

The Internet Directory Consortium

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How it came about

- EuroSIInet - 1998 prospects very poor
 - Very small core of Directory/messaging participants
- Approach to Internet Mail Consortium
 - 40+ members - messaging/LDAP
 - cooperation on BLITS test suite
 - IMC response: “our primary interest is messaging - why don’t you start a directory group”

The new group

- Fills gap left by IMC withdrawal
- Intention is that coverage is global
 - IMC is very US-centric
- Evidence of widespread support
 - demand for cooperative group from WEMA challenge, ex-EuroSInet members, IMC members

Achievements

- Dirconnect 3 - October 1998
 - Boldon James, ICL, Innosoft, IRIS Associates, Lucent, Microsoft, Netscape, Novell, Open LDAP Foundation, Packeteer, Siemens, Sun
- Updates to BLITS
- This event
- Increased buy-in by TOG

What will this new group do?

- Build a Directory Community to
 - Represent general directory industry needs and activities
 - Advance new Internet directory technologies
 - Seek to expand the use of Internet directory in e-commerce and other applications
 - Encourage development of the global mass market for Internet directory

Discussion Groups

- work with other TOG groups (Security, e-commerce)
- cover implementation of current and future Directory standards
- security, social issues, and other related topics
- facilitate technical discussions between users and vendors

Interoperability Testing

- Bake-offs for vendors
 - Informal - behind closed doors
- Provide Assurance for users of Directories
 - Promote Testing in Procurement
 - Branding
- Manage pilots for LDAP profile test suites

Schema Registration

- Much talk in IETF
- IDC could be the “home”
 - Needs investment
 - Would establish IDC

Who should join?

- You should join the IDC if you...
 - Sell Internet directory client or server software
 - Sell directory management software
 - Selling programming and security toolkits for Internet products
 - Provide services with directory
 - Are a user of Directory
 - Consult in directory system design, installation, or operation
 - Are concerned with helping Internet directory progress

How much will it cost?

- Dues are assigned on a sliding scale, based on total revenues for the top- level organization unit that deals with Internet directory products and services.
- TOG Silver membership status (single group)
 - \$20K maximum
 - Reductions for smaller vendors and users
 - 50% discount for first year
- Members to receive discount on participation in testing event