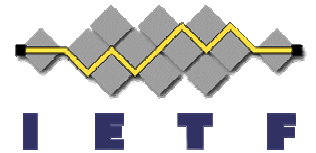
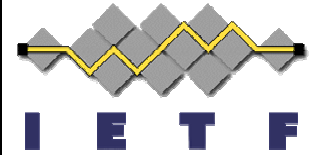


IESG Process (PROTO) Team

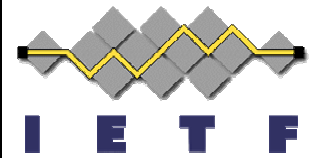
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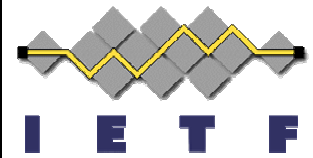


- An IESG-chartered team
- Formed in January 2004
- Focused on improving the scalability, transparency and effectiveness of the IETF document work flow
- <http://www.mip4.org/proto>



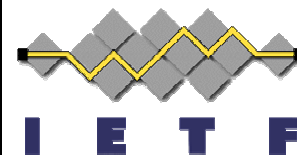
PROTO Team Objective

- Consider what process changes will allow WG chairs to shepherd documents through the later stages of the document handling process
 - From publication request through IESG review and approval to RFC publication
- The changes to the formal process are very small, and do not require modifications to RFC 2026 or 2418



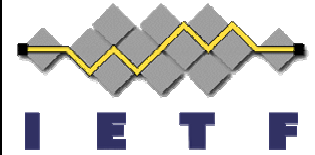
Shepherding Role

- ADs currently have three major roles in document processing
 - Review
 - Approval
 - Shepherding
- The goal is to tease apart the AD roles, to allow WG chairs to take responsibility for shepherding



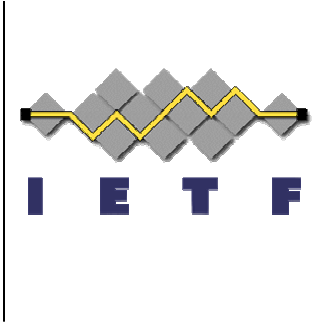
What Have We Done?

- Defined the shepherding role in detail
 - draft-ietf-proto-shepherding-00.txt
- Proposed a set of process changes to allow WG chairs to shepherd documents
 - draft-ietf-proto-wgchair-doc-shepherding-01.txt
- Conducted a small pilot to verify and tune the process
 - Feedback was quite positive
 - WG chairs saw increase in visibility and control



What's Next?

- Run a larger-scale experiment to determine the effects of this change on
 - WG Chair and AD workload
 - Speed of document approval and publication
 - Process transparency



PROTO Team Members

- Allison Mankin -- Co-chair
- Margaret Wasserman -- Co-chair
- Bill Fenner
- Aaron Falk
- Henrik Levkowetz
- David Meyer
- Barbara Fuller