



# IRODS CONSORTIUM

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## GUIDE TO CONSORTIUM COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

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The *Consortium* works to standardize the definition, development, and release of iRODS-based data middleware technologies, evangelize iRODS among potential users, promote new advances in iRODS, and expand the adoption of iRODS-based data middleware technologies through the development and release of iRODS as open-source, mission-critical, production-level software.

The *Consortium Planning Committee* has responsibility for approval and oversight of release plans and release dates, marketing and dissemination activities, Consortium hosted workshops and conferences, and other activities as determined by the Executive Board.

The *Consortium Executive Board* provides overall governance of the Consortium, and is responsible for aiding in fundraising, public relations, and acquisition of new Consortium Members, making amendments and alterations to the Bylaws, and providing oversight and approval of Consortium activities, staffing, budgets, and deliverables as detailed in the Bylaws.

The *Consortium Technology Working Group* is responsible for development of draft release plans and dates for release of Consortium Software, development and release of architectural plans and standards for Consortium Software, including development and release of data grid standards, oversight of Consortium Software development and testing efforts, and other activities as determined by the Planning Committee or the Executive Board.

## BENEFITS AND FEES BY MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

	Non Member	General Member	Professional Member	Sustaining Member	Premier Member
Annual Fees		\$10,000	\$35,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
<i>Benefits</i>					
Access to software distributions	x	x	x	x	x
Access to software source code	x	x	x	x	x
Access to online community help and forums	x	x	x	x	x
Access to software documentation	x	x	x	x	x
Access to training and support documentation	partial	x	x	x	x
Access to use cases and white papers	x	x	x	x	x
Access to hosted software extensions and modules	x	x	x	x	x
Submit software extensions and modules for hosting	x	x	x	x	x
Consulting, training, and support	0 hr/year	10 hr/year	40 hr/year	80 hr/year	300 hr/year
Priority access to consulting, training, and support		low	medium	high	highest
Participation in Consortium Working Groups		x	x	x	x
Participation in Consortium Planning Committee		x	x	x	x
Participation in software release roadmaps		x	x	x	x
Voting rights for software release roadmaps			x	x	x
Voting rights on Consortium Planning Committee			x	x	x
Voting rights on Consortium Executive Board				x	x
Priority on Consortium led development & contracts		low	medium	high	highest
Complementary Hosting rights (up to 10U)					x
Participation in Open Consortium forums	x	x	x	x	x
Participation in Exclusive Consortium forums		x	x	x	x
Right to host events at Consortium forums			x	x	x
Distribution of member's marketing material			x	x	x
Recognition, web & print, and at Consortium forums			x	x	x
Access to Consortium membership roster			x	x	x

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## EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

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- *Access to software distributions & Access to software source code*

The Consortium is committed to the open use and distribution of source code and binary distributions for the iRODS software and for other consortium owned software. In limited cases, the Consortium may release software or source code that is restricted by other terms; for instance when software is developed under contract with an industry partner.

- *Access to online community help and forums*

To help support the use of its software, the Consortium will maintain a forum where consortium members and non-members can discuss relevant issues, post technical questions, and ask for support. Consortium staff will monitor and contribute to forums to help users with issues and questions.

- *Access to software documentation & Access to training and support documentation & Access to use cases and white papers*

The Consortium will maintain a library of software documentation, training material, support material, use case documents, and white papers. Library material will include material developed and owned by the Consortium as well as material contributed by members and non-members. Non-members will have restricted access rights to the library; redistribution of material to non-qualified members and non-members is not permitted without prior approval of the Consortium.

- *Access to hosted software extensions and modules Submit software extensions and modules for hosting*

The Consortium will support the distribution of free and for-pay extensions to iRODS accessible through the Consortium website. Qualifying members will be allowed to post and market extensions on the website.

- *Contracting, training, and user support & Priority access to consulting, training, and support*

Qualifying consortium members will be given prioritized access to Consortium staff for contract work, including software development and iRODS installation and administration, as well as training and user support. Consortium staff will prioritize all requests, with consideration given to requestors' membership level. Paid contract work will be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Non-qualifying consortium members and non-members may request contract support; however, priority will be given to qualifying members.

- *Participation in Consortium Working Groups*

The Consortium will, from time to time, establish working groups to conduct business. For example, the Consortium may form working groups to discuss: data grid standards; use of data grids for genomics data; and metadata standards. Qualifying consortium members are eligible to participate in Consortium working groups; in certain cases non-members may be invited based on specific qualifications.

- *Participation in Consortium Planning Committee*

Ongoing planning for the consortium will be conducted through the planning committee. The responsibilities of this committee are outlined on page 1.

- *Participation in software release roadmaps & Voting rights for software release roadmaps*

The Consortium will maintain for all released software a list of desired features (including distributed deployments to test and distributions to support) and existing bugs identified by members and non-members. Qualifying consortium members may help determine the roadmap for new releases and micro-releases by indicating priorities and participating in planning discussions. Qualifying consortium members may also vote on features and bug fixes to include in major and minor releases.

- *Voting rights on Consortium Planning Committee*

Qualified members will be allowed to participate and vote on the planning committee.

- *Voting rights on Consortium Executive Board*

Qualified members will be allowed to participate and vote on the executive board. The responsibilities of this board are outlined on page 1.

- *Priority on Consortium led development & contracts*

Based on availability of funds, the Consortium may approve additional development work beyond scope of the formally adopted roadmap. In addition, the Consortium may engage in contract or grant work related to the iRODS technology.

- *Complementary Hosting rights (up to 10U)*

The iRODS Consortium provides continuous building, testing, and packaging for every commit to the iRODS code base. Consortium members can include specific hardware in this continuous integration process for the cost of \$100 per month per rack unit (U) of hardware that is physically hosted at RENC. This fee is waived for up to 10U of rack space for Premier Consortium members.

- *Participation in Open Consortium forums & Participation in Exclusive Consortium forums & Right to host events at Consortium forums*

Periodically, the Consortium will host forums that are Open to the public, or Exclusive to an invited audience. Qualifying members will be allowed to host events at Consortium forums, and the Consortium will promote such events to attendees in forum marketing material.

- *Distribution of member's marketing material*

The Consortium will maintain and distribute marketing material from qualifying members. The Consortium will work to ensure such materials are distributed to other Consortium members and non-members as appropriate, and promoted at Consortium-hosted forums.

- *Recognition, web & print, and at Consortium forums*

The Consortium will work with qualifying members to promote their companies and products related to iRODS through case stories, press releases, and other marketing material.

- *Access to Consortium membership roster*

The Consortium membership roster will be available to qualified Consortium members.