# What is the Internet Society ?

- The global international organization for open systems internetworking and the *Internet*
- A common mechanism for:
  - standards
  - operational administration
  - research coordination
  - global cooperation among national, regional, and other international bodies
- An international means for sharing information and encouraging development of internet-related infrastructure, applications, and use around the world
- Membership consists of individuals and organizations - commercial, governmental, and non-profit

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