Benchmarks, Time Management, and the Soft Science of the Side Effect.

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Consider Mr. Bradner…

- In which role/context?
  - Internet advocate, leader, technologist?
  - Author, researcher, consultant, educator?
- Consider the BMWG context?
  - First, seminal chair; oft-cited contributor?
  - It's area director?
  - Mentor of countless many?

How about Master of Time Management?

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- BMWG vision has Scott's fingerprints:
  - "The major goal of the Benchmarking Methodology Working Group is to make a series of recommendations concerning the measurement of the performance characteristics of different classes of network equipment and software services."

  - These tenets persist today.

  - *Side effects: not just measure fairly, but raise the bar for the technology.*

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- Scott has enable scores of contributors:
    - Authors
    - WG Chairs
    - WG Participants
- Through:
    - Leadership
    - Mentorship
    - Commentary

- *Side effects: 34 RFCs since 1989.*

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From: Scott Bradner

RE: loosening of Throughput standard?

Date: Thu, 27 Apr 2000 14:09:42 -0400 (EDT)

>There are some people that are applying an acceptable frame loss
>rate to the throughput definition. The next question … is this
>acceptable?

No.

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- Scott has always understood the relationship between tests and good benchmarks.
  - A test is not always a meaningful test;
  - A meaningful test is not always a good benchmark.

- *Side effects: through his support of innovating benchmarking, Scott has been seminal in:*
  - *Providing the user community with means to level;*
  - *Catalyzing a level of network device performance;*
  - *Helping to realize benchmark vehicles by supporting test instrument vendors and independent test labs.*

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- Thanks, Scott, for all your contributions, to our WG and our community!