IETF Chair and IESG Report

IETF 115

This report, sent out before IETF 115 begins, provides more details than can be covered during the plenary. If you have topics that you think the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) should discuss during the plenary, please send email (iesg@ietf.org) or ask the question during the IESG open mic session.

This report covers:

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In addition, there are typically several other reports posted prior to the meeting: the IAB Report and the IETF Administration LLC Board Report. The IANA, Secretariat, and Temporary RFC Series Project Manager reports can be found under the IETF Plenary on the meeting materials page (materials to be supplied later).

IETF 115

IETF 115 will be a hybrid meeting, as announced, meaning that both in-person participation in London and remote participation are possible. We still expect a larger than usual fraction of the participants to be remote, compared to pre-pandemic meetings. While the final headcounts were still in flux at the time of writing, in-person registrations appear to be on track to returning to pre-pandemic levels.

A detailed agenda for IETF 115 is available. At this meeting, working group sessions will begin at 09:30 UTC each day. A participant guide is available, and the meeting FAQ answers many practical questions related to in-person and remote participation. Participants interested in new topics – experienced and new participants alike – can consult the blog post on suggested IETF 115 sessions for getting familiar with new topics.

IETF 115 is the third hybrid IETF meeting and we are still refining the use of the Meetecho conferencing platform in new ways. For example, in-person participants must use Meetecho (or
the recent Meetecho-lite version for mobile devices) to sign virtual blue sheets, join the microphone queues, and participate in any chair-initiated polls. You may want to get familiar with Meetecho before the meeting. Please send your feedback about the meeting tooling to tools-discuss@ietf.org.

Meeting sponsors

Our Meeting Host is Cisco. Thank you!

Also thanks to Local Supporter BT, Diversity and Inclusion Gold Sponsors Akamai, Cisco, and Huawei; Sustainability Gold Sponsor Oracle Cloud Infrastructure; Silver Running Code Sponsor Meta; Bronze Running Code Sponsor ICANN; and Diversity and Inclusion Bronze Sponsors Comcast, Identity Digital, ICANN and Verisign. Also thanks to the Connectivity Sponsor BT. Thank you for helping make the Internet work better!

Hackathon

The IETF 115 Hackathon was held Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 2022 in London, UK. The IETF Hackathons are free to attend and are open to everyone. The Hackathon is a collaborative event, not a competition. Any competition is friendly and in the spirit of advancing the pace and relevance of new and evolving Internet standards.

The IETF Tools Team held their regular Codesprint on Saturday. Also, for the second time, a “content sprint” was held, with the goal of accelerating the migration of content from the old trac wiki system to the new wikijs system.

Working Group actions

The following changes have occurred since IETF 114:

New Working Groups that were approved:

- NomCom Eligibility Update (elegy)
Currently running experiments

In general, the IESG would like to encourage experimenting and trying new things. If you have ideas about potentially useful things to try, try them and tell the rest of us! Below are brief summaries of the currently running experiments.

RFC 8989 NomCom Eligibility Experiment

On Oct 8, 2021, the IESG communicated its decision to prolong the RFC8989 experiment for a second and final year. On Jul 9, 2022, the IESG provided additional clarifications on that extension of the RFC 8989 experiment. In August 2022, the IESG chartered the NomCom Eligibility Update (elegy) Working Group to update Section 4.14 of RFC 8713.

Appeals

There have been no appeals to the IESG since IETF 114.
IESG Statements

- 2022-10-31 - IESG Statement on Restricting Access to IETF IT Systems

IESG Announcements

- 2022-09-09 - New version of the "Tao of the IETF" published
- 2022-09-09 - Call for nominations: IESG appointment to the IETF Trust
- 2022-10-14 - Call for Feedback: IESG appointment to the IETF Trust
- 2022-10-29 - BCP 83 PR-Action Approved: Dan Harkins

Our standards for professional behavior

IETF meetings, virtual meetings, and mailing lists are intended for professional collaboration and networking, as defined in the IETF Guidelines for Conduct, the IETF Anti-Harassment Policy, and the IETF Anti-Harassment Procedures. If you have any concerns about observed behavior, please talk to the Chairs, Area Directors or alternatively the Ombudsteam, who are available if you need to confidentially raise concerns about harassment or other conduct in the IETF.

We also expect civil behavior on all our mailing lists, including the ietf@ietf.org discussion list. There are multiple mechanisms to help list discussions stay focused and appropriate.

Keeping up with the IESG

The IESG formal telechat calls are open for observation. The upcoming agenda is posted online and an invitation is mailed out to the IETF main announcement list in advance of each telechat. The calendar and connection details are also available. We post both short and narrative minutes. And of course, the best place to follow what is going on with a particular document is the datatracker. The relevant actions such as significant comments from the IESG continue to be automatically emailed to the relevant WG mailing list.

During the IETF week, the ADs of several areas hold “office hours”, during which community members can drop in to chat about any related topic they may have. Please check the meeting agenda for times. Outside the office hours, all ADs are open to discussion: never hesitate to contact them even for a simple chat.

The IESG continues to work on increasing transparency. We encourage feedback on what aspects need improvement. One item we’d like to call out is the availability of a dashboard giving an overview of the IESG workload, with links to detailed information about each AD’s document processing. The dashboard is in the datatracker at https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/ad. While this has been available for some time, community feedback seems to indicate that this is
not well-known. An ongoing tools team project will provide an aggregate view of these statistics at the IESG level.