



SIP Professional Membership Package

We invite professionals in the Technology Industry to join SIP as a Professional Member to enhance your professional and personal credibility. Membership is open to all professionals who use the Internet and it does not require any examination or requisite experience.

You will also receive a digital Membership Plaque (as shown) with your name, which you can display on your personal website and publish on your stationery. Any one browsing your personal website can click on the plaque to validate your standing with SIP.

A validation page of your membership with your profile will be created on our Professional Members website.

Please complete the Application Form (given below) and mail it to the SIP office addressed below.

On approval of your application, we will send you the digital plaque, a membership certificate and website address of a special validation page created for your membership.

You will also be requested to send us an 80 words profile with a photo by email, which will be used to post your profile on the [Members Directory](#).

SIP website is a massive resource intensive website, so we have created a special page with links to all programs and features mentioned in this document, access all links at:
<http://sipgroup.org/links/>

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Max Haroon at 416-891-4937 or email at info@sipgroup.org

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Professional membership Application Package consists of the following:

- SIP Short Profile
- Professional Membership Benefits
- Internet Job Competencies
- Professional Code of Ethics
- Membership Application Form





SIP Short Profile

The Society of Internet Professionals (SIP) is a professional not-for-profit organization, which was founded in 1997 with a mandate to enhance professionalism and accountability of professionals in the Internet Industry.

Since 1977, SIP has spearheaded many initiatives and programs, such as:

- Workshops
- SIPpost, our Newsletters
- Members' directory
- Participation at Trade Shows
- Networking & Educational Events
- Resource Intensive Website
- Professional Code of Ethics



Professional Membership Benefits

Benefits of membership are grouped into three categories:

1. Exclusive Privileges: Such as Group Health, Dental & Travel Insurance
2. Affinity Programs
3. Complimentary Service.

1. Exclusive Privileges (Only Available To Professional Members)

- Use of membership plaque for your website (as illustrated above left). You will receive a digital **Membership Plaque** with your name, which you can display on your personal website and publish on your stationery. Any one browsing your personal website can click on the plaque to validate your standing with SIP.
- [A validation page](#) of your membership with your profile will be created on our Professional Members website.
- Award of Membership Certificate (as illustrated above right).
- SIP Official Gold-plated lapel pin (only for life members)
- Profiled on [Professional Members Directory](#).
- Demonstrate commitment to professionalism by subscribing to [SIP Code of Ethics](#) and build your credibility.
- Access to Industry Resources & seminars archives.
- Access to various [Competencies](#), developed by SIP, for various tasks and jobs as related to the Internet professionals.
- Discount on SIP's high-profile events and Business Referrals for your specific industry.
- Network with other SIP Professional Members, find a mentor or be a mentor.
- Exclusive [Group Health and Dental Insurance](#) (only available to residents of Canada).

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- Key to Your Branding: Post your profile on our social media websites; (assistance will be provided to post your profile on these sites, if you are not familiar with its use. We also conduct introductory seminars on social networking website):



2. Affinity Programs (products and services at special discounted prices)

- [Design of a Search Engine Friendly Mini-website.](#)
- [Group Auto, Home & Liability Insurance.](#)
- [Health Spending Account: save 35% on cost of your Family's Healthcare expenses.](#)
- [Assessment & Copy Editing of Your Website.](#)
- [Hosted/Virtual PBX Phone Service.](#)
- Group Health, Prescriptions, Dental & Travel Insurance.

We are constantly adding more affinity programs.

In addition to the above Affinity Programs, some of our other Corporate Members have excellent products and services and SIP Professional Members are encouraged to explore their business offerings and services.

3. Complimentary Services

- Free subscription to [SIPpost \(subscribed by 10,000 members\).](#)
- You will be notified of any complimentary/discounted tickets for shows, seminars, [workshop](#) and conferences through SIPpost, our newsletter, [sign-up for SIPpost.](#)
- Free Domain Registration.
- Free subscriptions to many trade magazines, such as [Website.](#)

By becoming a SIP Professional Member, you are supporting an Industry association whose mission is to enhance and promote professionalism.

Internet Job Competencies

As a professional association, we have developed Competencies for various tasks and jobs as related to the Internet professionals.

1. SIP has worked closely with many associations and educational institutions in the past to encourage better professional standards for Internet practitioners, including those in e-Business, Website Design and Development, Security, Privacy, e-Marketing, etc.



Professional Code of Ethics

Ethical standards are the hallmark for any profession and SIP is proud to offer our members the opportunity to take responsibility for the image of their Internet-related professions.

Professional Member of SIP is recognition of a member's commitment to respect their clients and peers, take responsibility for their work and commit to continue upgrading their skills and knowledge. This recognition helps members to build trust in their dealings with the Industry and clients.

Professional Code of Ethics enhances the recognition for professional status; members are awarded a membership certificate, an official pin, and a digital-seal to display on their Web site and marketing materials.

Members of SIP shall affirm their intention to uphold these Professional and ethical standards by signing Professional Membership Agreement.

As members of the Society of Internet Professionals (SIP), we recognize that we have moral and ethical obligations to the public, our clients, our fellow members and the Internet community in general.



General

1. Support SIP's exemplary standards and principles of professional conduct in this Code of Ethics.
2. Be ethical and honest in all of our business and professional relationships.
3. Treat others with courtesy and act in good faith in all our dealings.



Customer, Clients And Employers

1. Guard the confidential and private information of our clients or customers and only use information in compliance with privacy legislation. . We further pledge to implement security tools to provide as secure an Internet environment as possible for our clients or customers.
2. Honour the trust of our clients and customers by protecting their legitimate interests, and giving them our best advice and recommendations based on our knowledge and experience.
3. Respect and properly exercise any authority or privileges given to us by our clients or customers.
4. Avoid conflicts of interest and advise clients or customers, and potential clients or customers, of any such conflicts that might arise.
5. Represent only accurate facts about business policies, warranties, or the quality of products or services offered.
6. Communicate with the public, our clients or customers in a clear, accurate and comprehensive fashion.
7. Take no personal advantage of the inexperience or lack of knowledge of others.

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8. Avoid malicious hacking and other forms of abuse, and exploitation of potential vulnerabilities of Internet systems.
9. Provide timely, fair and effective redress in the case of a dispute about services, miscommunications or billing.



Compliance and Regulations

1. Observe the laws of the jurisdictions in which we do business.
2. Participate in, link to, or promote only legal and ethical professional activities.
3. Implement voluntary industry guidelines to protect consumers and customers to enhance the image of the Internet industry.
4. Assist in establishing and maintaining the integrity of the Internet industry.



MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT TO CODE OF ETHICS

I agree to the following as part of my application to join Society of Internet Professionals (SIP).
Application for membership or any of SIP program/initiative is considered as joining SIP.

1. I accept the code of Ethics and will abide by high professional standards, failing that SIP reserve the right to revoke my membership.
2. I hereby irrevocably waive any claim or right of action of law or in equity that I might have any time hereafter against SIP Board of directors, SIP executive committee (or any other committee) members, or other officials, either as a group or as individuals for official act, including acts such as:
 - Admitting or failing to admit me for Membership including Accredited Professional or Corporate sponsorship and any other program.
 - Disciplining me as a member for any reason whatever.
3. It is agreed that any certificate, emblem, logo, or other evidence of my membership which may be issued to me shall remain the property of the Society of Internet Professionals (SIP) and held by me in trust and will be returned to the Association upon demand if and when my standing as a member is terminated by Association or myself.
4. It is agreed that the membership fee is **non-refundable** in full or by prorating.



Fee

\$500 for Lifetime membership, no annual renewals.

Professional Membership Application

GENERAL INFORMATION					
SURNAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	CELL / TELEPHONE () -		
INDICATE YOUR ADDITIONAL INTEREST TO APPLY FOR: <input type="checkbox"/> WILL YOU LIKE TO PARTNER WITH A MENTOR <input type="checkbox"/> WILL YOU LIKE TO BE MENTOR FOR A MEMBER			Do you belong to any other IT/Internet association? E-MAIL ADDRESS: ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS		
ADDRESS:	STREET	APT /SUITE #	CITY	PROV /STATE	POSTAL CODE / ZIP COUNTRY
EMPLOYMENT/SELF-EMPLOYED					
COMPANY/ORGANIZATION				TITLE	
FULL TIME STUDENT, SPECIFY INSTITUTION				DAY TIME TELEPHONE	
PROFESSIONAL PROFILE (WRITE AS THIRD PERSON) CHECK IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR PROFILE TO BE PUBLISHED <input type="checkbox"/>					
Please provide by email: an 80- words profile including contact information and a photo.					
SKILLS INDEX (MARKETABLE SKILLS AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE INDEXED IN SIP DIRECTORY (ONLINE & PRINT))					
PLEASE LIST YOUR TOP SIX COMPETENCIES / SKILLS AND LENGTH OF EXPERIENCE IN EACH OF THESE (YEARS), THEY WILL BE USED FOR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY					
1. _____	()	2. _____	()		
3. _____	()	4. _____	()		
5. _____	()	6. _____	()		
LENGTH OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE RELATED TO THE INTERNET					
CAN WE APPROACH YOU FOR CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP? <input type="checkbox"/>			I AM WILLING TO HELP SIP AS A VOLUNTEER: <input type="checkbox"/>		
I am interested in SIP Programs & services -outlined above (please check one or more boxes):					
<input type="checkbox"/> WEB SITE AUDIT <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH SAVING PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AUTO & HOME INSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/> MINI WEBSITE WITH A PROFESSIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> GROUP HEALTH (PRESCRIPTIONS, DENTAL, TRAVEL) INSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/> VIRTUAL/HOSTED PBX PHONE SYSTEM <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, PLEASE SPECIFY :					
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT SIP?					
PAYMENT: \$500 FOR LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> PAYMENT ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> PAID BY PAYPAL <input type="checkbox"/> TO BE INVOICED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER.....					
CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED VIA PAYPAL, PLEASE PAY ONLINE AT: HTTP://SIPGROUP.ORG/MEMBERSHIP/PROFESSIONAL.HTML <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER.....					
I agree to abide by Membership Agreement & SIP Code of Ethics (given below), Privacy Policy and wish to subscribe to SIP mailing list					
Signature of applicant: _____					Date: _____