IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 119

This report, sent out before IETF 119 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.

This report covers:

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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).

IETF 119

A detailed agenda for IETF 119 is available. At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 08:30 AEST (22:30 UTC) on Monday and 09:30 AEST (23:30 UTC) Tuesday through Friday. 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 – should consult the blog post on suggested IETF 119 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. If you have not used Meetecho in a while, you should get familiar with
Meetecho before the meeting. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Meeting sponsors

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Hackathon

The IETF 119 Hackathon will be held Saturday March 16 and Sunday March 17, 2024 in Brisbane, Australia. 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 will hold their regular Codesprint on Saturday, March 16, 2024.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 118:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- vCon (vcon)
- Network Management Operations (nmop)
- Detecting Unwanted Location Trackers (dult)
- Workload Identity in Multi System Environments (wimse)

BOFs at IETF 119:

- New DNS Delegation (deleg)
- SRv6 Operations (srv6ops)
- Secure Communication of Network Properties (sconepro)
Secure Patterns for Internet CrEdentials (spice)

Working Groups that concluded:

- Stay Home Meet Occasionally Online (shmoo)
- Domain Keys Identified Mail (dkim)
- Light-Weight Implementation Guidance (lwig)
- Application-Layer Traffic Optimization (alto)
- Transfer dIGital cREdentialS Securely (tigress)
- JSON Path (jsonpath)
- Diameter Maintenance and Extensions (dime)

New non-WG mailing lists:

- Personal Digital Agent Protocol (pdap)
- Non-IP control (nipc)
- Securing Ancillary Data for Communicating with Devices in the Network (sadcdn)
- No Draft Expiry (no-draft-expiry)
- Discussion list for proposals presented at ALLDISPATCH (alldispatch)
- Network Attestation for Secure Routing (nasr)
- Identity Alignment (id-align)
- Technology Deep Dives (tdd)
- BoF-SRv6-Operations (bof-srv6ops)
- DNS Delegation (dd)
- Data Center Networking for AI Clusters (aidc)
- Symmetric Key Exchange (skex)
- AI Control (ai-control)

Currently running experiments

The IESG decided to hold an ALLDISPATCH session to combine work that would otherwise go to DISPATCH, SECDISPATCH, GENDISPATCH or other per-area “dispatch” sessions. This session will run without any conflicts on Monday morning. Additionally, the extended Friday afternoon schedule that was begun at IETF 118 is continuing.

Appeals

There have been no appeals since IETF 118.
IESG Statements

There have been no IESG Statements since IETF 118.

IESG Announcements

- IESG Appoints Kristin Berdan to the IETF Trust (2024-02-23)
- Call for feedback: IESG appointment to the IETF Trust (2024-01-23)
- Update on WIT Transition (2024-01-18)
- Reminder: Call for nominations: IESG appointment to the IETF Trust (2024-01-04)
- Call for nominations: IESG appointment to the IETF Trust (2023-12-08)
- ALLDISPATCH experiment feedback (2023-11-30)

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.