Operators and the IETF

Standardizing the future, together

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The Dream

In a perfect world…

• The IETF creates standard protocols with operator input and they work great

• Deployment and operationalization concerns are consistently addressed

• The level of operator engagement makes sense when compared to vendor and academic involvement

• Operators always know when their input is needed

• Operators always provide their input when it's needed

The Reality

Many operators are not engaged enough…

• A significant portion of operators (particularly mid/ small size) don't join IETF mailing lists nor do they show up to IETF meetings

• Academics and vendors rule many decision making processes within the IETF

• The operators expected to deploy these technologies often don't even know that they are being developed

• Critical new technologies are being developed with little to no direct operator input

• Things may be and often are broken…

The Plan

Facilitate increased operator input into the IETF…

•First, we're here, listening to you: talk to us!

•Next, we'll analyze everything we hear from operators around the world and show the results and message to the IETF

•Then, we'll come back with some proposed solutions for your review

•Finally, towards the end of this year, we hope to start implementing the solutions that work for you, the operators!

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The Opportunity

- **This is your opportunity to tell us… (we'll try to fix it!)**

- **Find Chris, Dan, Jan, or Megan and tell us why you do or don't participate in the IETF, we'd all love to chat with you!**

- **Participate in our online survey:**
  - https://internetsociety2.wufoo.com/forms/operators-and-the-ietf/
  - The survey will close on 31 June 2014

Thank You!

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