

At IETF99 on July 20th ,a small group of ~20 attendees, had a side meeting to talk about the general topic of video related interests and activity at the IETF.

(side note: having rooms available for signup is very helpful in arranging side meetings, and I hope the IETF chooses to continue doing it).

The core discussion was around there being a growing participation at the IETF from people working on video, and that with the switch by broadcasters, film makers, and professional production and distribution equipment away from SDI to IP that this community is likely to see continued growth. Part of the discussion was about how those of us already at IETF could better connect with one another, and what could possibly be done to create a way for new comers with an interest in video to easily connect with the iETF and with IETFers already working on video.

We also discussed, recent meetings and experiences we IETF participants working on video have had, and that there is general agreement that video is impacted by, and impacts, many IETF areas of work. This makes it challenging for people working with video technologies to find a single place within the IETF to discuss needed advances: any one problem touches on multiple Areas of the IETF.

Having a way to connect with an share video related interests, activity, and needs across different IETF areas was of interest to those in the room.

The room consensus was that there is interest in forming some sort of group, though it wasn't clear what sort of group at the IETF this would would fit into. More examination of the problem space is needed, and more discussion amongst those interested is also needed.

As a next step the room agreed that it seems useful to create some forum for regular engagement of video technology people at or around IETF meetings. The purpose of this engagement would be to share and discuss current issues (with transport, production, distribution of video). Discussion of impacted and important IETF technologies is in scope, along with developing specific proposals for work to update those standards (to be proposed within existing IETF working groups, or new ones, as needed). It is not expected that these discussions will focus on any one architecture for handling video, or seek to standardize a particular outcome.

Actions from the meeting:

We agreed to continue to discuss what a group might look like, and function – the thinking was to use the Glass to Glass mailing list GGIE@IETF.ORG until a better option comes around as it is a Glass to Glass Ecosystem discussion.

Have a second meeting in Singapore during IETF100 (possibly with remote access), and also IETF101 in London as a number of people said they did not expect to attend IETF100 in person.

Discuss what areas/aspect of the video ecosystem people are interested in including. For example it was thought that perhaps WebRTC, while it does include video, was perhaps an ecosystem unto itself and already had an active place for those interested to engage one another, but that there was other video activity that touched transport, production, naming, routing, and operations that might be right to include. The decision was to attempt to have that discussion on the GGIE list between now and IETF100, and then continue it in person at IETF100.