Internet Society

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHY SHOULD AN ORGANIZATION JOIN THE INTERNET SOCIETY?

Organizations join the Internet because :

- they have a significant stake in the continuing global growth and evolution of the Internet and its underlying technologies and applications, - as providers of products and services, or as major users;
- they support the education, research, and development initiatives of the Society in making the Internet known and available throughout the world for the capabilities and benefits it brings to everyone;
- they want to be identified with and recognized as members of the Internet community and marketplace together with scores of other organizations;
- they wish to shape the directions of Internet evolution;
- they want to avail themselves of the additional benefits provided to organizational members.

▶ A STAKE IN THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERNET

The Internet's future rests with the global Internet community and the Internet Society. Indeed the Society was created when many of the individuals and organizations responsible for the creation and evolution of the Internet recognized in 1991 that a viable, active international organization was critical to its continued growth as a universal service around the world.

Toward this end, the Society serves as the authoritative source of information and point of contact for global Internet matters, and promotes and maintains a broad spectrum of activities focused on the development and availability of the Internet and its associated technologies. In some cases, critical activities such as standards making and administrative services are in the process of transition that will result in increasing Society funding.

▶ SUPPORT FOR SOCIETY INITIATIVES

The Internet Society acts not only as a global clearinghouse for Internet information and education, but acts to facilitate and coordinate Internet related initiatives around the world. It does this directly through its annual International Networking (INET) and other sponsored conferences, developing country workshops, publications, regional and local chapters, committees, and international secretariat, as well as indirectly by motivating and working with numerous other international organizations, interested parties, and the press.

▶ VISIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY AND MARKETPLACE

The Internet Society provides organizational members with significant visibility in its publications and literature, on network servers, and at sponsored events. Organizational members are recognized as principal players in the Internet environment - commercial, non-commercial, and governmental.

▶ SHAPING DIRECTIONS

Organizational members hold a seat on the Society's Advisory Council which meets annually in conjunction with a Board of Trustees meeting. The Council has a significant voice in shaping directions and initiatives of the Society.

▶ ORGANIZATIONAL BENEFITS

Organizational members are provided special assistance by the Society's secretariat in obtaining information at cost and the latest presentation materials which can be very useful and valuable in analyzing or describing Internet and related developments. They are also provided reduced rates for advertising in Society publications and purchasing bulk materials.

As the Society's headquarters expands and evolves, additional new services are being planned for organizational members, such as strategic newsletters, special seminars and training sessions.

▶ HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIETY AND MEMBERSHIP?

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