC Address Device Identification for Network and Application Services (madinas)](#)

Working groups concluded:

- [Interactive Connectivity Establishment (ice)](#)
- [GitHub Integration and Tooling (git)](#)

New Non-WG Mailing Lists:

- [Application-aware Networking (apn)](#)
- [Blockchain Gateway Interoperability Protocol (blockchain-interop)](#)
- [IOT Operations (iotops)](#)

New "Affiliate Groups" Mailing Lists:

NONE

(Affiliate Groups allow IETF people to self-organize around interests, hobbies, outside activities, and similar. A [page](#) on the IETF site was created in December 2019 to describe them.)

Non-WG Mailing Lists Closed:

NONE

Currently Running Experiments

IETF 109 is the second online IETF meeting with a full agenda, and as such we are trying out the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

The Meetecho conferencing platform being used for IETF 109 includes an experimental show-of-hands tool for asking questions during WG/RG sessions. If you use the tool during IETF 109, please send your feedback about it to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

In general, the IESG would like to encourage experimenting and trying new things. If you have ideas about potentially useful things to try, try them and tell the rest of us!

Appeals

The IESG [processed](#) an appeal concerning a URI scheme application.

Our Standards of Professional Behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, and mailing lists are intended for professional collaboration and networking, as defined in the [IETF Guidelines for Conduct](#), the [IETF Anti-Harassment Policy](#), and the [IETF Anti-Harassment Procedures](#). If you have any concerns about behavior, please talk to the [Ombudsteam](#), who are available if you need to confidentially raise concerns about harassment or other conduct in the IETF.

We also expect professional behavior on our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussion stay focused and appropriate. Please see the note about [Ensuring Appropriate Discussion](#) for guidance about conduct on the ietf@ietf discussion list.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG formal telechat calls are open for observation. The [upcoming agenda](#) is posted online and an invitation is mailed out to the IETF main announcement list in advance of each telechat. [The calendar and connection details](#) are also available. We post both short and narrative [minutes](#). And of course, the best place to follow what is going on with a particular document is the [datatracker](#). The relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

The IAB and IESG hold a BOF coordination call before each IETF meeting. In this call, we go through the set of proposed BOFs and other possible new meetings, in an effort to help the responsible AD decide how to proceed with the specific proposals. See the [blog post](#) discussing the BOF coordination call outcomes.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We encourage feedback on what aspects need improvement.