

WHAT IS THE INTERNET SOCIETY?

The Internet Society was founded in 1992 to promote the evolution and growth of the Internet as a global communications infrastructure, to provide support for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), and to encourage the responsible and effective use of the Internet through education, discussion, and advice to public policy makers. Many of the improvements that have been realised since then in Internet technology and operation and in Internet access and use in developing countries can be attributed to ISOC's activities. ISOC enjoys a well-deserved reputation for integrity and service to the public interest and is recognised as a strong advocate for the core values of an open and accessible Internet.

MISSION AND ROLE

ISOC's mission is to achieve its vision of a world in which everyone everywhere is connected to an open and universally accessible Internet.

The mission of the Internet Society is to promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world.

Together with its Organisation Members, Individual Members, Chapters, the IETF, and the Public Interest Registry, ISOC is embedded within a fabric of Internet organisations, each with its own role to play and mission to pursue. ISOC, its membership, its chapters, and its partners regularly collaborate with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, the root server operators,

the Network Startup Resource Center, and the Regional Internet Registries, as well as with national and international governments and civil society groups. Collectively, those organisations span Internet development, public policy, capacity building, operations, and management of critical Internet resources.

Within the network, ISOC's specific role is to promote the formulation and adoption of policies that make the Internet accessible to everyone; to safeguard the integrity and continuity of the context within which the Internet develops and operates; to support and contribute to the continuing evolution of the Internet as an open, decentralised platform for innovation, creativity, and economic opportunity; and to bring authorita-

tive, unbiased information about the Internet to individuals and organisations in every part of the world.

CORE VALUES

ISOC's core values are the fundamental principles that guide all of the organisation's activities. They are the beliefs and commitments on which ISOC's mission is based. Many of them are shared by the other organisations with which ISOC collaborates.

- The quality of life for people in all parts of the world is enhanced by their ability to enjoy the benefits of an open and global Internet.
- Well-informed individuals and public and private policy makers make up the foundation of an open and global Internet society.

The Internet Society is uniquely positioned at the intersection of development-oriented (technical) groups, public policy, and educational activities. We serve as the hub of a global network of individuals and organisations that are collectively working toward the shared vision of an Internet that benefits everyone, everywhere.

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- If the Internet is to continue to be a platform for innovation and creativity, its open, decentralised nature must be preserved.
- Enduring and sustainable progress toward ISOC's vision is best achieved by a combination of global initiatives and activities at a local level that engage people in their home regions.
- Technical standards and Internet operating procedures should be developed and asserted through open and transparent processes, with minimal barriers to participation or to access to information.
- The social, political, and economic benefits of the Internet are substantially diminished by excessively restrictive government or private controls on computer hardware or software, telecommunications infrastructure, or Internet content.
- Rewarding and productive use of the Internet depends on the ability to trust critical services.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

ISOC pursues its mission and upholds its core values through programmes and projects that are designed to achieve specific goals and objectives in the three areas that define ISOC's

scope: Standards, Education, and Public Policy.

ISOC's standards activities support its mission by upholding the model of Internet standards development that maximises participation and delivers the greatest benefits to people throughout the world as well as by making the fruits of that process freely available to everyone. ISOC's ambitious standards objective is universal recognition of the IETF as the forum for the development of core Internet standards and of the IETF process as the best model for the development of all Internet standards.

ISOC is committed to delivering accurate and reliable information about the Internet—as well as assistance with Internet deployment and use—to everyone, everywhere. Its ambitious education objective is realised through activities and events that bring essential Internet-related information and training to people throughout the world.

ISOC's public policy activities uphold and defend ISOC's core values in local, national, and international public policy forums, where decisions are made that affect the ability of people throughout the world to enjoy the benefits of the Internet. In

pursuing its public policy objectives, ISOC operates collaboratively and inclusively, working with governments, national and international organisations, and other parties to reach decisions about the Internet that conform to its core values.

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