

MAKING IT GOOD FOR SOCIETY

BCS Membership



Introduction

At BCS, we're on a mission to ensure everyone's experience with technology is positive. It's something we've been committed to since 1957.

We're 65,000 members in 150 countries, and a wider community of business leaders, educators, practitioners and policy-makers all committed to our mission.

As a charity with a royal charter, our agenda is to lead the IT industry through its ethical challenges, to support the people who work in the industry, and to

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resulting in an active community of members who share that mission and vision



60,000+

practitioners,
business leaders,
educators and
policymakers



1,000+

annual events from
AI to blockchain and
everything in-
between



1,500+

mentors and
mentees sharing
knowledge and
experience



150+

specialist interest
groups and local
branches



the work of our mission is focussed on:

- **supporting careers**

facilitating professional development and supporting members and others working in the computing profession at every stage of their career

- **sharing expertise**

facilitating expert networks and knowledge sharing

- **improving education**

working in partnerships to improve computing education at all levels

- **influencing practice**

consulting with industry, academia and government to inform and shape policy, regulation and practice

- **driving standards**

being guardians of professional standards and ensuring adherence to our code of conduct

Membership

People join BCS to show that they care about professional standards, their professional development and our mission to make IT good for society

People can join directly as individuals, or via their employer if they have committed support to our mission through our organisational membership scheme





what is membership?

- **recognition of your commitment to professionalism**
evidenced through our standards and commitment to our code of conduct
- **supporting your professional development**
through education, our expert networks, community activity and knowledge sharing
- **sharing expertise and influencing practice**
contributing your knowledge and expertise to the wider profession through the work and activity of BCS
- **committing to help us make IT good for society**
supporting our mission and vision

Code of Conduct

Observed by every BCS member, it defines the characteristics we share as professionals serious about building a responsible computing profession. Our code comprises four key areas of professional conduct:

- **acting in the public interest**
- **professional competence and integrity**
- **duty to relevant authority**
- **duty to the profession**

Key benefits summary

Community

- Access to our community of branches international sections and specialist groups
- Volunteering and engagement opportunities across all the work of BCS
- Access to our London office member facilities

Knowledge access

- Regular features through our electronic newsletters and membership magazine
- Access to a wide range of events
- Access to our research and insight reports
- Exclusive discounts to BCS publications
- Membership extras (discounts on lifestyle, business & legal services)

Career development

- Find a mentor or mentee via our BCS Career mentoring network
- Exclusive access to Browse SFI**Aplus** (*IT skills framework* online tool) and our CDP recording tool
- Springboard – online career portal that includes assessments, eLearning and career advice

Recognition

- Professional code of conduct and member post-nominal letters
- Professional recognition of experience, knowledge and competence, including Chartered Status
- Options to appear on our public registers of professionals (including registers for Chartered status holders)
- BCS membership logo usage and certificate

Membership grades

AFFILIATE

- Open to anybody with a passion or interest in computing
- There are no requirements to entering at this grade and it therefore represents a great opportunity to start getting involved in the work of BCS very quickly

STUDENT

- For those on a computing/IT-related study course or digital apprenticeship

ASSOCIATE

- Recognition of those working in the profession who are developing their career, skills and competencies
- Requires a year's IT work experience or relevant qualification
- Holders can use the post nominal letters **AMBCS** after their name

Membership grades

PROFESSIONAL

- Recognition of professionals with at least 5 years' IT work experience and/or holding relevant qualifications
- Holders can use the post nominal letters **MBCS** after their name

FELLOW

- Recognition of the most experienced and/or most significant contributors within our community and profession
- Holders can use the post nominal letters **FBCS** after their name

FURTHER RECOGNITION

Alongside our membership grades we also assess and award a number of professional registrations, including Chartered status

Professional standards accessible through membership of BCS

RITTech

The RITTech standard recognises practitioners who:

- have hands-on technical skills
- perform a range of activities that are sometimes complex and non-routine
- can demonstrate they understand the wider business context of their role
- demonstrate quality and integrity in their work

FEDIP

The FEDIP family of standards recognises informatics professionals in the health and social care sector. Standards cover a range of levels:

- Practitioner
- Senior Practitioner
- Advanced Practitioner
- Leading Practitioner

CITP

Our **Chartered IT Professional** status can be awarded to those who can show they are:

- engaged in challenging and complex activities across their organisation
- in a position of influence and responsibility
- committed to continuing their professional development

Engineering Council standards accessible through membership of BCS

IEng

This standard recognises professionals who:

- Use new and existing technologies in an industrial setting
- Demonstrate practical skills and knowledge in a range of activities
- Apply their knowledge to deliver projects using established technologies and methods
- Responsible for project and financial planning
- Demonstrate quality and integrity in their work

CEng

This standard recognises professionals who:

- Apply their understanding to deliver innovative products and services in an industrial setting
- Demonstrate accountability for project, finance and personnel management
- Have the skills to develop other technical staff
- Show effective interpersonal skills in communicating technical matters
- Bring quality and integrity to their work