# Overview of OASIS

(taken from the website: https://www.oasis-open.org/org)

**OASIS** is a non-profit consortium that drives the development, convergence and adoption of open standards for the global information society.

OASIS promotes industry consensus and produces worldwide standards for security, Internet of Things, cloud computing, energy, content technologies, emergency management, and other areas. OASIS open standards offer the potential to lower cost, stimulate innovation, grow global markets, and protect the right of free choice of technology.

broadly represent the marketplace of public and private sector technology leaders, users and influencers. The consortium has more than 5,000 participants representing over 600 organizations and individual members in .

OASIS is distinguished by its transparent governance and operating procedures. Members themselves set the OASIS technical agenda, using a lightweight process expressly designed to promote industry consensus and unite disparate efforts. Completed work is ratified by open ballot. Governance is accountable and unrestricted. Officers of both the OASIS Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Board are chosen by democratic election to serve two-year terms. Consortium leadership is based on individual merit and is not tied to financial contribution, corporate standing, or special appointment.

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Oasis Committee (technical Communities) group categories include:

Big Data, Cloud, Conformance, Content Technologies, e-commerce, e-invoicing, eGov/Legal, Emergency Management, healthcare, IoT/M2M, Lifecycle Intergartion, Localization, Messaging, privacy/Identity, security, SOA, Standards Adoption, Supply Chain, Sustainability, web Services.

Documents related to OASIS' nonprofit status are available in all suitable public resources and by written request to the address shown at

## Membership

Any company, organization, or individual is eligible for membership.

OASIS offers a range of membership categories and dues designed to ensure that all those affected by open standards have a voice in their creation.

* provides unlimited Committee participation.
* adds visibility and marketing benefits to unlimited Committee participation.
* packages the highest visibility, marketing benefits, and your choice of Premium sponsorships with unlimited Committee participation.
* is also available for self-employed or unemployed individuals. individuals who are self-employed, unemployed, or employed by organizations unable to join OASIS. Participation privileges are limited to Committee work. Individual members do not receive marketing or visibility benefits, and they are not eligible to vote on OASIS Standards or elections for the Board of Directors. Membership is held by the named person only and cannot be transferred
  + Individual membership
  + Individual/associate membership

## Costs - Annual Dues (USD)

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| **Organization type / size** | **Foundational** | **Sponsor** | **Contributor** |
| Company employing more than 500 people | 50,000 | 18,400 | 9,200 |
| Company employing 100 - 500 people | 48,000 | 16,000 | 8,550 |
| Company employing 10 - 99 people | 46,000 | 13,700 | 7,500 |
| Company employing fewer than 10 employees | 46,000 | 10,800 | 3,625 |
| Academic Institution or Association | 44,000 | 11,500 | 1,250 |
| Nat'l government agency () | 44,000 | 11,500 | \* |
| Nat'l government agency (non-) | 44,000 | 11,500 | 1,250 |
| Local government agency | 44,000 | 11,500 | 1,250 |

### **Personal Membership**

Individual membership dues are 335 USD/year.

Individual/Associate membership dues are 1,375 USD/year.

\* Contributor-level dues for national government agencies from *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)* are based on the number of employees and correspond to the dues categories for companies.

## Committees (Technical Communities) and Member Section

Oasis offers the choice of communities and member sections.

### Technical Communities

There are currently over 80 active committees. OASIS Committee membership is held by a person (not an organization), is not transferable, and assumes current membership in the Consortium. When joining a Committee, a person chooses to participate as either an Observer or Committee Member, based on the participation and visibility benefits he or she desires.

A Committee Member automatically gains or loses based on meeting attendance. Members who do not wish to gain voting rights may request "Persistent Non-Voting" status by written request to the Committee chair and the Committee mailing list.

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### Member Section

The OASIS Member Section Program offers the advantage for independent groups. OASIS Member Sections maintain their own identities as distinct organizations while gaining access to OASIS infrastructure, resources, reputation, administrative support, and expertise. The program is designed to meet the needs of groups interested in creating open standards, as well as those seeking to articulate business requirements, promote adoption of existing standards, or advocate for interoperable solutions.

A Member Section is comprised of:

* Steering Committee;
* Affiliated Members (Foundational-, Sponsor-, Contributor-, or Individual-level OASIS members who choose to affiliate with the Member Section);
* Participants (people who represent Affiliated Members); and
* Affiliated Technical Committee(s) (TCs).

## Services

OASIS provides a wide range of services to enable the efficient operation of all Member Sections. Items listed below in black indicate core services provided by OASIS staff and funded from the OASIS general operating budget. Items listed in purple signify special services or activities that are funded by registration fees, sponsorship fees, donations, grants, transferred assets (from external groups that form or join the Member Section) or dues allocations.

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| **Services and Activities** | |
| Member Services | * Outreach and recruiting of prospective members * Member database creation and maintenance * Membership application processing * Dues collection * Member renewal services * Publication of online member rosters * User accounts maintenance * Online tools to self-manage TC participation * Analysis of membership growth and renewal opportunities * Administration of Special Ballots (e.g., Steering Committee elections) * Subsidized OASIS memberships to encourage participation by specific constituencies such as government agencies from developing economies, academics, etc. |
| Spec Development | * Governance under and * Assistance in drafting Technical Committee charters * Training and guidance on using collaboration tools and OASIS processes * Preparation, publication and promotion of TC and Member Section documents * Public Review administration and promotion * Set up and administration of required ballots * Submission of OASIS Standards for further ratification by de jure bodies, e.g., ISO, ITU, IEC, ANSI, etc. * Liaison relationship management * Expert editorial services for Standards documents |
| Website | * Web hosting and backup * Basic web mastering services * Transition of existing site or creation of new site based on OASIS template * Assistance in maintaining content * Custom web site design * Domain-specific content updates * Special functionality, e.g., product directory, forums |
| Promotion / Collateral | * Logo design (basic template) * Data sheets (basic template, low-volume printing) * Coverage in * Press releases announcing major milestones * Press and analyst phone briefings * Promotion in *OASIS News* * Coordination of social media outreach * Videos (basic interview format) * Press/analyst tours * Custom logo design * Custom design of printed materials * High-volume printing of collateral * Sponsored research, e.g., white papers, case studies * Custom videos * Custom newsletter * Specialty items, e.g., logoed t-shirts, mugs |
| Events | * Webinar hosting and promotion * Conference presentation opportunities * Event co-sponsorship * video interviews * Trade show exhibitions * Event hosting (conferences, webinars, seminars, etc.) * Interop demos and showcases * Plugfests * Member F2F meetings * Receptions |
| Finance | * Invoicing, payments, and collections * Financial reporting and budgeting * Auditing * Tax return filing |

## Benefits of OASIS:

1. OASIS is cheap for what you get (compared to other similar global consortia):
2. Technical communities
   1. It is very simple to start a new Technical committee. Providing 5 members support the work, and the work is within scope of OASIS’s (broad) charter, a new TC can be created. Once a charter is drafted and submitted there is an internal process to solicit comments and make modifications if appropriate. This process takes 30 days, then there is a call for participation. Note there is no step in the process to ask for approval to create the TC, so it is possible to have committees working on very similar and possibly overlapping specs – let a thousand flowers bloom.
   2. There are four IPR modes that a new TC can chose to follow on its creation and the choice is entirely up to the proposers of the TC. The four modes are non-assert, Royalty Free Limited, Royalty Free Rand, and RAND. Not that currently no TC is using the RAND mode.
   3. The OASIS Board does not interfere with any TC expect when dealing with appeals and in any budget issues for member section (see 10 below).
   4. OASIS Staff – globally around 10 people – are hands off and only assist TCs when requested.
3. Member Section
   1. Free from the administrative, legal, financial, and promotional distractions of running a consortium.
   2. Members become eligible to participate in any OASIS Committee.
   3. Existing OASIS members become eligible to participate
   4. liaison relationships with related work at OASIS and other organizations.
4. The Process for developing specifications and committee materials is tried and tested and has been refined over a number of years.
5. There is good tool support for running committees – email lists and archives, doc repository, roster management, calendar, issue tracker, etc. Some of the TC process has workflow support – e.g. for a company rep to approve a new individual requesting to join a TC.
6. Everything recorded in the tools is publicly visible – all documents, email archives, minutes etc.
7. OASIS has submitter status to ISO, IEC, JTC1 and ITU-T. OASIS is also ANSI accredited.
8. OASIS has the concept of Member Sections, which are an optional organizational mechanism to group and coordinate one or more TCs. A member section can opt to have its own budget allocated from member funds or transferred in monies. A steering committee is elected to run the Member section and keep it in order, but the nice thing is the book keeping is done by OASIS. The only restriction is that OASIS rules must be followed (open to all Oasis members, follow the standards development process and ipr policy etc). New process and procedures can be added ( such as a the steering committee has to approve all specs before progressing to OASIS standard) provided they do not contradict or otherwise restrict the existing policies. A number of external collaborations have been folded into OASIS using the Member Section mechanism – examples are WS-I, AMQP, and OSLC: . A member section is ideal for maintaining (and growing) an existing community.

### Downsides of OASIS:

1. Every participant in a TC gets a vote. If an organisation has 5 people it gets 5 votes. This could lead to one organisation having more influence in decisions over other members. Goes against CCRA Governance.
2. OASIS staff are helpful but they are resource stretched. There have been some operational issues when supporting tasks such as publishing approved documents. However In the spirit of transparency there is a public issue tracker to monitor the request queue.
3. OASIS has a patchy record in running marketing events. Sometimes they excel (e.g. RSA) and other times they fall flat. More to do with the small number of staff rather than competence.

# Appendix A - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

### Current OECD members

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| **Country** | **CC Status** | **Country** | **CC Status** | **Country** | **CC Status** |
| Australia | Certificate Authorizing | Hungary | Certificate Consuming | Poland |  |
| Austria | Certificate Consuming | Iceland |  | Portugal |  |
| Beligium |  | Ireland |  | Slovak Republic |  |
| Canada | Certificate Authorizing | Israel | Certificate Consuming | Slovenia |  |
| Chile |  | Italy | Certificate Authorizing | Spain | Certificate Authorizing |
| Czech Republic | Certificate Consuming | Japan | Certificate Authorizing | Sweden | Certificate Authorizing |
| Denmark | Certificate Consuming | Korea | Certificate Authorizing | Switzerland |  |
| Estonia |  | Luxembourg |  | Turkey | Certificate Authorizing |
| Finland | Certificate Consuming | Mexico |  | United Kingdom | Certificate Authorizing |
| France | Certificate Authorizing | Netherlands | Certificate Authorizing | United States | Certificate Authorizing |
| Germany | Certificate Authorizing | New Zealand | Certificate Authorizing |  |  |
| Greece | Certificate Consuming | Norway | Certificate Authorizing |  |  |

CC Certificate Authorizing members that are not OECD members are India and Malaysia. Pakistan a CC Certificate Consuming member is also not a OECD member.

# Appendix B - Members

The work of OASIS is supported by organizations from . Membership levels include Foundational Sponsors, Sponsors, and Contributors.

## Foundational Sponsors

support the organizational infrastructure, technical work, and outreach programs of the Consortium. OASIS gratefully acknowledges their contributions and applauds their commitment to advancing open standards.



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Contributors

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# Appendix C - Liaisons

OASIS is known for its productive, long-standing relationships with de jure standards setting organizations, global and local consortia, industry associations, and policy NGOs. The following is a partial list of our collaborative activities.

|  | **Organization** | **Class** | **Relationship** | **Topics** | **References** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ANSI (US) | Regional  SDO | Formal liaison | Regional standards policy, accrediting agency (S McGrath) |  |
|  | Australia Attorney General | Governmental | Informal |  |  |
|  | CalConnect | Energy vertical  Metadata  SDO | Membership exchange | WS-Calendar, OBIX, EMIX, Energy Interop (W Cox, E Cazalet, T Considine, J Clark) |  |
|  | CEN/ISSS (Europe) | Regional  SDO | Cross-contributions  Informal | Regional standards policy; UBL, BusDocs, CodeList (T McGrath, P vander Eijk, J Clark) |  |
|  | China Electronic Standardization Institute | Regional  SDO | MoU | SOA, Cloud, Energy. eGov (L Liscia, A Shi, J Clark) |  |
|  | China Nat'l Institute of Standards | Regional  SDO | Informal | Documents, Energy, eGov, UOML, DITA (L Liscia, A Shi) |  |
|  | China NITS SOA | Regional  SDO | Membership exchange | SOA, Cloud |  |
|  | Cloud Credential Council | Industry org | Informal | SOA, Cloud, Testing (C Ensign, J Clark) |  |
|  | Cloud Standards Cooordination (ETSI) | Regional | Informal |  |  |
|  | Cloud Standards Customer Council | Industry org | Informal | SOA, Cloud, web servcies, big data (C Ensign, J Clark) |  |
|  | CSA / CAPAN (Canada) | Regional  SDO | Formal liaison | eGov; CAP (E Jones) |  |
|  | E-Business MoU Management Group | Global | Panel member | Global standards policy (J Clark) |  |
|  | EEMA | Industry org  Regional | Informal | Ctbersecurity, access control, IdM, SOA/WS (J Harnad) |  |
|  | European Commission MultiStakeholder Panel | Governmental  Regional | Panel member | Global and regional standards policy; eGov (C Cosgrove-Sacks, N Schifano, J Clark) |  |
|  | European Telecomm. Standards Institute (ETSI) | Regional  SDO | MoU | Regional standards policy; DSS, ebXML, XLIFF, OAXAL, Cloud TCs (C Cosgrove-Sacks, J Clark) |  |
|  | FIX protocol | Industry initiative  Financial vertical | OASIS member | OBIX, Energy Interop, EMIX, WS-Calendar (W Cox, E Cazalet, T Considine) |  |
|  | Health Level 7 | SDO  Health vertical | MoU | eGov, eHealth, IdM;  EDXL, ebXML, SAML, XSPA, XACML, web services (E Jones, J Clark) |  |
|  | Identity Commons | Industry org | OASIS member | IdM: Trust Elevation, ID-Cloud (D Schur, J Clark) |  |
|  | IEC | Global  SDO | Formal liaison | Energy Interop, EMIX, WS-Calendar (W Cox, E Cazalet, J Clark) |  |
|  | IEEE | SDO | Informal | Standards policy; SOA, Cloud, EML (L Liscia, J Clark) |  |
|  | IETF | Global  SDO | Informal | Global standards policy, IdM, networking (D Schur, J Clark) |  |
|  | INCITS | Regional  SDO | Formal liaison | BIAS (biometrics), ebXML Registry (C Tilton) |  |
|  | Internet Society | Global  Industry org | Informal | Global standards policy, IdM;  TAMIE, TAG, eGov, Trust Elevation (L Liscia, J Clark) |  |
|  | ISO | Global  SDO | Formal liaison | XLIFF, OAXAL (A Zydron), SRU (R Denenberg), PLCS (H Mason), ebXML (J Clark), CAP + EDXL (E Jones, C Reed), TGF (P Brown), Sustainability |  |
|  | ISO/IEC JTC 1 | Global  SDO | Formal liaison | Content & markup (R Weir, P Durusau, J Clark), Cloud (J Clark), SOA (P Brown, K Laskey, J Clark), Security (J Clark), eGov (K Holman, T McGrath, J Clark), ODF (R Weir. P Durusau, J Clark), Biometrics (C Tilton), Internet of Things (J Clark) |  |
|  | ITU | Global  SDO | Formal liaison | Cybersecurity, IdM, smart cities;  SAML, XACML, EMTC/CAP (J Clark, A Barbir) |  |
|  | Kantara Initiative | Industry org | Formal liaison | IdM, testing; SAML, XRI, access control, eGov (J Clark) |  |
|  | NAESB | Industry initiative  Energy vertical | Membership exchange  Panel member | Energy, smartgrid (L Liscia) |  |
|  | NIST (US) | Governmental | OASIS member | Global and regional standards policy; IdM, Testing, Privacy, Cloud.  (L Liscia, J Clark, R Cover) |  |
|  | NSTIC (US NIST IdM project) | Governmental  Industry org | Panel member | IdM, SAML, XACML, WS-Trust, WS-Federation, PMRM, Trust Elevation (J Clark) |  |
|  | OECD | Global  Governmental | Panel member | Standards policy, IdM;  PMRM, PbDSE (G Janssen, L Liscia) |  |
|  | Open Data Center Alliance | Industry initiative | Informal | SOA, web services, Cloud TCs (C Ensign, J Clark) |  |
|  | Open GeoSpatial Alliance | SDO | OASIS member | eGov, supply chain;  CAP, EDXL (C Reed, E Jones, J Clark) |  |
|  | OpenID Foundation / OIX | Industry org | Informal | Testing, IdM;  SAML, XRI (D Schur, J Clark) |  |
|  | RuleML, Inc. | SDO | OASIS member | Business processes, LegalXML:  LegalDocML (Akoma Ntoso), LegalRuleML (M Palmirani) |  |
|  | SIENA (Cloudscape) | Industry org  Regional | Informal | eGov, IdM, Cloud (C Geyer. J Harnad, G Janssen) |  |
|  | SmartGrid Interoperability Panel (SGIP) | Industry initiative  Energy vertical | Informal | OBIX, Energy Interop, EMIX, WS-Calendar (W Cox, E Cazalet, J Clark. L Liscia) |  |
|  | SNIA | Industry org  SDO | MoU | Testing, SOA;  KMIP (R Griffin, J Clark) |  |
|  | The Open Group | Industry org  SDO | Informal | Testing, SOA:  TAMIE, TAG, SOA-RM, ID-Cloud, TOSCA (P Brown, K Laskey, J Clark) |  |
|  | Transglobal Secure Collab. Participation | Industry org | Informal | XACML, eGov, trade (J Tolbert, J Clark) |  |
|  | UN/CEFACT | Global  SDO | Informal | UBL. ebXML, eGov, BusDocs, CodeList (J Clark, L Liscia) |  |
|  | US Intelligence Agencies InfoSharing project (PM-ISE) | Governmental | Formal liaison | Cloud, Big Data, Cybersecurity, Semantics (J Clark, L Liscia) |  |
|  | W3C | SDO | MoU  OASIS is W3C member | Global standards policy;  CGMOpen, content, SOA/WS, eGov (J Clark) |  |
|  | World Customs Organisation | Global  Governmental | Membership exchange  MoU | eGov; UBL, BusDocs, ID-Cloud (S McGrath, J Clark) |  |