



WHAT IS THE INTERNET SOCIETY?

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Since 1992 the Internet Society (ISOC) has served as the international focal point for global cooperation and coordination in the development of the Internet. As a nonprofit, nongovernmental, international, professional membership organisation, ISOC realises its mission by providing global leadership in the area of Internet standards, education, and policy development.

The work of ISOC is organised around three themes, referred to as the ISOC pillars: Internet standards, education, and policy.

Internet Standards

ISOC is the organisational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet Architecture Board (IAB), the Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG), and the Internet Research Task Force (IRTF). In that capacity, ISOC supports the request-for-comments-editor (RFC editor) function of the IETF and issues Internet standards advisories, publishes informational guides, and develops and conducts technical tutorials. In addition, ISOC acts as a channel to educate and promote standards internationally (www.isoc.org/standards).

Internet Education

Throughout its history, ISOC has provided training for many key information technology leaders around the world. ISOC's approach emphasises decentralised, distributed network education; education programmes for policy makers; and the widespread adoption of train-the-trainers programmes in situ worldwide.

ISOC's education and training initiatives are delivered by way of two large annual conferences each year plus an extensive series of smaller regional workshops. Many of the education and training initiatives—such as the Network Training Workshops (WALC, AfNOG, etc.) and Training Centres (Postel Nigerian Training Centres)—are organised by ISOC's local chapters. ISOC also conducts tutorials, such as those on Internationalised Domain Names (IDN) and Voice over Internet Protocol (www.isoc.org/educpillar).

Internet Policy

ISOC is a leading voice worldwide in the discussion and debate about critical topics as they involve the Internet, including censorship and freedom of expression, privacy protection, spam, taxation, Internet governance, intellectual property, and societal issues. The organisation has created a public policy portal and resource centre, regularly publishes position statements, and conducts a number of policy workshops, polls, and surveys of the Internet community on key policy topics (www.isoc.org/pubpolpillar).

ISOC MISSION

In more than a decade, ISOC has pursued a single mission: to ensure the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. As the leading advocate for the open development of the standards, protocols, administration, and technical infrastructure of the Internet, ISOC:

- Supports Internet education worldwide, with an emphasis on education and training in developing countries.
- Promotes professional development and builds communities to foster participation and leadership in areas important to the evolution of the Internet.
- Provides comprehensive and reliable technical information about the Internet.
- Provides forums for discussion of the technical, commercial, and social issues and ideas that affect Internet evolution.
- Fosters international cooperation, community, and a culture that facilitates successful self-governance of the Internet.
- Serves as a focal point for cooperative efforts that promote the Internet as a positive tool to benefit all people throughout the world.
- Provides management and coordination for strategy initiatives and humanitarian, educational, and societal outreach efforts.

ISOC's individual and organisation members are bound by those common interests.

ISOC acts not only as a global clearing-house for Internet information and education but also as a facilitator and

coordinator of Internet-related initiatives around the world. Through its long-standing INET conference and other sponsored events, developing-country training workshops, tutorials, publications, public policy activities, regional and local chapters, standardisation activities and committees, as well as with offices in Switzerland and the United States, ISOC serves the needs of the growing global Internet community. From commerce to education, to social issues, ISOC's goal is to enhance the availability and utility of the Internet on the widest possible scale.

Members represent the very companies, government agencies, and foundations that have created the Internet and its technologies as well as innovative new entrepreneurial organisations that work to maintain that dynamic. ISOC encourages you to visit its home pages to see how Internet innovators are creatively using the network.

THE INTERNET SOCIETY: WHERE THE HISTORY OF THE INTERNET LIVES

ISOC was formed in the early 1990s, primarily as an institutional home in support of the Internet standards process. ISOC is proud that among its founders are a number of individuals with long-term involvement in the Internet. They include two of the Internet's most esteemed pioneers—Vinton G. Cerf, senior vice president of Internet architecture and technology

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at MCI WorldCom, Inc., and Robert E. Kahn, chairman, president, and CEO of the Corporation for National Research Initiatives. ISOC's charter member organisations were Educause, TERENA (RARE), and the Corporation for Research and Network Initiatives. The late Jon Postel was ISOC's first individual member.

In December 1997 President Bill Clinton presented the U.S. National Medal of Technology to Cerf and Kahn—who were responsible for development of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)—for their work in founding and developing the Internet.

MEMBERSHIP

As of October 2004, ISOC's membership extended to 89 organisations and businesses and 16,000 individuals in more than 180 nations, representing a veritable who's who of the Internet community.

Global Membership in ISOC enables individuals to advance their professional development through involvement in local chapters and a multitude of discussion groups. Such members benefit from networking with the most-respected and forward-thinking community of Internet technologists, developers, specialists, and enthusiasts worldwide: the individuals and organisations that help keep the Internet growing in a stable and secure manner.

ISOC's organisation members help ensure support for:

- Internet standards development
- Education and training in least-developed countries as well as developed countries
- Internet industry self-governance
- Internet policy activities
- Publications, including summary

reports of IETF activities and Internet Society Member Briefings

- Legal defense: protecting the term *Internet* from private ownership

As a nonprofit professional-membership organisation, ISOC relies on contributions for financial support. The following levels permit members to support ISOC and its activities in areas involving standards, education, and policy. The levels and their respective annual contributions are established to encourage organisations of all sizes to be active ISOC participants.

Membership Levels and Annual Membership Fees*

Platinum	US\$100,000 (min.)
Sustaining Gold.....	US\$50,000
Silver	US\$25,000
Executive.....	US\$10,000
Professional.....	US\$5,000
Small Business.....	US\$2,500

**Note: Nonprofit organisations benefit from a 50 percent reduction in membership fees.*

ISOC gratefully acknowledges its members' participation and the individual members and chapters around the world who donate their time, resources, and creativity to further the stable and successful evolution of this important medium.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Internet Society is the organisation's governing body and is ultimately responsible for all of the affairs of the organisation worldwide. The board seeks cultural and geographic diversity among its individual members, as well as its business and organisation members. Trustees have a demonstrable involvement in the Internet, participating as technology developers, researchers, users, network operators, policy makers, and sponsors of research and development.

The board generally consists of not more than 20 trustees, each holding office for a period of three years and for no more than two consecutive terms. Trustees are nominated, selected, and elected by ISOC organisation members, ISOC chapters and individual members, and the IETF standards organisation.

As of December 2003, ISOC's trustees, with their representative region, term of office, and officer title, were the following individuals.

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