IETF WG
meeting experiments

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Why I'm here

- IETF WGs at IETF meetings look the way they worked years ago.
- IESG retreats don't - we see "unconferences", and meeting in pubs.
- Some WG interims don't - we see things like U-seating.
- Some WGs are trying some creative things.
- The IESG would like WGs to work effectively.
- Some WG chairs may want to experiment.
- We'd like to understand what chairs will need, if you want to try new things.

Some chairs are trying different things now

- Some WGs request two short sessions, to allow for discussion in between.
- Some WGs have had panel discussions.
- Some WGs are planning to experiment with non-classroom seating.
- Some WGs are relying partially on hackathon results to drive discussion.
- Recent IETFs have had an open sign-up room.
- Recent IETFs have had lounges that worked for more-than-10 discussing.
- This IETF has the "do stuff table" where people can run to collaborate.

- RGs have more freedom than WGs - for example, round table + observers.
- (You probably shouldn't try this in an IETF WG without talking to your AD :)

This is the IETF, which means

- We expect to do much of our work on mailing lists.
- We expect to make/confirm decisions on mailing lists.
- We want to be "as open as we can be" for remote participants.

- But we do meet - full IETF weeks, WG interims, retreats, workshops
- You have a lot of freedom to run your meetings effectively.
- Ever noticed the "special requests" field on the meeting request form?

Making sure you have the resources you need

- **What are those resources?**
- Do the current slot lengths work for you?
- Do you need more time in WG meetings?
- Do you need LESS time in WG meetings?
- Do you need more/different/less space for your WG?

We can't always have everything

- We want to do the right thing.
- We want your working groups to work effectively.
- We want to make sure you have resources you need.
- Early communication will help us get the resources we need.

**Tell us now, or
Talk to each other first, or
Talk to your ADs first**