REN-ISAC

What is REN-ISAC?

The Research and Education Networking Information Sharing and Analysis Center (REN-ISAC) is integral to higher education's strategy to improve cybersecurity. By forming a trusted coalition, members are better equipped to analyze and respond to threats and incidents. REN-ISAC also serves as the CSIRT for higher education in the U.S. and represents the community in the National Council of ISACs.

Why join REN-ISAC?

Active REN-ISAC members are better prepared to prevent and respond to attacks that can lead to serious consequences—such as loss of personal and institutional data, financial loss, and reputational harm. Your staff will have the opportunity to share in the knowledge and experience built by peer experts spanning hundreds of institutions. REN-ISAC also leverages economies of scale—offering access to world-class training and other resources that put your staff on the forefront of cyber defense.

Membership Benefits

- Engagement in a private, vetted community of research and higher education information security professionals.

- Information sharing concerning security threat, protection, and response through forums and automated threat intelligence.

- Staff development opportunities, through REN-ISAC governance and advisory groups.

- Alerts and actionable information on issues that require immediate response.

- Access to REN-ISAC's threat intelligence repository (SES), providing high-confidence feeds of threat indicator data for use in firewalls, IDS, sinkholes and blacklists.

- The Daily Watch Report, a brief summary providing situational awareness tailored to the research and education community.

- Timely engagements with REN-ISAC and its trusted partners concerning incidents of significant impact, scale, and sensitivity.

- Webinars and training on technical topics relevant to security protection and response.

- Advisories concerning specific practices and approaches that can improve security posture.

- Relationships with REN-ISAC partners, including Internet2, EDUCAUSE, and SANS, as well as governmental and private security information-sharing organizations.

How does my institution join REN-ISAC?

To start the process of joining REN-ISAC, visit http://www.ren-isac.net/join. We are supported by contributions from Internet2, EDUCAUSE, plus a nominal membership fee. Visit our website to learn more and join the 480+ member institutions worldwide.

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