

IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 118

This report, sent out before IETF 118 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) or ask the question during the IESG open mic session.

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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, IETF Trust, and RFC Series Consulting Editor (RSCE) reports can be found under the IETF Plenary on [the meeting materials page](#) (materials to be supplied later).

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A detailed [agenda for IETF 118 is available](#). At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 08:30 UTC (09:30 CET) each day. A [Meetecho participant guide](#) is available, and the [meeting webpage](#) answers many practical questions related to in-person and remote participation. Participants interested in new topics – experienced and new participants alike – can consult the blog post on suggested [IETF 118 sessions for getting familiar with new topics](#).

We are still refining the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. In-person participants must use Meetecho (or the Meetecho-lite version for mobile devices) to sign virtual blue sheets, join the microphone queues, and participate in any chair-initiated polls. Because the Meetecho client has a fresh new user interface for IETF

118, you may want to [get familiar with Meetecho](#) before the meeting. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Reminder: Before IETF 117, the IETF LLC and IESG [consulted the community](#) on what COVID measures participants would like to see at IETF 117 and beyond. Based on the results of the consultation, the IETF has dropped all COVID measures that go beyond measures required by local and venue regulations.

Meeting sponsors

Thanks to Diversity and Inclusion Gold Sponsors **Akamai** and **Huawei**; Running Code Gold Sponsor **Ericsson**; Sustainability Gold Sponsor **Oracle Cloud Infrastructure**; Diversity and Inclusion Silver Sponsor **Cisco**; Running Code Silver Sponsor **Meta**; Running Code Bronze Sponsor **ICANN**; and Diversity and Inclusion Bronze Sponsors **Comcast, Google, Identity Digital, ICANN, and Verisign**. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 118 Hackathon was held Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, 2023 in Prague, Czechia. The IETF Hackathons are open to everyone. The Hackathon is a collaborative event, not a competition, and held in the spirit of advancing the pace and relevance of new and evolving Internet standards.

The IETF Tools Team held their regular Codesprint on Saturday, November 4, 2023.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 117:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- [Key Transparency \(keytrans\)](#)
- [Structured Email \(sml\)](#)

BOFs at IETF 118:

- [Workload Identity in Multi System Environments \(wimse\)](#)
- [Secure Patterns for Internet CrEdentials \(spice\)](#)
- [Detecting Unwanted Location Trackers \(dult\)](#)

Working Groups that concluded:

- [NomCom Eligibility Update \(elegy\)](#)
- [IPv6 over Low Power Wide-Area Networks \(lpwan\)](#)
- [Relay User Machine \(rum\)](#)
- [Reliable and Available Wireless \(raw\)](#)

New non-WG mailing lists:

- [Discussing the use of the IP protocol stack in deep space. \(deepspace\)](#)
- [Secure Patterns for Internet Credentials \(SPICE\)](#)
- [Request new identifier assignments in the SNMP TLSTM HashAlgorithm registry \(snmp-tlstm-reg-review\)](#)
- [Modelling-related topics while building the digital map \(digitalmap-yang\)](#)

Currently running experiments

The IESG decided to run an extended Friday afternoon schedule at IETF 118 to accommodate a growing number of WG and RG sessions. Feedback on this experiment will be collected during the post-meeting questionnaire; participants may of course also email iesg@ietf.org with any comments.

Appeals

There has been [one appeal](#) since IETF 117:

- [Appeal: IESG Statement on Guidance on In-Person and Online Interim Meetings](#)
- [IESG Response to Appeal](#)

IESG Statements

- [Support Documents in IETF Working Groups](#)
- [Guidance on In-Person and Online Interim Meetings](#)

IESG Announcements

- [Result of Consultation on ART/TSV Area Reorganization](#)
- [Selection of Russ Housley as RSWG co-chair](#)

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 Chairs, Area Directors or alternatively the [Ombudsteam](#), who are available if you need to confidentially raise concerns about harassment or other conduct in the IETF.

We also expect civil behavior on all our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf.org 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 for times](#). Outside the office hours, all ADs are open to discussion: never hesitate to contact them even for a simple chat over a cup of coffee.

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 a dashboard giving an overview of the IESG workload, with links to detailed information about each AD’s document processing. The dashboard is in the datatracker at <https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad>. While this has been available for some time, community feedback seems to indicate that this is not well-known.