Chair and IESG Report

IETF 112

This report, sent out before IETF 112 begins, provides more details than can be covered during the plenary. If you have topics that you think the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) should discuss during the plenary, [please send email](#) (iesg@ietf.org).

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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 112 from in-person to online

On August 6, 2021, the IETF Chair, IRTF Chair, and IETF LLC Board Chair [announced the cancellation of the in-person IETF 112 Madrid 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 112 will be held online.

A detailed agenda for IETF 112 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.

IETF 112 is the fifth online IETF meeting with a full agenda, and as such we are still refining the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. For example, Meetecho will support sharing of PDF files when giving presentations at IETF 112 (instead of needing to share your screen or an application window). Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Note that the IETF 112 plenary, as an experiment, is scheduled in the week prior to the main meeting week, i.e., on November 3, 2021 at 13:30 UTC. (Also see below.)

Meeting sponsors

Although the in-person IETF 112 meeting was cancelled, our original Meeting Host, **Ericsson**, graciously offered to serve as Host for the virtual meeting. Thank you!

Also thanks to Diversity and Inclusivity Gold Sponsors **Akamai** and **Cisco**, Diversity and Inclusivity Silver Sponsor **Huawei**, Diversity and Inclusivity Bronze Sponsors **Comcast** and **Donuts**. Also thanks to Running Code Bronze Sponsor **CNNIC**. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 112 Hackathon is being held online Monday, November 1 through Friday, November 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

The following changes have occurred since IETF 111:

Working groups approved:
  ● DANE Authentication for Network Clients Everywhere (dance)
  ● MAC Address Device Identification for Network and Application Services (madinas)
  ● Media Type Maintenance (mediaman)
  ● Oblivious HTTP Application Intermediation (ohai)
  ● System for Cross-domain Identity Management (scim)

Working groups rechartered:
  ● Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (alto)

BOFs for IETF 112:
- [Privacy Respecting Incorporation of Values (priv)](#)

Working groups concluded:
- [Host Identity Protocol (hip)](#)
- [Public Notary Transparency (trans)](#)

New Non-WG Mailing Lists:
- [Authenticated Received Chain (ARC)](#)
- [Media Over QUIC (MOQ)](#)

Currently running experiments

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! Below are brief summaries of the currently running experiments.

Plenary experiment

Based on the [feedback received on the proposal to move the IETF 112 plenary](#) to the week before the meeting, the IESG has decided to go ahead with the experiment. We did receive some feedback indicating that the proposed experiment is problematic in certain ways for some individuals, but feel that actually running the experiment is still appropriate, in order to get data about how it affects the overall community.

The IETF 112 plenary is scheduled on **Wednesday, 3 November 2021, in the time slot of 13:30-15:00 UTC**, or 14:30-16:00 Madrid time. At notable extremes, this begins at 06:30 in San Francisco and ends at 02:00 in Sydney, with some of the less popular hours over the Pacific.

Online welcome reception

The IETF 112 Welcome Reception will take place immediately following the plenary on **Wednesday, 3 November 2021 from 15:00 to 17:00 UTC in gather.town**. There will be interactive games (optional) and it will be a great opportunity to reconnect with IETF friends and make new ones!

HotRFC

Hot RFC Lightning Talks will take place in the same gather.town room as the Welcome Reception on **Wednesday, 3 November 2021 from 15:15 to 16:15 UTC.**

BOF deadline schedule experiment

For IETF 112, 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.

RFC 8989 NomCom eligibility experiment

For the 2021 NomCom, RFC 8989 defines an experiment to extend the eligibility criteria. As part of this experiment, the IESG shared a report on the findings with the community in consultation with the 2020 and 2021 NomCom chairs. Please see RFC 8989 for details.

Appeals

There have been no appeals to the IESG since IETF 111.

IESG Statements

The IESG published the following IESG statements since IETF 111:

- September 1, 2021 Report on the RFC 8989 experiment

Our standards for 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.

During the IETF week, the ADs of several areas hold "office hours", during which community members can drop in to chat about any related topic they may have. Please check the meeting agenda at https://datatracker.ietf.org/meeting/agenda/ for times.

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.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We encourage feedback on what aspects need improvement. One item we'd like to call out is the availability of detailed information about each AD's document processing in the datatracker at https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad/<first>.<last>, e.g., https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad/lars.eggert. While this has been available for some time, community feedback seems to indicate that this is not well-known.