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# The Tao of IETF

## A Novice's Guide to the Internet Engineering Task Force

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### Abstract

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IETF': it will convey the might and magic of networking people and packets in the Internet's most prominent standards bodies. Underneath we describe the inner workings of IETF meetings and Working Groups, discuss organizations related to the IETF, and introduce the standards process. This is not a formal IETF process document but an informal and informational overview.

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