

First Day Notes

IESG/IAB Retreat

Half Moon Bay

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Purposes of the retreat

- Get together
- Figure out how we're doing
 - In particular, how the IESG/IAB are doing
- Get some of our problems on the table
- Figure out where we're going

Topic: Referential Integrity

- Naming is hard
- More types of names makes it harder
- The semantics of names change on you without notice – ”evolution in action”
- Clear thinking – and documentation! – helps, as always.

Telephony in the Internet

- Whatever WE think, the market has decided that they love us.
- Working with other fora means
 - Understanding their mindset
 - Figuring out what they really want
 - Finding a way that is acceptable to all
- That's Hard Work!

And ICANN is a problem.

IETF: Getting the right things in

- Tension between "thousand flowers" and "do the Right Thing" modes
- Arrivals always come with baggage
 - Existing user communities
 - Fixed models of how things should work
 - Resistance to change (just like us)
- Understanding proposals is critical. And Hard Work.
- Process is not optimal, either in getting good stuff done or bad stuff stopped.
- The number of things we regretted NOT taking on is not too terrifying.

Today

- Focus more on "IETF stuff"
- Surface what people are worried about
- Focus on what we can do to do better
- What do we do in Atlanta?