

Internet Consortium for Advancement of Security on the Internet

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What is ICASI?

The Internet Consortium for Advancement of Security on the Internet (ICASI) is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 to drive and lead multi-vendor industry response to complex Internet security threats. ICASI member organizations are global market leaders who can effect change in the IT ecosystem. Founding Members include Cisco Systems, Intel Corporation, International Business Machines (IBM), Juniper Networks, Microsoft Corporation, and Nokia Corporation, and Amazon.com is a General Member. ICASI thrives on relationships of trust and collaboration. Its structure and code of conduct facilitate this environment, enabling its members to work together to proactively address critical security issues. In doing so, ICASI can better protect enterprises, governments and citizens, and the critical IT infrastructure that supports them.



What is ICASI's mission?

ICASI's mission is three-fold. First, ICASI creates a forum of trust where industry leaders can work collaboratively to address international, multi-product security challenges and to mitigate operational risk. Next, the organization drives innovation to respond to the rapidly changing Internet security threat landscape. Finally, ICASI shares solutions externally to foster the development and implementation of cohesive, industry-wide best practices.

How does ICASI enhance global Internet security?

ICASI is not a security incident response team (SIRT), a SIRT operations center, or a SIRT coordination center. However, ICASI has the capability to launch a proactive, coordinated response of its members' incident response teams in the event of a major exploit that affects the global IT infrastructure and involves members' products or services.

ICASI has developed a protocol and framework that helps member companies report, share, and then collaborate on a response to the threat. These two projects are the Unified Security Incident Response Plan and the Common Vulnerability Reporting Framework.



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What is the Unified Security Incident Response Plan?

The Unified Security Incident Response Plan (USIRP) is a proven construct that enables ICASI members' internal SIRTs to analyze and mitigate international and multi-vendor IT security challenges.

What is the Common Vulnerability Reporting Framework?

There is currently no standard in the vulnerability reporting space. The goal of the Common Vulnerability Reporting Framework (CVRF) is to create a collective plan that will improve vulnerability information sharing and analysis. The CVRF will deliver the capacity to enable the assimilation of disparate security-related data sets via a standard format.

How is ICASI different from other organizations?

Historically, companies have worked privately, one-to-one, or publicly in large organizational forums to address security threats. The ICASI structure extends those conversations and allows vendors to share sensitive information in a relatively small, secure forum.

Other established organizations offer forums for governments, academic institutions, and IT customers to discuss security threats. ICASI complements those organizations by filling a gap for developers of global IT products and services to collaborate on the security challenges that affect their products and services.

How do members benefit from ICASI membership?

ICASI enables its members to collaborate as industry partners to analyze, mitigate, and resolve today's increasingly complex Internet security threats. ICASI provides a productive setting for its members to efficiently and effectively address a variety of security issues. Members have the opportunity to become involved in ICASI projects, participate in working groups, exchange technical information, and speak with industry decision makers.

How can companies participate in ICASI?

Companies can participate in ICASI at two levels: as a Founding Member or a General Member.

Founding Member

- Define the strategic direction of ICASI as a member of the Board of Directors
- Develop and drive initiatives to enhance operational security
- Enjoy full access to all ICASI projects, committees, and working groups
- Address the most pressing security challenges by collaborating with other IT companies
- Join with other leaders as a trusted voice promoting Internet security

\$75,000 Initiation Fee (first year only); \$25,000 Membership Dues (paid annually, including the first year)

General Member

- Participate in working groups specializing in your area of interest
- Work collaboratively to advance Internet security response systems
- Exchange technical information on threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences in a trusted forum
- Speak with decision makers in government and industry as a trusted advisor

\$10,000 Membership Dues (paid annually)