



Announcement: Internet Society launches new Workshop Resource Centre

Geneva, Switzerland - February 25th, 2004 - The Internet Society (ISOC) today announced the launch of the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre, a new web-based portal supporting organisers of network technology workshops worldwide.

On-line now at ws.edu.isoc.org the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre provides a repository for sharing multi-lingual network training materials as well as a range of planning tools and information for trainers on how to set up and organise workshops. It also provides access to a directory of trainers and their competences and encourages interaction between members of the training community.

"Today's announcement once again highlights ISOC's commitment to sustainable Internet technology education initiatives. ISOC has a long and successful track record in education, and our programs which began in 1993 have helped bring Internet connectivity to most of the world's developing countries. The ISOC Workshop Resource Centre not only allows us to bring the education materials used in these programs to a much wider audience than was previously possible, but it also provides a single source of valuable resources and tools for trainers and workshop organisers," said Lynn St. Amour, ISOC's President and CEO. "We believe that the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre will allow faster and more efficient deployment of network training while empowering many other training efforts locally."

Development of the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre was made possible thanks to support from the Public Interest Registry (www.pir.org) and sponsorship by Qualys Inc. (www.qualys.com).

"Qualys' support of ISOC and the new Workshop Resource Centre is consistent with our belief that education and training, particularly when it comes to Internet security, must be accessible on a global level," said Philippe Courtot, chairman and CEO of Qualys. "With ISOC's leadership, we have the ability to expand the knowledge of advanced Internet technologies to new areas of the world where education is critical. Qualys is pleased to work with ISOC to expand its current base of programs."

Specific features of the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre allow users to:

- Upload and download materials for network training workshops
- Find tools and checklists to plan educational programs
- Search for potential workshop instructors

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- Review archived presentations and teaching materials from various events around the world
- Participate in on-line planning discussions for upcoming events
- Obtain peer review for lab exercises and curriculum
- Locate sources for lab equipment and technical books

Technical development of the ISOC Workshop Resource Centre was carried out by a team from the Network Startup Resource Centre (www.nsrc.org) at the University of Oregon. Materials available now were supplied from previous courses and by instructors from across the globe.

For further information about the site, or for details of how to submit educational materials to the portal, please send email to: admin@ws.edu.isoc.org.

ABOUT ISOC

The Internet Society (www.isoc.org) is a not-for-profit membership organization founded in 1991 to provide leadership in Internet related standards, education, and policy. With offices in Washington, DC, and Geneva, Switzerland, it is dedicated to ensuring the open development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of people throughout the world. ISOC is the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and other Internet-related bodies who together play a critical role in ensuring that the Internet develops in a stable and open manner. For over 12 years ISOC has run international network training programs for developing countries and these have played a vital role in setting up the Internet connections and networks in virtually every country connecting to the Internet during this time.

ABOUT QUALYS

Founded in 1999, Qualys, Inc. is a market-leading Web Service Provider offering on-demand network security audits and vulnerability management. More than 150 Fortune 1000 companies, federal and state agencies, and hundreds of small to medium businesses use Qualys services to measure and enforce network security effectiveness, reduce risk and comply with federal regulations.

ABOUT PIR

Public Interest Registry (www.pir.org) is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Internet Society (ISOC) to manage the .ORG top-level domain. PIR's mission is to manage the .ORG domain in a manner that supports the continuing evolution of the Internet as a research, education and communications infrastructure, while educating and empowering the non-commercial community to most effectively utilize the Internet. PIR is based in Reston, Virginia.

ABOUT NSRC

The Network Startup Resource Centre (NSRC), a non-profit organisation, has worked since the late 1980s to help develop and deploy networking technology in various projects throughout Asia/Pacific, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the New Independent States. Partially supported by the US National Science Foundation, the NSRC provides technical and engineering assistance to international networking initiatives building access to the public Internet, especially to academic/research institutions and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The NSRC is based at the University of Oregon.

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