



Shibboleth.

Dear [name],

On behalf of the Shibboleth Consortium Board, I would like to invite [organisation] to join the Shibboleth Consortium and attach a membership application form.

Shibboleth is SAML-based open-source software that enables single sign-on and authorisation for accessing web services across different organisations. It was first released in 2003 and has been widely adopted by research and education communities around the world, making it a key component in facilitating ease-of-use of web-based resources.

Shibboleth offers an authentication and authorization solution for diverse multinational collaboration and scales to deployments of thousands of users and millions of authentication transactions per day. It implements widely-used industry standard protocols and interoperates with most directory systems in order to extend the reach and availability of services.

The Shibboleth Consortium was founded in April 2013 by Internet2 (United States), Janet (United Kingdom) and SWITCH (Switzerland), after several years of close cooperation within the global identity and access management community. The aim is to provide a sustainable structure for Shibboleth, and the three founding organisations consider a broadening of the membership as key to securing past investment and supporting continued development.

Whilst Shibboleth is open-source software that may be used by anyone, by becoming a member of the Shibboleth Consortium you will directly help fund maintenance and continued development of the software, standardisation efforts, as well as provision of user support and training. You will also help the Shibboleth Consortium add more of the features requested by the community, whilst being able to influence direction and priorities.

Membership categories and fees are as follows:

Category	Small	Medium	Large
Principal Member	€120,000	€120,000	€120,000
NREN/Access Federation	€10,000 <=250 IdP+SPs	€20,000 251-750 IdP+SPs	€40,000 >750 IdPs+SPs
Academic/Non-Profit Organisation	€2,000 <=10K users	€4,000 10-50K users	€6,000 >50K users
Commercial Organisation	€4,000 <=€10M revenue	€8,000 €10-100M revenue	€16,000 >€100M revenue

† It is also possible to make a donation if you do not wish to join the consortium.

The Shibboleth Consortium is run by the Shibboleth Board in accordance with the Shibboleth Charter (see <http://shibboleth.net/documents/charter.html>). Principal Members are automatically entitled to be represented on the Board, whilst other members are entitled to be jointly represented. The day-to-day activities are managed by a professional manager.

Further information is available at <http://shibboleth.net/>

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Shibboleth Consortium