



FIRST is the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams. We are an Association of trusted security teams who handle computer security incidents together. We promote the creation and expansion of Incident Response teams and membership from organizations from around the world. FIRST is now comprised of 307 teams in 67 countries.

## FIRST MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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### WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN FIRST?

#### ACCESS TO A WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY OF LIKE-MINDED EXPERTS

By working together through FIRST's network, each incident response and security team pools expertise to coordinate the most effective response, providing fast, global solutions.

#### IT'S A TRUSTED FORUM

FIRST provides an internationally trusted forum for confidential interactions among incident response and security teams. Utilize FIRST's infrastructure to share information among all members via secure channels.

#### FIRST EVENTS

The **Annual FIRST Conference** on Computer Security Incident Handling, <http://www.first.org/conference>, is focused exclusively on the field of computer security response; it addresses the common threats and problems faced by security professionals. The conference is open to members and non-members of FIRST. **Symposia and Technical Colloquia** are events that address the latest information about vulnerabilities, incidents, tools and lessons learned with colleagues from around the world at regional or industry specific events.

### OTHER BENEFITS OF JOINING FIRST...

- **BEST PRACTICES, PRESENTATIONS AND TRAINING MATERIALS** - Access to papers, presentations and podcasts authored by FIRST members. FIRST teams share technical information, tools, methodologies, processes and best practices.
- **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS** - FIRST has several Special Interest Groups and discussion groups where members can discuss topics of common interest.

### TO BEGIN THE APPLICATION PROCESS...

1. **SEND AN EMAIL** to [first-sec@first.org](mailto:first-sec@first.org) that includes your team name, country and contact information and the ITU cyber drill you attended.
2. **LET US KNOW OF** any FIRST member teams you are currently working with.
3. **REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MATERIALS** and site visit guide at <http://first.org/membership>
4. **THE FIRST SECRETARIAT** will contact you with next steps or to step up a call for discussion

### FOR ITU CYBER DRILL PARTICIPANTS

FIRST is pleased to support applications for FIRST membership from participants of ITU preparedness and cyber drill exercises. *All applicants must satisfy criteria for FIRST membership.*

**ITU AND FIRST** engage each other in relevant conferences and fora to enable more interaction and cooperation between their respective constituencies. As part of this work, ITU also facilitates the affiliation process to FIRST in the context of its CIRT Readiness Assessment and its CIRT Implementation programs with Member States.

### MEMBERSHIP

Full member teams of at least two individuals have an annual fee \$2000. The \$800 application fee will be waived for ITU Cyberdrill participating teams.

### FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Financial Assistance may be available for qualified teams. For more details:

<http://first.org/global/fellowship>

### INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY

<http://first.org/membership>

For membership or general inquiries please email [first-sec@first.org](mailto:first-sec@first.org)