

IAB Technical Topics

Summary for the IESG and IAB meeting

Topics discussed

- Bigger trends & Internet issues
- IAB workshops
- Path signals
- Centralisation & consolidation
- Moderation

Big tech issues & workshops

- Looked at IESG PEST and IAB survey comments for issues
 - We seemed to largely agree on the top-level big trends and issues
- The question is what next level more detailed activities or sub-topics might be useful. And what to address, how, and what is already being discussed.
 - Bring up the list of topics to a May IAB meeting to come up with next level (**Cullen, Jari**)
- Workshops — useful IAB actions are more about community discussion and documents than us having great advice. Consider doing more of this.
- Specific topics:
 - **Tommy, David** to see that measurement workshop gets revised & moving;
 - **Jari** to construct a map of various activities on consolidation;
 - **Mirja** to bring Niels to a May IAB meeting to discuss the proposal;
 - Path signals to be looked at, doc to be written by **Mirja, Tommy, Ted, and Jari**

Path signals

- Past path signals are gone, is the replacement (a) nothing (b) something along the lines of ECN, spin, etc, (c) something else
- It is easy to start to argue on this (we proved this!)
- We could
 - ... write what are some good approaches, bad ones, and topics with no clear answers
 - ... be content to doing the things that are doable without major tradeoffs
 - ... list opportunities that could be taken
 - ... describe the general problem of tradeoffs and who to trust (or solve it)
 - ... something else: _____
 - Next step: **Mirja, Tommy, Ted, Jari** to work on document as first step

Centralisation concerns

- Centralisation and consolidation are driven by many factors — including economic and network effects, but also by some aspects of technology
- Discovery, federation can be areas where technical work might have an effect (as well) — should we recommend this be considered at IETG WG chartering time?
- Next steps: consider saying the above
 - One way to do this would be an “IAB checklist” for new charters
 - Also, document work on consolidation in the world (+ IAB doc)

Moderation

- We heard from Ben about this — an interesting and hard problem
 - Different types of moderation, conflicting principles and authority, ... some overlap with consolidation topics
- Mostly out of IAB scope (?) but useful to understand
 - Which parts of this should be (only) an ISOC, CDT, EFF etc responsibility?
 - There may be some technical aspects as well, e.g., filtering architectures
- Conclusion: not ready to understand these yet, need to learn more
- Next step: have a discussion with ISOC experts on this (**Karen**)
 - Maybe later: identify experts to talk about wrt technical aspects