ISOC’s Individual Members, Chapters, and Organisation Members promote and pursue ISOC’s mission in all parts of the Internet community and all parts of the world. ISOC also partners collaboratively with other organisations that share its vision and core values.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
The Internet Society was founded in 1992 as an Individual Membership organisation for people who believe in the potential of the Internet to improve the lives of everyone everywhere, and Individual Members in all parts of the world continue to play important operational and strategic roles in ISOC. ISOC differs from traditional membership organisations—which typically focus mainly on serving their members—in that ISOC’s primary mission is to support the development of the Internet. ISOC members are partners who participate in the pursuit of the ISOC mission.

Any individual who agrees to the ISOC Code of Conduct may join ISOC as an Individual Member. ISOC has two Individual Membership levels. Individuals may join ISOC as Global Members free of charge or choose to join ISOC as Sustaining Members and pay an annual membership fee. In addition to the benefits enjoyed by Global Members, Sustaining Members are eligible to participate in the election of several ISOC trustees.

ISOC’s 24,000 Individual Members form a diverse worldwide community of people who believe in the ISOC vision, are committed to ISOC’s mission, and embrace ISOC’s core values. Many are interested professionally in the Internet and its technology, and many are concerned about the role that the evolving Internet will play in their lives and in their communities. ISOC links all of its members to each other and to the many companies, organisations, and government bodies that are shaping the future of the Internet.

Throughout ISOC’s history, Individual Members have served ISOC as volunteers, generously contributing time and talent to ISOC’s development. In addition, Individual Members are encouraged to participate in Chapters, thereby enriching the ISOC community through service, especially at the regional and local levels.

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Internet Society Chapters are organised voluntarily by members who reside in a particular geographic region—such as a city, country, or larger geographic area—or who share an interest in a common subject such as disabilities or special needs. Chapters are approved by ISOC under procedures developed to empower locally meaningful activity while retaining an overall commitment to the joint achievement of ISOC’s common mission. They are expected to serve the interests of their specific geographic or non-geographic segment of the global Internet community in a manner consistent with ISOC’s mission.

The two roles of Chapters are (1) to locally and regionally amplify ISOC’s efforts to achieve its mission and (2) to infuse ISOC with local and regional perspectives on developments and issues that affect the evolution of the Internet. The Chapter relationship is very much a two-way street: Chapters are effective local and regional agents of the ISOC mission as well as important sources of the information that informs that mission. Like members, Chapters are partners that participate in the pursuit of our joint mission.

Chapters enable members to be personally involved in the future of the Internet. They bring a sharper and more personal focus to local and regional issues affecting the Internet, and they provide opportunities for those issues to be recognised. Chapters also offer opportunities for members to network with other Internet-oriented people and to participate in locally organised programmes and events that promote ISOC’s core values.

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In addition to the technological, education, and standards issues, ISOC is involved in a variety of initiatives stemming from social, economic, political, ethical, and legal sources that can and do exert influence on the direction of the Internet.

ISOC Chapters amplify our efforts to achieve our mission and to infuse ISOC with local and regional perspectives on development and issues that could affect the evolution of the Internet.

The Internet Society differs from traditional membership organisations, which typically focus mainly on serving their members. Our primary mission is to support the development of the Internet in accordance with our core values. We consider our members partners in pursuit of that mission.
ISOC Organisation Members complement the perspective of Individual Members by attuning ISOC to the broad range of Internet standards, public policy, and infrastructure interests of the private sector, civil society, and noncommercial, governmental, and nongovernmental institutions.

ISOC Organisation Members

Organisation Members attune ISOC to the broad range of Internet standards, public policy, and infrastructure interests of the private sector, civil society, and of noncommercial, government, and nongovernmental institutions. Their perspective is infused with the well-developed insight of organisations that in one way or another depend on the global Internet for their success. Representatives of each member organisation bring that perspective to ISOC through the Advisory Council.

ISOC’s Organisation Members include corporations; nonprofit, trade, and professional organisations; foundations; educational institutions; government agencies; and other national and international organisations that share ISOC’s commitment to an open and accessible Internet. Financial and institutional support by those organisations is critical to the success of ISOC’s standards, education, and public policy activities.

ISOC welcomes Organisation Members at several different levels of annual financial support and receives general and directed grants that are offered in addition to membership fees. Organisation Members enhance ISOC’s credibility and authority by endorsing ISOC and its mission.

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ISOC’S PLATINUM PROGRAMME

ISOC’s Platinum programme enables supporters to dedicate their contributions to specific areas of activity. Funds are placed in a restricted account as determined by the designation made by the Platinum member and will be used for the purposes designated. Platinum sponsorship annual fees begin at US$100,000 and are discounted by 50 percent for nonprofit organisations.

Benefits for Platinum programme sponsors include opportunities to:

- Designate funds for sponsorship of specific Internet activities and projects
- Be recognised prominently on ISOC’s Web site and in ISOC publications
- Use the ISOC logo and a statement of Platinum sponsorship status in the sponsor organisation’s marketing and promotional materials
- Participate on ISOC’s Advisory Council
- Participate in the governance of ISOC via the selection of up to six Board of Trustees members, with voting weighted by membership level
- Provide major financial and organisational support for the Internet Engineering Task Force
- Participate in and support ISOC’s worldwide education programmes
- Participate in the development of ISOC’s global public policy positions
- Support the publication of Member Briefings to educate the public and the media on basic issues of the Internet industry

www.isoc.org/members/platinum.shtml

PLATINUM PROGRAMME MEMBERS

Afilias is a global leader in advanced back-end domain name registry services and provides a wide range of advanced capabilities essential to the smooth and efficient operation of any Internet domain name registry. Afilias services support the operation of the .ORG registry.

www.afilias.org

ARIN (American Registry for Internet Numbers) is a Regional Internet Registry providing services related to the technical coordination and management of Internet number resources in its service region.

www.arin.net

Cisco Systems is the worldwide leader in networking for the Internet. Today, networks constitute an essential part of business, education, government, and home communications, and Cisco’s Internet-protocol-based networking solutions form the foundation of these networks.

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RIPE NCC is a Regional Internet Registry providing services related to the technical coordination and management of Internet number resources in its service region.

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