The Internet Way of Networking

The Internet has radically transformed our lives for the better, and it's constantly striving to get better. Using a common language, we can communicate with anyone, anywhere, and at any time. The Internet's global connectivity is a powerful tool for businesses and individuals alike, enabling collaboration, innovation, and empowerment on a scale we've never seen before. However, the Internet is not without its challenges. As new technologies and services are introduced, it's crucial to consider how they impact the Internet's foundation.

The Internet Impact Assessment

Here are five questions to help you analyze whether a proposed law, decision, or trend could harm the foundation of the Internet.

1. Does the proposal support a technology model that uses a common distributed routing system?
2. Does the proposal respect the open architecture of the Internet?
3. Does the proposal respect a common distributed management system?
4. Does the proposal respect common identifiers?
5. Does the proposal respect the layered architecture of the Internet?

To pass the Internet Impact Assessment, you must earn all five badges — they represent the critical properties needed to support a healthy foundation for the global Internet.

By using and advocating for the Internet Impact Assessment to guide policymakers and technologists, we can all make sure the Internet continues to bring connectivity, innovation, and empowerment to everyone.