IETF Chair and IESG Report, 110

This report, sent out before IETF 110 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 110 from In-Person to Online

On October 14, 2020, the IETF Chair, IRTF Chair, and IETF LLC Chair announced the cancellation of the in-person IETF 110 Prague 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 110 will 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 12:00 UTC each day. A participant guide is available.
Meeting Sponsors

Although the in-person IETF 110 meeting was cancelled, our original Meeting Host, Google, graciously offered to serve as Host for the virtual meeting. Thank you!

Also thanks to Running Code sponsor ICANN. Thanks for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 110 Hackathon is being held online Monday, March 1 through Friday, March 5, 2021. 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.

Working Group Actions Since IETF 109

The following changes have occurred since IETF 109:

Working groups approved:

- IOT Operations (iotops)
- WebRTC Ingest Signaling over HTTPS (wish)

Working groups rechartered:

- Authentication and Authorization for Constrained Environments (ace)
- Open Specification for Pretty Good Privacy (openpgp)
- Real-Time Communication in WEB-browsers (rtcweb)

BOFs for IETF 110:

- DANE AutheNtication for lot Service Hardening (danish)
Working groups concluded:

- Binary Floor Control Protocol Bis (bfcpbis)
- Captive Portal Interaction (capport)
- Managed Incident Lightweight Exchange (mile)
- SIP Best-practice Recommendations Against Network Dangers to privacY (sipbrandy)

New Non-WG Mailing Lists:

- Dynamic Anycast (dyncast)
- Explicit Flow Measurements Techniques (explicit-meas)
- Signature Validation Tokens (svt)

Finalization of WebRTC Specifications

In January, the RFC Editor published a cluster of 50 documents ("cluster 238") comprising the WebRTC specifications. This milestone represents a tremendous investment from IETF participants over many years. More information about WebRTC can be found in recent blog posts written by Adam Roach and Alissa Cooper.

New EMODIR Co-Coordinator

In January, we welcomed Joey Salazar as the co-coordinator of the Education, Mentoring, and Outreach Directorate (EMODIR). Joey will be ramping up in the role during this calendar year as a co-coordinator with Karen O'Donoghue, who has been leading the directorate since its inception. Joey is a software engineer, open source developer, and Senior Programme Officer at ARTICLE 19, where she leads one of the team's engagement programs focusing on policies, standards, and protocol implementations.

More information about EMODIR can be found in the Datatracker and wiki.

Currently Running Experiments

For IETF 110, the IESG scheduled additional time between the BOF submission deadline and the BOF approval deadline to provide time for area directors to work with BOF proponents to refine their proposals. If you have feedback on this scheduling change, please send it to iesg@ietf.org.

IETF 110 is the third online IETF meeting with a full agenda, and as such we are still refining 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 110 includes an experimental show-of-hands tool for asking questions during WG/RG sessions. If you use the tool during IETF 110, 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

There have been no appeals to the IESG since IETF 109.

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 observed 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 all our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussions stay focused and appropriate.

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.