

The Internet Is For Everyone

"The Internet Society is here to ensure that the Internet continues to develop as an open platform; one that serves the economic, social, and educational needs of individuals throughout the world."

– Lynn St.Amour,
President and CEO

WHO WE ARE

The Internet Society is *the trusted independent source around the world for information and thought leadership on the Internet and its impacts.*

For more than 20 years we have been advocating policy and technical positions that promote access, development, evolution and use of the Internet for the benefit of all; and we have been a leading advocate for free, open Internet standards as a necessary platform for the Internet's development.

We are at the center of the largest global network of people and organizations focused on ensuring the Internet continues to evolve as an open, global platform for innovation, collaboration and economic development.

WHAT WE DO

The Internet Society educates, informs, and promotes by working with technology, business and government stakeholders, as well as the general public, to promote an open Internet for everyone.

We promote the ongoing development of the Internet as an open platform that empowers people to connect and share ideas in new and innovative ways, and which serves the economic, social, and educational needs of individuals throughout the world.

To achieve this mission, the Internet Society:

- **Facilitates open development** of standards, protocols, administration, and the technical infrastructure of the Internet.
- **Supports education** in developing countries specifically, and wherever the need exists.
- **Promotes professional development and builds community** to foster participation and leadership in areas important to the evolution of the Internet.
- **Provides reliable information** about the Internet.
- **Creates forums for discussion** of issues that affect Internet evolution, development and use in technical, commercial, societal, and other contexts.
- **Fosters an environment for international cooperation**, community, and a culture that enables self-governance to work.
- **Serves as a focal point for cooperative efforts** to promote the Internet as a positive tool to benefit all people throughout the world.
- **Provides management and coordination** for on-strategy initiatives and outreach efforts in humanitarian, educational, societal, and other contexts.

As the organizational home of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), the premier Internet standards body, and the Internet Architecture Board (IAB), which provides architecture for the protocols and procedures used by the Internet, the Internet Society continues to be a thought leader in the technical and policy aspects of the Internet's development worldwide.

GET INVOLVED

Today, many of the processes and organizations behind the development and administration of the Internet are being questioned and threatened.

Our priorities

A few of our current initiatives

- Deploy360: IPv6 Adoption and DNSSEC
- Internet Leadership training and programs
- Internet and Human Rights
- Assuring the multi-stakeholder Internet governance model
- Key Policy topics: Intellectual Property, Human Rights, WCIT

As the intersections of technology and policy multiply, decisions by policy makers, businesses, governments and individuals all have a deep impact on access to and utilization of the Internet.

Come work with us to help protect our access and our freedom of choice, and to ensure transparency as these must remain the foundation for the future development and use of the Internet. Whether you share your time or your voice – getting involved is what matters.

- **Join the Internet Society.** You'll have access to key resources dedicated to supporting our Mission that the Internet is for everyone.
- **Join a Chapter.** Our Chapters help provide the local voice through outreach and projects that keep the Internet open and user-centric.
- **Join the Conversation.** Add your voice to our Mission, and participate in our social media channels or come to an event.
- **Make an Impact.** We provide corporate sponsorship opportunities, grants and awards to relevant initiatives and outreach efforts that address the humanitarian, educational, economic and societal contexts of online connectivity.

Learn more at www.internetsociety.org

The Global Internet Society Community

Our world

- More than 120 organizational members
- Nearly 60,000 individual members
- Over 90 Chapters

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