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**Abstract:**

The report helps the reader to know about the professional organization and lets them know about the different services they provide and the different kinds of membership which they have. This report shows the advantages of getting membership of a professional organization and the disadvantages of not taking the membership. The report will let the reader know how membership will help a student grow in studies and professionally.

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# Introduction:

## Background:

This report will let the user get familiar with the professional organization (BCS) and learn about the membership and the services it provide. It will also let the reader know about the advantages and disadvantages of gaining membership in professional organizations. This report also gives the reader information about the Herald, which is affiliated with Wolverhampton.

## British Computer Society (BCS):



*Image : British Computer Society (BCS)*

A professional membership organization for those involved in computers and information technology is BCS. BCS was established in the 1900s, now it has more than 80,000 members in the UK and abroad. The goal of the BCS is to improve its members' professional growth while promoting the study and use of computers. To this end, BCS provides a variety of services and resources, such as professional recognition, networking opportunities, career development possibilities, information resources, and price breaks on events and training. The BCS represents the interests of the computing profession and helps to shape the future of the industry in addition to aiding its members through lobbying and public policy activities. To highlight the value of computing to society, it works with governmental, commercial, and academic institutions (BCS, 2023).

# Body:

## BCS Overview:

A professional membership organization for those involved in computers and information technology is the British Computer Society (BCS). Over 80,000 people worldwide and in the UK are a part of this organization, which was created in 1957. The goal of the BCS is to improve its members' professional growth while promoting the study and use of computers (BCS, 2023).

### Range of services:

1. Professional recognition
2. Career development
3. Networking opportunities
4. Knowledge Resources
5. Discounts on events and training

### List of membership:

1. Full seat
2. Associate seat
3. Student seat
4. Affiliate seat
5. Corporate seat

### List of Professional recognition offered:

1. Chartered IT Professional
2. Chartered Engineer
3. Incorporated Engineer
4. European Engineer
5. IT Practitioner
6. IT Technician
7. IT Professional

# Advantages of BCS Membership:

Individuals can benefit from several benefits from being members of the British Computer Society (BCS), including professional recognition, career advancement, networking opportunities, access to knowledge resources, discounts on training and events, involvement in advocacy and public policy work, and participation in special interest groups and discussion forums. To increase its reputation and show its dedication to the industry, BCS offers its members the Chartered IT Professional (CITP) recognition. To assist members in advancing their careers, it also provides career development services such as job advertisements, mentorship programs, and training courses. Additionally, BCS connects members with a network of other professionals who share their interests and gives them access to educational resources including research papers and journals. In addition to participating in lobbying and public policy work, special interest groups, and discussion forums, members can get savings on events and training. BCS membership offers individuals a variety of advantages and chances to help their professional growth overall (BCS, 2023).

# Disadvantages of BCS Membership:

There are benefits and drawbacks to becoming a member of the British Computer Society (BCS). On the one hand, membership provides a variety of advantages, including professional recognition, access to resources for career development, networking opportunities, access to knowledge resources, discounts on training and events, involvement in advocacy and public policy work, and membership in interest groups and discussion forums. On the other hand, there are also disadvantages to consider, such as the cost of membership fees, a limited local presence in some areas, competition for opportunities and recognition, a limited focus on certain computing and IT-related fields, and restrictions on the kind of recognition the BCS offers. Members may also be required to finish CPD activities in order to keep their professional recognition from the BCS. In conclusion, even if joining the BCS has numerous advantages, it's necessary for people to consider both the advantages and disadvantages before committing (International Journal of Information and Education Technology, 2018).

# 6.Conclusion:

You can go to BCS events like seminars, conferences, and workshops to assist your professional or academic growth or career development. You may also take part in BCS discussion forums and specific interest groups, where you can network with other professionals and exchange expertise and ideas. To advance your abilities and expertise, you may also look for mentoring or coaching programs, take part in training programs, and earn certification via the BCS.

In conclusion, those seeking to enhance their careers and remain abreast of advances in their profession may find that membership in the BCS offers a number of important advantages. Before choosing a membership option, it's crucial to thoroughly weigh the expense, time commitment, and potential restrictions.

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