

The Open Internet

OPEN STANDARDS • OPEN PROCESSES • OPEN INNOVATION

THE INTERNET arose from a need to collaborate and cooperate. People worked together to find solutions to the interconnection and interoperability problems they encountered.

For the Internet, open standards are developed through open processes, where anyone with the necessary skills and interest can participate, and where anyone who wants to apply those standards can do so without having to seek permissions or pay fees.

Operational responsibilities are distributed, and decisions are developed by open and documented consensus forming processes.

This is the *Internet Model* of development – responsible for the phenomenal growth, innovation, stability, and utility we enjoy today, and embodied in the organizations joining forces in the Internet Pavilion.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Internet Society (ISOC), and the Number Resource Organization (NRO) – together with many other bodies within the Internet ecosystem – have different roles, responsibilities, and interests, but they are united by a common need for a single, global, secure, stable, interoperable Internet.

Open TO THE PUBLIC

People choose the services they need, create their own content in the language they want, and share it with others.

Open FOR BUSINESS

The Internet is an extraordinary platform for business opportunity – opening up new territories, expanding marketplaces, and creating new business models. Open standards put the power of innovation in the hands of all businesses, large and small.

Open GOVERNANCE

The open, inclusive, transparent processes of the *Internet Model* of development bring business, civil society, the technical community, governments, and regulators together to participate in the multi-stakeholder dialogue necessary to meet the challenges of an ever more complex world.

AN OPEN PLATFORM FOR AN OPEN FUTURE

The open *Internet Model* depends on diversity, adapts quickly to change, and encourages creativity and innovation. While today's must-have feature may become tomorrow's legacy product, the Internet remains the endlessly-adaptable platform for products and services we have not yet even imagined.



THE NRO IS COMPRISED OF THE FIVE REGIONAL INTERNET REGISTRIES



Participate – Make a Difference.

About the Internet Pavilion Organizations

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN):

ICANN is responsible for the global coordination of the Internet's system of unique identifiers. These include domain names (like .org, .museum, and country codes like .uk), as well as the addresses used in a variety of Internet protocols. Computers use these identifiers to reach each other over the Internet. Careful management of these resources is vital to the Internet's operation, so ICANN's global stakeholders meet regularly to develop policies using a multi-stakeholder, consensus based model that ensures the Internet's ongoing interoperability, security, and stability.

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The Internet Society:

The Internet Society is an international cause-related organization that works for the open development and evolution of the Internet for all people. It does so through work across the areas of technical standards, education and capacity building, as well as public policy. The Internet Society is the organizational home for the groups responsible for Internet infrastructure standards, including the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) and the Internet Architecture Board (IAB).

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The Number Resource Organization (NRO):

The Number Resource Organization (NRO) is the coordinating mechanism for the five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs). The RIRs – AfriNIC, APNIC, ARIN, LACNIC, and the RIPE NCC – ensure the fair and equitable distribution of Internet number resources (IPv6 and IPv4 addresses and Autonomous System (AS) Numbers) in their respective regions. The NRO exists to protect the unallocated Internet number resource pool, foster open and consensus-based policy development, and provide a single point of contact for communication with the RIRs.

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PARTICIPATION is essential for an open and accessible Internet. By participating, you help make the policies, inform the discussions, approve the procedures, and write the standards that keep the open Internet efficient, stable, and effective.

The diverse and varied organizations responsible for the different aspects of Internet development, operations, administration, and technical management all need continuous participation from the entire Internet community.

Participate to enrich the discussions, educational programs, activities, and policy development processes of organizations like ICANN, the Internet Society, and the NRO.

There are many ways to be involved:

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ICANN holds regular open meetings in various locations around the world and provides remote participation tools for people who cannot attend in person.

The **Internet Society** has an active global membership network, including individuals, organizations, and Chapters. ISOC is also the organizational home for the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), which relies on open processes for standards development.

The **NRO** consists of the world's five Regional Internet Registries (RIRs), each of which holds open meetings and educational events throughout the year.

All of these bodies welcome participation from anyone with the necessary skills and interest. Most meetings are open to the public and offer community discussion and question and answer sessions. If you cannot attend in person, you can join many meetings remotely via the Internet through webcasting and live streaming video feeds.

MAILING LISTS

Many Internet community organizations maintain mailing lists and forums for public participation in their activities. Announcement lists help the community stay updated on general organizational activities.

PUBLICATIONS

Organizations release various printed and online publications, including policy documents, newsletters, annual reports, fact sheets, media information, journals, and books.

ELECTIONS

ICANN, ISOC, and the RIRs that comprise the NRO (and many of their sub-organizations) have open, documented processes to select members for their boards, advisory panels, and other chapter, section, and committee activities. Election procedures and voting rights vary, but you can participate in many ways, such as voting, nominating candidates, and serving as a candidate or elected official.