Internet Society at a glance

We work towards reaching our vision by building, promoting, and defending a bigger and stronger Internet.

Projects to strengthen the Internet

Internet Way of Networking:
We will assess how government responses to regulatory issues and competition could potentially harm the technical infrastructure of the Internet and intentionally or unintentionally reshape the Internet as we know it.

Encryption:
We are working with partners globally to support the use of strong encryption and prevent dangerous attempts to weaken its effectiveness or prevent its implementation.

Mutually Agreed Norms for Routing Security (MANRS):
MANRS is a global community-driven initiative that strengthens the Internet by reducing common routing threats and establishing new norms for network operations.

Time Security:
Time Security promotes the development and global use of better security processes and mechanisms for network time synchronization.

Open Standards Everywhere (OSE):
OSE demonstrates and teaches people how open Internet standards and protocols make web servers, and the greater Internet, more secure.

Projects to grow the Internet

Community Networks:
Community Networks are complementary solutions to traditional Internet Service Providers. We work with local communities who build, maintain, and operate their own Internet connection.

Infrastructure and community development:
We help build local Internet infrastructure by improving interconnection and peering, with an emphasis on training local communities and network operator groups, and developing and deploying Internet Exchange Points.

Measuring the Internet:
We are creating a resource on data and trends shaping the Internet’s infrastructure which will provide information on Internet shutdowns helping policymakers and other decisionmakers to develop resilient networks.

The Internet Society is a global nonprofit organization connecting and empowering communities to ensure the Internet remains open, globally-connected, secure, and trustworthy.

Working through a network of 135 Chapters in 131 countries, the organization defends and promotes policies, standards, and protocols that create access and build trust in the way the world exchanges information.

Founded by Internet pioneers in 1992, the Internet Society is home to a global community driven by a common idea: when people have access to the Internet, incredible things happen. They share ideas, build communities, connect to education opportunities, improve health outcomes, and more.

Volunteers from the NYC Mesh community installing Internet connections at new locations to connect underserved areas of New York City, October 2019. © Chris Gregory

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It’s our vision that the Internet is for Everyone.

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Internet Society in Numbers:

72,000
Over 72,000 Global Members have joined local chapters and can participate in online forums and attend events.

130
Over 130 Chapters and Special Interest Groups in 131 countries are comprised of local volunteers who run programs and activities that support our principles and mission.

95
Over 95 Organization Members are companies and organizations from the technology community, business, academia, and the not-for-profit sector.

125
Over 125 staff speaking 38 languages in 25+ countries.

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