Internet Engineering Task Force and 5G Standardization

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Overview of the IETF





IETF principles (RFC 3935)

- Open process
- Technical competence
- Volunteer core
- Rough consensus
- Running code
- Protocol ownership





IETF technical areas



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Internet

Packets, packet addressing, mobility

Routing

Selecting paths for packets

Ops & Management

Operating and managing networks

Transport

Use of paths to provide end-to-end experience

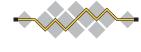
Apps & Real-Time

Application protocols and primitives

Security

Security protocols and primitives

Examples of past and current work



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Internet

IPv4, IPv6, DNS, DHCP 6LoWPAN, LPWAN Routing

BGP, OSPF, IS-IS MPLS, pseudowire SFC, NVO3, DETNET Ops & Management

IPFIX, SNMP YANG, NETCONF AAA, RADIUS, Diameter

Transport

TCP, UDP QUIC, DTN Apps & Real-Time

HTTP, CoAP SIP, RTP, WebRTC JSON, URNs, URIs Security

TLS, IPSec, EAP, PKIX

Typical path to RFC standard



Individual internet draft submission

Working group

- Discussion
- Adoption
- More discussion, review, WG last call
- WG consensus?

IETF community

- IETF last call
- IETF consensus?

Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG)

- Review
- Approval?

Publication

- RFC Editor review
- Publication as RFC



IETF Work Relevant to 5G



Potentially relevant IETF work



- New uses of existing technology
- New technology currently in development
 - Routing-related work
 - Traffic engineering, abstractions, and network management
 - Deterministic networking
 - New transport protocol: QUIC

New uses of existing technology



- Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP)
 - Framework for network access authentication (RFC 3748)
 - Includes SIM- and AKA-based authentication methods
 - Draft 5G security specification from SA3 includes the use of this framework
 - Likely no new IETF work needed, but if so, new versions can be published (e.g., as EAP-AKA' was published as revision to EAP-AKA)

HTTP/2

- Revision to HTTP standard, published as RFC 7540 in 2015
- Potentially of interest for 5G and IoT applications generally due to focus on reducing latency and conserving network/server resources

New technology currently in development



Routing-related work (1/2)



- Data models as abstractions for consuming topology, proximity, etc., plus APIs/bindings to program the network
 - Relevant IETF working groups: Traffic Engineering Architecture and Signaling (TEAS), Interface to Routing System (I2RS)
- Path computation to meet constraints of 5G radio
 - Path Computation Element (PCE) working group
- Routing protocols for distributed networking, transport of objective functions and metrics
 - BGP, OSPF/ISIS TE metric extensions, PCEP/RSVP
- Encapsulations to provide abstractions and metadata
 - MPLS, Network Virtualization Overlays (NVO3), Deterministic Networking (DETNET) working groups

Routing-related work (2/2)



- Segment routing as means to provide transport slice
 - Source Packet Routing in Networking (SPRING) working group
- Service chaining to transport traffic across virtualized functions
 - Service Function Chaining (SFC) working group





- Data models for service delivery
 - Layer 2 Service Model (L2SM) and Layer 3 Service Model (L3SM)
- Data models for network management
 - Network Configuration (NETCONF) and NETCONF Data Modeling Language (NETMOD) working groups
- Traffic engineering tools, including interfaces between service orchestration, SDN controllers, access network, core network
 - TEAS working group

Deterministic networking (DETNET)



- Support for applications requiring controlled latency, loss, jitter, and high reliability within an administrative domain
- Deterministic delivery achieved through:
 - Reserving data plane resources on path for individual flows
 - Explicit routes that do not rapidly change
 - Distribution of packets over time/space for redundancy

New transport protocol: QUIC



- Perhaps not direct dependency for 5G, but still relevant
- UDP-based, stream-multiplexing, always-encrypted transport protocol focused on minimizing application latency
- Work may include considerations for manageability, path MTU discovery, tuning



Achieving successful collaboration

From IETF side, we understand ...



- Rel-15 intended to finish June 2018
- Requirements currently under active discussion in 3GPP
- 5G work spans multiple SDOs and open source projects
 - Can leverage existing relationships with IEEE, BBF, OPNFV, etc.
- Can build on successful past collaborations (SIP/IMS, EAP-AKA, Diameter, etc.)

How can we best work together?



- Have individuals who are actively participating in both 3GPP and IETF
- Conceptualize requests for IETF work as requirements
- Send requirements early
- Be clear about what 5G entails, and what are highest priorities
- Share information about indirect dependencies from other SDOs/ projects
- Target requests to IETF where functionality is expected to be broadly deployable on the internet
- Continue to track IETF dependencies in 3GPP work plan

People who can help





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IETF working group chairs, Internet Architecture Board (IAB), and Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG) members can help shepherd new IETF work.

References



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Thank you.

