**BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT champions the global IT profession and the interests of individuals engaged in that profession for the benefit of all.**

**Exchanging IT expertise and knowledge**

The Institute fosters links between experts from industry, academia and business to promote new thinking, education and knowledge sharing.

**Supporting practitioners**

Through continuing professional development and a series of respected IT qualifications, the Institute seeks to promote professional practice tuned to the demands of business. It provides practical support and information services to its members and volunteer communities around the world.

**Setting standards and frameworks**

The Institute collaborates with government, industry and relevant bodies to establish good working practices, codes of conduct, skills frameworks and common standards. It also offers a range of consultancy services to employers to help them adopt best practice.

S represents its members and the IT profession as a whole on issues of importance, and liaises with other professional bodies, the government, industry and academics to initiate and inform debate on IT strategic issues. BCS maintains relationships and affiliations with an extensive range of[professional and government organisations](http://www.bcs.org/content/ConWebDoc/1653).

**Learned society**

BCS is governed by a [Royal Charter](http://www.bcs.org/category/6038), which defines our purpose: to promote the study and practice of Computing and to advance knowledge and education for the benefit of the public. Our Charter enables us to admit qualified members. Without our members, we would be unable to undertake many of our charitable activities to promote IT at all levels.

**Nominated body**

BCS is licensed by the Engineering Council to award Chartered Engineer status (CEng) and Incorporated Engineer status (IEng). The Institute also has a licence from the Science Council to award Chartered Scientist status (CSci). These licences come with a responsibility to maintain standards and comply with strict conditions.

**Awarding body**

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