Newcomers
Introductory Tutorial

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Straw Poll

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• Have been to a Network Ops or Sysadmin type meeting or convention before
Are you local?
The Secret guide on how to blend in..

• Don’t come with notepads and pens
• Put stickers on your laptops
• Dress casually (wearing oversize T-shirts is quite normal)
• Wearing the Conference T-shirt you just picked up is super cool
• Geeky T-shirts are the best
Finally...Don’t be afraid to be Geeky

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Now we are talking!!
What are folks looking for out of NANOG?

- Learn interesting stuff?
- Catch up with folks they know already?
- Meet new folks?
- Drink free beer?
- Do business!
Meeting Organisation

- Tutorials
- General Session Talks
- Tracks and BoFs
- Beer ‘n’ Gear and Events
- Open Seating (fka Terminal Room)
- Breaks, Lunch, etc...
Who is NANOG?

- You are!
- NANOG is a community
- You get a say in how NANOG is run, too
- Election of Steering Committee
- Feedback via the Community Meeting later today...
Name Badges

Here, Ren Provo models the full range of Name Badges

Photo: Dave Freedman
Nostalgia:
AS number confusion
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Tom Scholl
AT&T
Coloured Badges

Steering Committee

Joe Schmoe
Schmoe Networks

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Steering Programme
Communications Merit Staff

Joe Schmoe
Merit Network

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Seeing Dots

- PGP Key Signing
- Peering Co-ordinator
- Network Security
NewNOG

- NewNOG: Non-profit entity to manage NANOG meetings
- Merit (merit.edu) operated NANOG till Feb 2011
- NANOG 52: NewNOG to engage Merit's help for smooth transition
- To find out more, attend the Community meeting
Community Meeting

- Sunday, 5:45 - 7:00 pm in the Grand Ballroom
- What’s happening behind the scenes
- Interact with NANOG leadership
- Ask tough questions
Making Sense of the Agenda

- General Session
- BoFs and Tracks
- Tutorials
- PGP Keysigning
- Other happenings...
Which Track?

- BoF/Track Interchangability
- BoF = “Birds of a Feather”
- More specialist sorts of interest groups
- See what looks interesting to do you
- Some of these are their own communities
- Usually smaller groups: easier to get involved
Lightning Talks

- Quick, 10 minute maximum, chosen the previous day
- Doesn’t have to have slides
- Could be a topic that is last minute and relevant
- *You* can submit one!

Photo: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lightning
Participation

- Ask questions
- Don’t be put off!
- Mics always dotted around the room
- State name & affiliation

Photo By: Matt Petersen
Beer & Gear

- Just one way we engage industry vendor sponsors
- Monday evening Networking with drinks and food
- Vendors get to display product and give aways

Photo: Dave Freedman
Buffet at Beer & Gear
Breakfast & Breaks

- Sponsor contributions also provide...
- Daily complimentary Continental Breakfast for attendees
- Coffee breaks and snacks each day
Lunch: “On your Own”
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- No!
- It’s just not a catered lunch...
- There’s stuff within a few blocks
- 90 mins Lunch
It’s not all about the talks...

- Big chance to meet other folks...
- Look at the attendee list
- Ask questions
- Network in the hallways
- Enjoy the socials
NOGLab
IPv6 Demonstration for Community
Sun: Noon - 5pm    Mon: 4pm - 6pm    Tue: 4pm - 6pm
Socials

- There's something going on every night, as well as Beer & Gear
- All attendees welcome
- We promise not to make you sing...or dance

Monica decides to take "karaoke" to a new high
Surveys

• There’s a survey for each day
• What you think of NANOG is really important to the folks who put the meeting together
• Win cool swag - usually a prize draw each day
Newcomers’ Breakfast

- Monday Morning from 8.30am
- Meet other newcomers and the NANOG organizers
- Hosted by Tom Daly
Questions?