



# IETF Trust

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## IETF TRUST

### Legal Provisions Relating to IETF Documents

Effective Date: March 25, 2015

#### 1. Background

The IETF Trust was formed on December 15, 2005, for, among other things, the purpose of acquiring, holding, maintaining and licensing certain existing and future intellectual property used in connection with the Internet standards process and its administration, for the advancement of science and technology associated with the Internet and related technology. Accordingly, pursuant to RFC 5378, Contributors grant the IETF Trust certain licenses with respect to their IETF Contributions. In RFC 5377, the IETF Community has provided the IETF Trust with guidance regarding licenses that the IETF Trust should grant to others with respect to such IETF Contributions and IETF Documents. These Legal Provisions describe the rights and licenses that the IETF Trust grants to others with respect to such IETF Contributions and IETF Documents; as well as certain restrictions, limitations and notices relating to IETF Documents. These Legal Provisions also apply to other document streams that have requested that the IETF Trust act as licensing administrator, as described in Section 8 below. Capitalized terms used in these Legal Provisions that are not otherwise defined have the meanings set forth in RFC 5378.

# IETF Trust Purpose



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- Hold & Manage IP Assets for IETF
- 2016 - ICANN/IANA added as part of NTIA-IANA Stewardship Divestiture
- Contributions to the IETF
  - E.g. Internet Drafts
- Copyrights
  - e.g. IETF RFC's, Logos
- Trademarks
  - IETF, IANA Marks, additional IETF marks
- Software
  - IETF Tools, IETF YANG Catalog
- Domain Registrations
  - IETF.ORG, IESG.ORG, IRTF.ORG, IAB.ORG, IANA.ORG

# Trust Structure

- Commonwealth of Virginia Trust
- IRS 501c3 Non-Profit
- Independent from ISOC and IETC LLC
- Website: [trustee.ietf.org](http://trustee.ietf.org)
- 5 Trustees
  - IETF Nomcom 3, IESG 1, ISOC BoT 1 = 5 Trustees
  - No financial support (travel or compensation)
  - Knowledge of IP law useful
- Annual budget ~100K
  - Legal & Administration Services, TM Registrations, Domain Registrations, Trustee Insurance
  - Seeks diverse funding sources:
    - IETF LLC
    - Past contributions from Google, NBCUniversal, Tencent and others

# Trust's 2020 Activities

- IETF Trust Website design ([trustee.ietf.org](http://trustee.ietf.org)) update - coming soon
  - Easier engagement
  - Refreshed material
  - Easier license requests
- Review & update of Trust procedures, information and documentation
- Routine requests for use of IETF logos, trademarks
- On going monitoring for infringements
  
- IETF Trust also handles IETF fashion consultation
  - IETF Trust reviews and approves IETF meeting t-shirts
  - IETF meeting shirts license the IETF logo from the IETF Trust

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