Internet Society
Organization Membership

More than 100 Organization Members rely on the Internet Society to connect them with the issues and conversations that are shaping the Internet today.

The Internet Society understands the increasingly vital role the Internet plays in your world. Our diverse membership of leading businesses, nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, and educational and research institutions may do fundamentally different types of work, but they share a common set of objectives: to preserve the open and global nature of the Internet, to maximize innovation, and to maximize all that the Internet offers. The Internet Society creates the relationships that provide unique insight and give your organization a voice in how the Internet is evolving and growing.

Meeting Challenges: Today's and Tomorrow's

The Internet is successful in large part because of its unique model: shared global ownership, development based on open standards, and freely accessible processes for technology and policy development. However, there are threats to the fundamental tenets of that model.

As the Internet matures, misguided deployments of technology or unwise approaches to important technical and policy issues, even when well-intentioned, carry the risk of fracturing the Internet and impeding its growth and our ability to keep it secure. These challenges have an impact on the economic viability of commercial enterprises as well as the sustainability of public interest organizations, whose business and service models rely on the Internet.

In order to ensure that global Internet evolution is driven by the same balanced approach to technology and policy that made it the vital social and economic engine that it is today, businesses and organizations must be both active and vocal. Internet Society Organization Membership is the single most powerful platform for participating in the Internet's future and for being heard.

Internet Society briefing panels at IETF meetings highlight the real-life experiences of Organization Members in deploying the latest networking protocols.

The Internet Society's Action Plan

Technology, policy, social, and economic issues surrounding the Internet's development have become intertwined. Indeed, most important issues involve elements of all four dimensions. Successfully identifying and addressing the challenges requires a dynamic, multidisciplinary approach. The Internet Society has launched the following three key initiatives that anticipate the challenges and focus on solutions.

- **Enabling Access** fosters and provides educational opportunities and knowledge needed to grow and sustain the Internet in countries around the world.

- **InterNetWorks** includes programmes whose purpose is to ensure the Internet continues to perform with the reliability and growth that are its hallmarks.

- **Trust and Identity** focuses on ensuring individuals and organizations can confidently communicate and collaborate over the Internet—identifying and promoting technologies and policies that resolve some of the persistent issues in this critical area.

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A Globally Recognized Leader

The Internet Society (ISOC) is the trusted and objective voice that policy makers and decision makers turn to for perspective and advice on the interrelationships between Internet technology and public and economic policy.

We are the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the Internet's premier technical standards body, responsible for seminal important standards, such as e-mail, instant messaging, VoIP, and IPv6, the next generation of Internet Protocol. ISOC is a significant contributor to the open standards process through its support of the IETF and its related bodies, including the Internet Architecture Board, the Internet Engineering Steering Group, and the Internet Research Task Force.

ISOC collaborates with national and international governments, research and educational institutions, civil society groups, network operators, and root server operators, as well as the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), the Network Startup Resource Centre, and the Regional Internet Registries.

"The Internet Society plays a strategic role in the Internet community, both in its work on the Internet of today and in its focus on the future of the Internet, and particularly in support of the IETF. We are pleased to continue being a part of the Internet Society and its important mission."

—Jason Livingood, National Engineering and Technical Operations, Comcast

We have earned worldwide recognition among both nations and regional policy organizations, such as the United Nation's Internet Governance Forum (IGF), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the Internet's technical community for our pioneering support of an open, secure and globally accessible Internet.

Partnership for Success

ISOC's relationships offer you a voice in how the Internet grows. We actively solicit the opinions of, and encourage collaboration among, the many diverse stakeholder groups that comprise our membership. The ISOC staff relies on the intellectual capital of our membership for perspective and insight on strategic initiatives and programme activities.

Through financial support of and guidance for partnership programmes, members help build in-country capacity and enhance the deveopment of regional technical communities and economies.

Membership in ISOC puts your organization in the company of more than 100 of the world's most respected industry leaders. Our top three tiers of membership include the following organizations and corporations.

- **Platinum Members:** Afilias, ARIN, Cisco, Comcast, RIPE NCC

- **Gold Members:** APNIC, Internet Initiative Japan (IIJ), Microsoft, Nominet UK, U.S. Department of Defense (DISA)

- **Silver Members:** AFNIC, Alcatel-Lucent, CableLabs, CIRA, DENIC, Google, Neustar, VeriSign, Verizon

Join Today

ISOC has a membership level to fit every organization, from the smallest start-up to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to government ministries to multinational corporations. Contact us today to help ensure a stronger and more vibrant Internet.

For more information, including details of the other membership levels, visit http://www.isoc.org/Join.

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- Next Generation Leaders
- IETF Fellowships
- Community Grants
- Capacity Building in Emerging Markets
- IXP Development in Africa
- Internet Governance
- Global Internet Policy

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