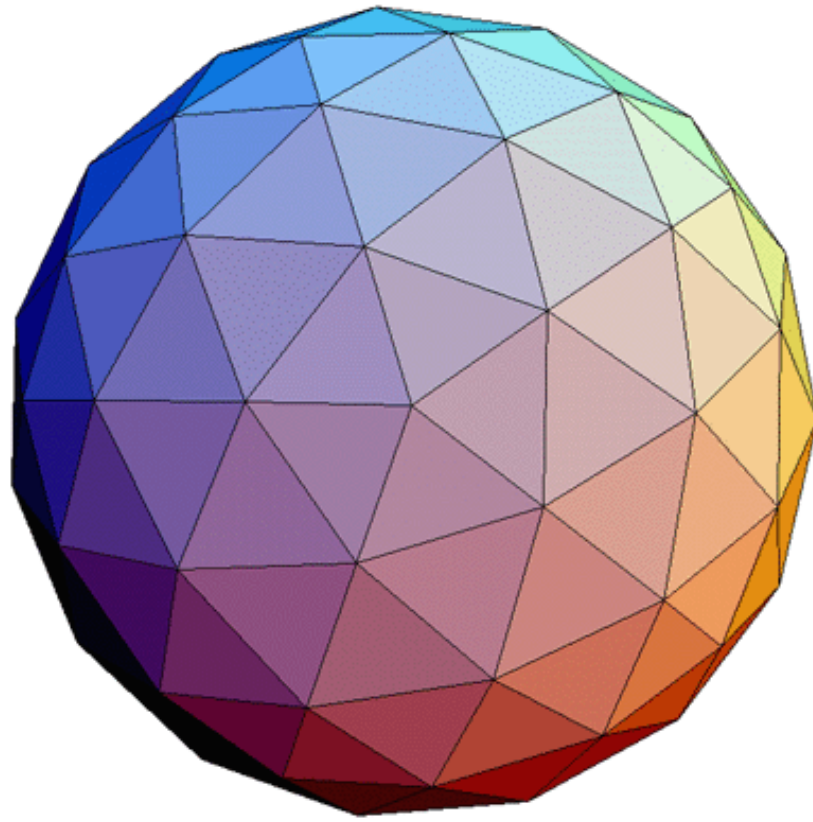




Sphere

An integrated picture: titles, labels, images

Sphere Labels Task Overview

What are the most effective titles for the different constituent elements of ISOC?

How can the relationships between these elements be graphically depicted?

Create an image or diagram that depicts the elements in a well integrated format.

Style of Working: A suggestion.

This is to be a private document. So this document (slides) can examine the most uncomfortable questions, without any limitation, and follow the Socratic Method to arrive at an optimal solution.

There are no exclusions about the fundamentals to be examined. For instance, a group member can even ask if there should be Chapters in the first place. Such a question, or questions similar to that, may not be prima-facie objected to, but be willingly examined. The end result would be enormous.

NOTE ON WORKING WITH GOOGLE DOCUMENTS

Anne, Thanks for your comments.

All in the group may feel free to add new slides to write as much as they want.

Also, please sign your name at the end of the comments and also it is a good idea to use a separate color for each one. This document could also be quite conversational.

the primary question... (1)

Should be we call the Internet Society the "Internet Society" ?
Is this a good name ? Is this the optimal name ? Does this name convey ISOC's role, responsibilities and functions ?

Answers: (write your response, comment on someone else's response, do anything here) :

Shiva: No, I think the term "Society" conveys a generalist body without responsibilities or executive functions. We may have to think of a name such as "Internet Consortium", "Internet Council" or "Internet Governing Council" or even a bold "Internet Authority" continued in the next five slides.

the primary question... (1a)

NOTE: "ISOC" also happens to be the abbreviation used as official short name by **Internet Security Operations Command** and also an organization called the **Islamic Society**.

the primary question... (2)

Answer by Sebastian Ricciardi:

I'm more than fine both with Internet Society and ISOC as an abbreviation.

We're talking about a world wide recognized organization here...

I'm not sure about this being a primary question. I think it's a given. What we need to deal with are the titles for the different constituent elements of ISOC....

the primary question... (3)

Answer by Chickerur:

I feel the term Society is OK , since society literally means

" An organization or association of persons engaged in a common profession, activity, or interest "

And we all at ISOC believe in making internet more accessible to all the people across the globe , this name is ok considering that ISOC is " independent international nonprofit organisation "

the primary question... (5)

Comments by Anne

This is the first time i have used Google Docs... it seems a good way to organise discussion, so thanks for setting this up sivasumbramian! Great stuff!

Personally I think the use of "society" is okay. There is generally a common understanding of the word "society" for one. In addition, we are talking in the broadest sense about social systems. They are generalist but I think if we were to take a narrower view of ISOC, then Association or Confederation might be useful to think about. And that is a discussion i think is related to our core purpose. But taking that (for now) as given, i think Society is ok.

ps. i think there will always be overlap with two words which are common denominators like Internet and Society.

Chapters

Private Question, Even those with official responsibilities are requested to answer this question without hesitation, if necessary in general terms:

In its process of evolution, ISOC has chartered 86 chapters. Assuming that by some criteria, for some reason we classify them as Good, Bad and Ugly

Chapters - Good, Bad and Ugly.

1) "Good" chapters are the evolved chapters. How many do we have? Five ? Ten ? Twenty ? What can ISOC do to multiply the number of "good" chapters ?

2) "Bad" chapters, not necessarily inactive, are chapters that need closer attention and need to be guided to be in tune. How many bad chapters do we have?

3) Do we have any ugly chapters ? If so how many ? "ugly" is not necessarily inactive, but one that confirms to paperwork but happens to function in a manner that is damaging to ISOC's or the Internet's overall well being. May be even a chapter with a non-so-healthy corporate agenda, a chapter with fake members, a chapter with a self-profiting team...

Chapters - Good, Bad and Ugly.

Answer by Chickerur :

Instead of naming the chapters as Good , Bad or Ugly. We could come with a grading concept and name then as either A , B or C or ***** stars , *** stars , * star .

once we come with that relative grading , the chapters will be motivated to achieve more .

[It is not suggested that chapters are graded, it is notionally classified as "good, bad, ugly" within the sphere label group to aid us in the process of thinking. All chapters are equal and may not be graded - Shiva]

Chapters - Good, Bad and Ugly.

Answer by Sebastian Ricciardi:

Do we really need to classify 86 chapters? What's the purpose? Let's just assume we have Good and Not so good chapters.

We could also assume:

- That some chapters join just for franchising the ISOC brand.
- That some chapters want to franchise the ISOC brand but also want to be completely independent from Reston+Geneva (R+G)
- That some chapters are really great.
- That some chapters do not exist beyond a group of 4 or 5 individuals.
- That We are still trying to solve the tension between having a lot of chapters Vs. having good working chapters.-

Chapters - Good, Bad and Ugly.

Answer Anne:

I agree with Sebastian's comments to a large extent. This classification however is the exact mission of one of the other groups - the chapter multi-criteria analysis so it may be useful to feed this discussion into that group at : <http://wiki.chapters.isoc.org/tiki-index.php?page=Chapter+Analysis&bl>

I think our mission is to find labels for the parts as a whole.

[Fed as a blog entry of the Mutli Criteria analysis blog at http://wiki.chapters.isoc.org/tiki-view_blog.php?blogId=1 - Shiva.]

The Title of Chapter

Chapter ?

ISOC India Chennai Chapter ? or simply ISOC India Chennai? A "Chapter" as it is in ISOC's structure, is neither an integral part nor completely detached. The result is that a chapter while not being an integral part of ISOC is in a position to represent ISOC and do good or harm to ISOC's overall mission.

Can "chapters" be a more integral part of ISOC ? With the only distinction being that of its composition entirely by "voluntary" members ?

The Title of Chapter

Answer by chickerur :

I feel the ISOC India Chennai Chapter , appears to be more correct since it sends a message that we are a part of the larger team .

Chapters can be made more integral by various methods like :

1. a group of chapters coordinating to arrange for a event
2. making the chapters more accountable for achieving their goals and road maps .
3. may be we can have a uniform theme for a year and every chapter pursuing that theme for that year and arrive at collective effective result.

The Title of Chapter

Answer by Sebastian Ricciardi :

This is a good part of the matter we are dealing with.

We use Internet Society Argentina Chapter, and we also use the abbreviation Isoc.Ar.

I'm wondering whether we should make some research and see how chapters name themselves.... give me a few days for this.

Titles in a Chapter

President ? CEO ? Chairperson ? What is the common name to be adopted for the head of a "chapter" ?

What are the other mandatory chapter positions ?

Past President ? (Does he have a role, advisory ?)

Vice President ?

Secretary ?

Treasurer ?

At least two Directors ?

Who are Chapter Delegates and who are not ?

Titles in a Chapter

Answer by chickerur :

All the chapters should have the same format for the Exe comm .

The chapter should have all the usual posts like :

President , Immediate Past President (Advisory) , Vice President , Secretary , Directors -- each with specific roles and responsibilities

The Title of Chapter

Answer by Sebastian Ricciardi :

Same as above. Let's do some research, and try to define "Delegate".

I expect to find a big variation in the way chapters name their officers.

Anne's comment: Start out by looking on the ISOC website at the list of chapters :

<http://www.isoc.org/isoc/chapters/list.php?status=A>

that might help.

Labels

What do we examine under labels ? In security parlance, label is a term used in the context of privileges and permissions. Do we examine hierarchy or channels under "labels" ?

(Though the Sphere project is all about seamless communication, from the management perspective it may be necessary to define certain conventions - for e.g. a chapter member may not directly write (in an official context) to the Head of the Geographic Region ????)

Labels

Answer by chickerur :

We need to understand the total structure of isoc from the top to the individual members , it should be uniform and , the issues/events etc to be addressed should be uniform across the board .After few discussions we may arrive at the correct labels .

Labels

Answer Sebastian Ricciardi:

I think we are supposed to examine the different "labels" we used to use:

- ISOC
- ISOC HQ
- ISOC Global
- Chapter
- ISOC Chapter

And try to identify the ones we feel are more representative or appropriate.

Labels

Answer BY ANNE....

I agree with Sebastien - this is one part of what we are trying to clarify. We use ISOC: (note i ran out of space to cover chapters..) [please feel free to add new slides]

ISOC Global (seems to cover everyone and not really include the chapters - rather exclude)

ISOC HQ - sounds to "command and control to me

ISOC Secretariat - some governance, direction setting and a facilitator enabler..

ISOC World - so which planet do the chapters sit on? ;)

ISOC International - hmmm. prob not still right.

ISOC Corporate? Other labels? **ISOC WORLDWIDE ???** - ISOC

Worldwide also conveys the wrong image to me.

Labels

Answer by ANNE continued:

Perhaps we can produce a diagram about what we think is the ideal view and what the relationships should be and look at the labels afterwards? I understood this to be our task..

Labels

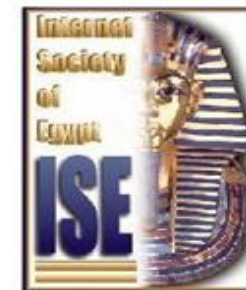
Answer (anne):

I tried to create a diagram but found it too hard. will have to do this in another format and upload to the wiki.

[Anne, any other diagram creator could be used to make a diagram and the saved diagram could be pasted here]



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How Chapters Present themselves?

I think this is also interesting to explore:

<http://www.isoc.org/isoc/general/identity/>

I also think that there might be already a
"non-denounced" or "non-exteriorised" vision of ISOC:

Board of Trustees

Staff

Organizational Members

Chapters

Individual Members

I wonder if that list has any herarchy.....

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Identity Guidelines

