Brief History

- Originally known as GISS
  - RARE project as part of the RARE Technical Program being carried out at the RIPE NCC
- Project funded by SURFnet through RARE
- Open project
  - no 'hidden' agendas
  - should not be seen in any way as a competitive / political document
- Not just a paper exercise
  - should be worthwhile and useful for new and old in the internet
  - report

ftp://ftp.ripe.net/ripe/docs/ripe-docs/ripe-094.ps

Brief History

- Basic Idea
  - collection of short descriptions of various aspects on Internet Service provision
  - overall picture of what aspects of service are in use by todays SP's
  - living document - updated every six months or so.
- Scope
  - aimed at service providers
  - IP layer in general
  - Not covering cost, choice.

Brief History

- Structure
  - six areas with list of service aspects
  - 'what' the aspect is
  - 'why' this is relevant
  - a list of options

Brief History

- Basic idea

GISD
- **Area**
  - **Aspect**
    - **What**
    - **Why**
    - **Options**
      - **(Minimal)**
      - **(Common)**
      - **(Maximal)**
      - **(Regional)**
    - **See Also**
    - **Soap Box**
    - **References**
    - **Contributors**
  - **...**
- **...**

IETF HISTORY

- 2 BOFs
  - Columbus, OH
  - Amsterdam, NL
- Working Group formed
  - charter
  - very rough draft (includes structure)
  - first set of aspects agreed (38 in all in 6 areas)
  - met in Houston, TX
  - '**floundering**' under my chairmanship (time..)

UNDER NEW MANTLE

- David Sitman is new chair
  - thanks for taking this over
  - MUCH better than yours truly !
- Other bits
  - mailing list

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