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- BCP 79 < http://tools.ietf.org/html/bcp79 (on Intellectual Property Rights in the IETF)

Agenda

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Administrivia

- Welcome!
- Blue sheets
- Jabber scribe
- Minute-taker

Document Organization

- We would like to build a set of documents from the bottom up, and resist divergence until as close as possible to the top
- Low level:
 - Requirements (maybe)
 - Common transport and authentication
 - Common query "language", URI construction
 - Objects common to all clients and servers
- High level:
 - Names objects vs. Numbers objects

Supporting Objects: "MUST" support

- When we say a server MUST support something, we mean it MUST NOT reject a request that meets our standard syntax, buy MAY ignore it
- When we say a client MUST support something, we mean it MUST NOT consider the presence of a standard field to be an error, but MAY discard its content

Service Differentiation

- How do we accomplish this?
 - Personally Identifiable Information should only be shown to authorized parties
 - Rate limiting
- [Shuo Shen presentation]

RESTful Versioning and Extensions

- Do we need to version the protocol?
 - In terms of supported objects
- How do we go about ensuring extensibility?
 - IANA?
- [Andy Newton presentation]

URI Templates

RFC6570

- Client contacts the server to ask for a template that describes how to form a query URI
- Client fills out the template based on an internal table of objects and their values
- This produces the URI, which is then queried
- Client complexity!
- But this is "the way", according to web experts
 - Standards don't own the URI space, servers do
- Also means that a client doesn't need to be specifically designed as a names client or numbers client

Object Inventory

- We need to define the set of data that will go into our first standard set of objects
 - Common vs. names vs. numbers
- [Ning Kong presentation]
- Design team approach

Discovery

- So you have a question to ask. Where do you start?
- Is mapping in scope? If so, should we limit the scope?
 - What ideas are on the table here?
- [Chris Wright and John Levine presentation]

Specifics

 Do we have any other specific topics to discuss before the design teams get cracking?

Next Steps

- Which documents do we adopt, or create?
 - Who will act as authors/editors?
 - Individuals
 - Design team(s)
 - What milestones shall we set?