MEMBERS, CHAPTERS, AND PARTNERS

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
Individual Members bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Internet Society. They reflect the diverse needs of individuals worldwide whose quality of life depends on unfettered access to the Internet. Through its Individual Membership, ISOC is able to complement the needs and contributions of large organizations and institutions with the social, cultural, and professional priorities of the people who make up the millions of Internet users worldwide. Individual Members in all parts of the world play important operational and strategic roles in ISOC. Unlike many traditional membership organizations—which typically focus mainly on serving their members—ISOC is a widely consultative organization whose primary mission is to support development of the Internet. Members are partners who participate in the pursuit of that mission.

Any individual who agrees to the ISOC Code of Conduct may join the organization. ISOC has two Individual Membership levels: Global Members, whose membership is free of charge, and Sustaining Members, who pay an annual membership fee, which provides additional financial support for ISOC.

Approximately 50 percent of ISOC’s Individual Members are affiliated with an ISOC Chapter. Many have a professional interest in the Internet and its technologies; others are concerned about the role the Internet will play in their lives and in their communities. ISOC addresses those interests and concerns through programmes and communications activities and by connecting members to each other and to the many companies, organizations, and government bodies that are shaping the future of the Internet.

Most important, Individual Members in all regions of the world serve as ISOC ambassadors and support ISOC’s mission by promoting the open development of the Internet to people everywhere.

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CHAPTERS
Individual Members who reside in particular geographic regions—such as cities, countries, or larger geographic areas—or who share a common interest such as the concerns of those with disabilities or other needs organize ISOC Chapters. Chapters are approved by ISOC under procedures meant to empower meaningful activity on a local level while retaining an overall commitment to ISOC’s goals and objectives. Chapters are approved by ISOC under procedures meant to empower meaningful activity on a local level while retaining an overall commitment to ISOC’s goals and objectives. Chapters are expected to serve the interests of their specific geographic or interest-based segment of the global Internet community in a manner consistent with ISOC’s mission and core values.

ISOC Chapters enable the organization to express on regional and local levels its desire to expand Internet access and to promote its social, economic, and educational benefits. Similarly, ISOC Chapters infuse the organization with regional and local perspectives. They serve as critical agents of ISOC’s mission and important sources of the information that informs that mission. Like all ISOC Members, Chapters are partners that participate in the pursuit of our joint mission.

Chapters enable ISOC 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 recognized. Chapters also offer numerous opportunities for Members to network with other Internet-oriented people and to participate in locally organized programmes and events that promote ISOC’s core values.

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The Internet Society differs from traditional membership organizations, 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 Opens New Regional Bureau in LAC

In January, ISOC opened a new Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Located in Buenos Aires, the bureau is headed by Sebastián Bellagamba and serves as a focal point for ISOC activities, including education, capacity building, and policy initiatives. It also enables ISOC to work more closely with local ISOC Chapters and the regional Internet community.

The bureau provided much-needed support for the Latin American and Caribbean top-level-domain (LACTLD) names’ first-ever ccTLD workshop. In October, LACTLD held in Cancún, Mexico, its first workshop on Domain Name System management. The workshop consisted of three days of technical training in topics ranging from basic DNS features to DNSSEC and IDN implementation. Eleven different ccTLDs were able to send top technical representatives to the workshop, thanks to an ISOC-sponsored fellowship programme. Representatives came from Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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.

Of the 88 active ISOC Chapters throughout the world, 21 are in Africa.
We are very pleased to support ISOC’s mission. Our company has grown so much over the years due to the Internet. It is organizations like ISOC that have made the Internet what it is today.
—Steven Lee, President, AtBat.com

The Internet Society is an important industry forum to provide leadership for the Internet evolution regarding technology, policy, and governance, as well as for the continued development of Internet technology for geographies that are just beginning to benefit from ubiquitous network communications.
—Prith Banerjee, Senior Vice President, Research, and Director, HP Labs, Hewlett-Packard Development Co.

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