

# IPv6 over Low power WPAN WG (6lowpan)

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- **We assume people have read the drafts**
- **Meetings serve to advance difficult issues by making good use of face-to-face communications**
- **Be aware of the IPR principles, according to RFC 3979**

✓Blue sheets

✓Scribe(s)

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# 65<sup>th</sup> IETF: 6lowpan WG Agenda

<b>09:00 - Intro and agenda</b>	<b>Bormann (10)</b>
<b>09:10 - Format Spec</b>	<b>Montenegro (40)</b>
<b>09:50 - Rechartering</b>	<b>Chairs (60)</b>
<b>10:50 - New Work</b>	
<b>10:50 - ND</b>	<b>Chakrabarti/Nordmark (25)</b>
<b>11:15 - Routing updates</b>	<b>Kim (15)</b>
<b>11:30 - Serial interfacing</b>	<b>Sarikaya (5)</b>

## What is 6lowpan?

- **Interesting L2 network: IEEE 802.15.4**
  - Low power, 20..250 kbit/s, 900 and 2400 MHz
  - Almost, but not entirely, unlike 802
    - Small MTU, limited range
- **Job of 6lowpan: make this look like an IPv6 [link](#)**
  - Classical encapsulation issues → format document
  - Reachability: [mesh routing](#)
  - No [multicast](#): emulate, avoid (e.g., ND)

# 6lowpan Wiki

- <http://6lowpan.tzi.org>
- **Read: Everyone**
- **Update/Create: AuthorGroup**
  - Send mail to [cabo@tzi.org](mailto:cabo@tzi.org) to get in there
- **Your changes are welcome**
  - If we really don't like them, we'll revert them :-)
- **Gives us a chance to compile material that will be useful for next steps**
  - Of course, mailing list is better for actual discussion

## WG secretary

### **RFC 2418:**

#### **6.2. WG Secretary**

**Taking minutes and editing working group documents often is performed by a specifically-designated participant or set of participants. In this role, the Secretary's job is to record WG decisions, rather than to perform basic specification.**

# Open Milestones (from WG charter page)

- **Mar 05**      **draft-ietf-6lowpan-problem: WG last call**
- **Apr 05**      **draft-ietf-6lowpan-problem ➔ IESG**
  - Informational
- **May 05**      **draft-ietf-6lowpan-format: WG last call**
- **Jul 05**      **draft-ietf-6lowpan-format ➔ IESG**
  - Proposed Standard
- **Almost done...**
- **We are not chartered for work beyond this**

## What we need to do today

1. **Work on finishing our core documents**
  1. Problem statement: only editorial nits remain (see list)
  2. Format statement: next segment
2. **Discuss future work**
  - How much should we bite off?
  - Plan for a Rechartering **that keeps focus**

## **Segment 2: Format spec 09:10–09:50**

**Gabriel Montenegro**

## **Segment 3: Rechartering 09:50–10:50**

**Chairs**

# 6lowpan: Proposed New Charter Items

- **Network Setup and IPv6 ND Optimizations (PS)**
- **Problem statement stateful header compression (Inf)**
- **Recommendations for applications (Inf)**
  - Transport, App, Discovery/Configuration/Commissioning
- **Mesh Routing (PS)**
  - Adaptation of existing routing protocol(s) to L2 and 6lowpan target environment
- **Security Analysis (Inf)**

## Network Setup and IPv6 ND Optimizations (PS)

### Problem:

- IPv6 ND is too expensive (power)
- IPv6 ND requires multicast

### Solution:

- Use 802.15.4 network structure (coordinators)
- Obviate multicast by talking to coordinator
  - To do: Avoid single point of failure
- Change ND multicast semantics
- Define 6lowpan network setup

## Problem statement stateful HC (Inf)

### Problem:

- Stateless HC (format spec) may not be sufficient
  - Stateful HC (2507, ROHC) too complex
- Document problem

## Recommendations for applications (Inf)

### Problem:

- Applications are going to choose wildly different protocols for:
  - Transport, Application layer protocols, Discovery/Configuration/Commissioning
- Document relevant choices

# Mesh Routing (PS)

## Problem:

- existing routing protocols
  - are at L3
  - don't consider 6lowpan target environment

## Solution:

- Leave change control with MANET
- Define packet formats for L2
- Define interoperable subset for 6lowpan

# Security Analysis (Inf)

## Problem:

- Security in Lowpans is 🤝**hard**🤝

→ Define threat model

→ Document suitability of existing key management schemes



# Milestones

- ...
- **Finish this round in Dec 06?**

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# Interim?

## Proposal:

- **end of May**
- **Two days**
- **Europe?**

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## **Segment 4: New Work**

### **10:50–11:35**

**Chakrabarti/Nordmark: ND**

**Kim: Routing**

**Sarikaya: Serial Interface**