



Membership

# Reach your potential

Activate your membership



**BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, champions the global IT profession and the interests of individuals engaged in that profession for the benefit of all.**

# There has never been a better time to join

As BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, our mission is to enable the information society. We bring together industry, academics, IT professionals and government to share knowledge, promote new thinking and shape public policy. Members benefit from a range of professional development tools and widely recognised qualifications.

Employers and customers are making ever-higher demands of IT professionals. Wherever you are in your career, membership of the Institute gives you the tools you need to develop your skills and knowledge to get ahead. As a result, there couldn't be a better time to join the professional body for IT.

As a successful BCS professional certification candidate you can get so much more than your certification. You are now eligible to activate your Associate membership (AMBCS) and benefit from the unrivalled professional development support that the Institute can offer.

**9000**

IT and business journals  
available in our online library

**20000**

hours of exclusive webchats  
and seminars

**70000**

strong membership base  
championing IT

**50**

specialist groups to keep you  
up to date

# Why join The Chartered Institute for IT?

# 1

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Institute's Code of Conduct demonstrates

to employers and clients that you are committed to high standards.

# 2

## **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Use our tools and resources to maintain your

professional development and achieve your career ambitions.

# 3

## **ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE, BEST PRACTICE AND LATEST THINKING**

Profit from the latest industry news, our vast online library and information services to keep you at the cutting edge of IT.

# 4

## **NETWORKING**

Join an active and knowledgeable IT community and open up

opportunities by networking in over 40 local branches and 50 specialist groups. Find solutions to IT problems by tapping into expertise on our online Member Network.

# 5

## **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

Raise your profile with our industry recognised letters

(AMBCS, MBCS, CITP or FBACS) after your name.

# 6

## **EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

Add even greater value to your

membership with exclusive free services and discounts.

**Activate your BCS Associate membership using your unique link**

## EXCLUSIVE MEMBER DISCOUNTS

UP TO

# 50%

savings on software products including AVG Anti Virus, Quark, TurboCad, Eurotalk, FileMaker and many more.

UP TO

# 50%

off a range of training courses from over 15 nationwide training centres covering topics such as Penetration, Security, ISO 27001, Architecture, Computer Forensics and Novell to name but a few.

UP TO

# 25%

discount on Professional Indemnity Insurance cover – depending on the level of cover required. That's a possible saving of up to £200.

**PLUS** Enhanced **Free Legal Helpline** (Chartered, Professional and all Fellow grades), Free **Online Legal service** (not Affiliates) and **Employment Disputes service** (Fellows only)

## Which grade? [www.bcs.org/grades](http://www.bcs.org/grades)

Our online tool will help guide you through the various membership options.

**ASSOCIATE (AMBCS)** is aimed at those who are at the start of their career in IT and taking their first step on the ladder to full Professional membership. AMBCS requires at least one year of IT related experience or a degree.

**PROFESSIONAL (MBCS)** demonstrates a commitment to keep pace with advancing knowledge and the increasing expectations and requirements of your profession. MBCS requires a BCS accredited degree or up to five years' IT related experience depending on qualifications.

**CHARTERED IT PROFESSIONAL (CITP)** reflects your integrity, professionalism and dedication to your work. CITP is the mark of a current, competent IT professional with at least 8-10 years' relevant experience.

**FELLOWSHIP (FBCS)** comprises the most senior and respected professionals in the field of IT. Fellowship is awarded for eminence, authority or seniority in the field with at least 5 years' IT practitioner experience.



**Being recognised as a professional is very important to me. The IT recruitment industry is all about quality people, membership of The Chartered Institute for IT is an internationally recognised badge of achievement and professionalism. I recommend it to my staff and look for it on candidates' CVs. It's also a great way for me to mix with senior people within the companies we deal with; they are also members of The Chartered Institute for IT; it demonstrates your commitment to the profession.'**

**Paul James MBCS**

**'My employer is focused on quality and professionalism and they fully backed me becoming a member of The Chartered Institute for IT. This offers lots of networking opportunities, including meetings and presentations at local branches and specialist groups. Joining The Chartered Institute for IT has given me access to new contacts not just for business, but for my own learning and self-development.'**

**Dave Britt MBCS**



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