# Requirements for OPES Callout Protocols

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#### Motivation

- Specifies the requirements for OPES callout protocols.
- Intended to help evaluate protocol candidates and serve as a guide for callout protocol development.

#### • History

- Initial version (-00) submitted in May 2002.
- Current version (-01) submitted in June 2002 with minor modifications.
  - See change log in Appendix B of the draft.

Please read the draft for an introduction/tutorial Presentation will only summarize issues discussed
on the mailing list and IAB considerations!

## (Open) Issues Discussed on the OPES Mailing List

- Should the draft explicitly allow unencrypted communication between OPES processor and callout server in cases where both machines are co-located in a protected environment, e.g. a data center?
- Is an explicit keep-alive mechanism a MUST requirement for any callout protocol or would it also be acceptable if a callout protocol used an implicit method for this purpose, e.g. the capability negotiation process?
- Is there a need to communicate endpoint authorization information to OPES callout servers? Or would it be sufficient if the OPES processor enforced the endpoint authorization when initiating callout transactions?
- Should the draft allow and specify requirements for callout server chaining?

#### RFC 3238: IAB Considerations for OPES

- The following two IAB considerations are applicable to OPES callout protocols:
  - "(3.1) Notification: The overall OPES framework needs to assist content providers in detecting and responding to client-centric actions by OPES intermediaries that are deemed inappropriate by the content provider.
  - (3.2) Notification: The overall OPES framework should assist end users in detecting the behavior of OPES intermediaries, potentially allowing them to identify imperfect or compromised intermediaries."
- The protocol requirements draft addresses these considerations as follows:

"The OPES callout protocol MUST allow OPES processors to comply with the tracing requirements of the OPES architecture as laid out in [1] and [5]. This implies that the callout protocol MUST enable a callout server to convey to the OPES processor information about the OPES service operations performed on the forwarded application message."

#### Next Steps

# Please read the current draft and provide feedback on the OPES mailing list!

- Based on feedback received, publish a new draft version shortly after IETF 54.
- Issue WG Last Call shortly.
- Submit to IESG for Informal.
- Continue discussion on evaluating iCAP (and other protocol candidates) against the OPES protocol requirements.
  - See draft-stecher-opes-icap-eval-00.txt
  - Discuss protocol candidates and their evaluation on the OPES mailing list.