iRODS CONSORTIUM

The Consortium will develop and release products that include iRODS (software, testing, distributions, and documentation), extensions to iRODS (e.g., drivers, plugins), software standards and publications.

The *Consortium Planning Committee* directs activities by developing software release roadmaps and by establishing and directing working groups to develop data grid standards, produce publications related to iRODS, organizes events, and pursue funding opportunities. Members may participate and vote in the planning committee and any working groups that the committee establishes based upon membership class.

The *Consortium Executive Board* will provide overall governance of the Consortium as well as approve new members, consortium budgets, and consortium staffing plans. The Board will also be responsible for approving all software release plans and other activities of the planning committees.

The *Consortium Technology Working Group* focuses on technical discussion of planned features and bug fixes for the iRODS technology. The group also discusses technical items such as standardization of data grid technologies and future directions for data grid technologies. The group includes members of the DICE iRODS software development team and the Consortium iRODS development team as well as other Member representatives who can contribute to technical discussions of iRODS.

BENEFITS AND FEES BY MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

	Non Member	General Member	Professional Member	Sustaining Member	Founding Member
Annual Fees		$10,000	$35,000	$75,000	$150,000
Benefits					
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	partial	x	x	x	x
Access to training and support documentation	partial	x	x	x	x
Access to use cases and white papers	partial	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
Free consulting, training, and support	0 hr/year	10 hr/year	40 hr/year	80 hr/year	120 hr/year
Priority access to paid consulting, training, and support	if available	low	medium	high	highest
Participation in Consortium Working Groups		x	x	x	x
Participation in Consortium Planning Committee		x	x	x	x
Participation in establishing software release roadmaps		x	x	x	x
Voting rights for establishing software release roadmaps			x	x	x
Voting rights on Consortium Planning Committee			x	x	x
Voting rights on Consortium Executive Board				x	x
Priority inclusion on Consortium led development & contracts		low	medium	high	highest
Participation in Consortium events	partial	x	x	x	x
Right to host sponsor-hosted events at Consortium events			x	x	x
Distribution of marketing material, use cases, and position papers through Consortium			x	x	x
Recognition on web site, printed material and at Consortium events			x	x	x
Access to Consortium mailing lists			x	x	x

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- *Software source code and distributions*

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.

- *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.

- *Software documentation, training and support documentation, 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 Consortium developed and owned material 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 will be disallowed without prior approval of the Consortium.

- *Hosted software extensions and modules*

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

- *Contracting, training, and user 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. Priority will be granted based on membership class. Paid contract work will be on a negotiated cost basis. Non-qualifying consortium members and non-members may request contract support; however, priority will be given to qualifying members.

- *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 contributed to by members and non-members. Qualifying consortium members will be allowed to participate in determining the roadmap for new releases and micro-releases by indicating priorities and participating in planning discussions. Qualifying consortium members also will be allowed to vote on features and bug fixes to include in releases and micro-releases.

- *Consortium Working Groups*

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The Consortium will from time to time establish working groups to conduct business. For example, the Consortium will likely 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.

- *Consortium Planning Committee*

Ongoing strategic planning for the consortium will be conducted through a planning committee that meets on a regular basis. Strategic planning includes, but is not limited to, determining the final release roadmap for software releases and planning user group meetings, conferences, and events. Qualified members will be allowed to participate and vote on the planning committee.

- *Consortium Executive Board*

Governance of the consortium will be conducted through an executive board that will work directly with the consortium's executive director. The executive board will be responsible for, among other things, approving bylaws, membership fees and benefits, budgets, and the approving members. Qualified members will be allowed to participate and vote on the executive board.

- *Consortium led development and contracts*

Based on availability of funds, the Consortium will from time to time approve additional development work. In addition, the Consortium will from time to time engage in contract or grant work related to the iRODS technology. In such cases, the Consortium will seek to employ staff at qualified consortium members with priority given to higher fee paying members assuming they have qualified and available staff.

- *Participation in Consortium events*

Qualifying members will be allowed to participate in all Consortium-hosted workshops, conferences, and user group meetings.

- *Right to hold sponsor-hosted events at user meetings and conference*

Qualifying members will be allowed to host events at Consortium events and the Consortium will promote such events to attendees and in event marketing material.

- *Distribution of marketing material, use cases, and position papers*

The Consortium will maintain and distribute marketing material, use cases, and position papers from qualifying members. The Consortium will work to ensure such material are distributed to other consortium members and non-members as appropriate and promoted at Consortium-hosted events.

- *Recognition on web site, printed material, and Consortium events*

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. The Consortium will establish minimal levels of free recognition to members as well as fee structure for additional recognition.

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