Report on IETF IANAPLAN working group activities

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Plan

• Some background on IETF, its process, IAOC and IETF Trust
• IANAPLAN working group activities

• Acknowledgement: many slides are taken from the Newcomers tutorial slide deck presented at the beginning of every IETF meeting.
Background on IETF and its process

• “We reject kings, presidents and voting. We believe in rough consensus and running code”, Dave Clark, 1992

• IETF does not exist (in a legal sense), no members, no voting. The IETF is “an organized activity of the Internet Society”

• Working groups are where the work is done. Mailing lists and meetings. Charter is agreed and reviewed by community. Outcomes are documents edited by document editors based on working group consensus.
Rough Concensus

• no defined IETF membership - just “participants”
• “Rough consensus and running code...”
• does not require unanimity
  – But should ensure that everyone has their say
• no formal voting (can not define the constituency)
  – can do show of hands or hum - but no count
• disputes resolved by discussion
  – on mailing list and in face-to-face meetings
• final decisions must be verified on mailing list
  – to ensure those not present at face-to-face are included
  – but taking into account face-to-face discussion
IAOC and IETF Trust

• IETF Administrative Oversight Committee (IAOC)
  – Take care of admin tasks (meetings (locations ;-) , finance, tools, ...) including legal related (subpoenas, contracts, ...)

IETF Trust created in Dec 2005 to hold IETF IPR
  – copyrights (on RFCs, etc), domain names (e.g., ietf.org), trademarks, software paid for by IETF, databases, etc

• Trust Members are from the IAOC.
IANAPLAN Working Group

• Charter
  – Discussed in community, agreed and approved, Sept 08 2014.
  – extract:
    • The IANAPLAN working group is chartered to produce an IETF consensus document that describes the expected interaction between the IETF and the operator of IETF protocol parameters registries.
    • Should proposals made by other communities regarding the transition of other IANA functions affect the IETF protocol parameter registries or the IETF, the WG may also review and comment on them.
    • Fully documenting the interaction between the IETF and the operator of IETF protocol parameters registries may require detailed terms of agreements or other details of procedures that are normally delegated to and handled by the IAB or IAOC. The working group will not attempt to produce or discuss documentation for these details, but will request the IAB or IAOC to provide them separately.
  – Milestones:
    • protocol parameters registries document (draft-ietf-ianaplan-icg-response)
    • review of other transition proposals, if needed
draft-ietf-ianaplan-icg-response

• Context:
  – “fill out” the ICG questionnaire
  – Interactions with IANA are well documented in many IETF documents.
  – So this task has been often an exercise to extract and reference what exists already.

• High-level summary:
  – No major changes needed.
draft-ietf-ianaplan-icg-response

• Timeline:
  – 2014-08-29 Individual draft
  – 2014-10-06 IANAPLAN Interim meeting (Virtual)
  – 2014-10-08 Working group draft
  – 7 revisions later
  – 2014-11-26
    • draft---06 Submitted to IESG
    • IETF Last Call issued
  – Based on comments received, 3 revisions later
  – 2015-01-06
    • draft-...-09 Approved for publication
    • Sent to ICG
  – “On hold” (my own words) until next steps
Two items were more debated:

- iana.org
- Legal framework
Conclusion

• IETF used its own process to respond to ICG request and to any follow-up task that might arise regarding the IANA Stewardship Transition

• IETF current documents and processes seem to be satisfactory for the IANA transition. This does not imply that nothing else is needed in the future.

• IANAPLAN wg “On hold” until next steps
References

• IANAPLAN WG charter, https://datatracker.ietf.org/wg/ianaplan/charter/