# Centralization and Internet Standards

draft-nottingham-avoiding-internet-centralization

## Purpose

- Inspired by 'chokepoints' w/ Brian T (abandoned IAB proto-draft)
- Focus is on exploring how centralisation relates to the Internet standards community and our work
  - Centralisation / competition in general are MUCH larger topics
  - We lack expertise and authority in many aspects (economics, law, etc.)
  - In many cases, we do not have the ability to prevent centralization through positive or negative action
  - But there are still things we can do

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### Feedback So Far

- Seems to be strong / broad interest in the topic
- Much encouragement to publish
- Many tweaks / adjustments to text throughout
- No pushback or substantial suggestions on 'kinds of centralization'
- 'What should internet standards do?' is most tentative, needs development
- Need to update acknowledgements section

# **Next Steps**

- Something like 75% 'there' some open issues / things in my head / outstanding feedback
- Planning to submit to the Independent Stream
- Want to incorporate more community feedback / review
- Want to publish relatively soon

### Contribute

- https://github.com/mnot/avoiding-internet-centralization
- architecture-discuss@ietf.org (?)