

# *ISACA*

**ISACA** is an international professional association focused on IT ([information technology](#)) governance. On its IRS filings, it is known as the **Information Systems Audit and Control Association**, although ISACA now goes by its acronym only.<sup>[1][6][7]</sup> ISACA currently offers 8 certification program as well as other micro-certificates.

## Information Systems Audit and Control Association



<b>Abbreviation</b>	ISACA
<b>Formation</b>	1969
<b>Type</b>	501(c)(6)
<b>Tax ID no.</b>	23-7067291 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Purpose</b>	To help business technology professionals and their enterprises around the world realize the positive potential of technology.
<b>Headquarters</b>	<a href="#">Schaumburg, Illinois</a>
<b>Coordinates</b>	<a href="https://geohack.toolforge.org/geohack.php?pagename=ISACA&amp;params=42_3_10.9794_N_88_2_11.9754_W_">42°3′10.9794″N 88°2′11.9754″W (https://geohack.toolforge.org/geohack.php?pagename=ISACA&amp;params=42_3_10.9794_N_88_2_11.9754_W_)</a>
<b>Region</b>	Global
<b>Membership</b>	165,159 (as of Dec 2021)
<b>Official language</b>	English
<b>CEO</b>	David Samuelson <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Board Chair</b>	Pam Nigro
<b>Revenue</b>	<span>▲</span> USD \$98.53 million (2021)
<b>Expenses</b>	<span>▲</span> USD \$86.19 million (2021)
<b>Staff</b>	200 (2019)
<b>Volunteers</b>	2,000+ (2019)
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.isaca.org">www.isaca.org</a> ( <a href="https://www.isaca.org/">https://www.isaca.org/</a> )
<b>Formerly called</b>	EDP Auditors Association

<sup>[3]</sup><sup>[4]</sup><sup>[5]</sup>

# History

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ISACA originated in United States in 1967,<sup>[6]</sup> when a group of individuals working on auditing controls in computer systems started to become increasingly critical of the operations of their organizations. They identified a need for a centralized source of information and guidance in the field. In 1969, Stuart Tyrnauer, an employee of the (later) [Douglas Aircraft Company](#), incorporated the group as the EDP Auditors Association (EDPAA).<sup>[8]</sup> Tyrnauer served as the body's founding chairman for the first three years. In 1976 the association formed an education foundation to undertake large-scale research efforts to expand the knowledge of and value accorded to the fields of governance and control of [information technology](#).

The association became the *Information Systems Audit and Control Association* in 1994.<sup>[9]</sup>

By 2008 the organization had dropped its long title and branded itself as *ISACA*.<sup>[10]</sup>

In March 2016, ISACA bought the CMMI Institute who is behind the [Capability Maturity Model Integration](#).<sup>[11]</sup>

In January 2020, ISACA updated refreshed its look and digital presence, introducing a new logo.<sup>[12]</sup>

## Current status

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ISACA currently serves more than 140,000 constituents (members and professionals holding ISACA certifications) in more than 180 countries.<sup>[13]</sup> The job titles of members are such as IS auditor, consultant, educator, IS security professional, regulator, [chief information officer](#), [chief information security officer](#) and [internal auditor](#). They work in nearly all industry categories. There is a network of ISACA chapters with more than 200 chapters established in over 80 countries. Chapters provide education, resource sharing, advocacy, networking and other benefits.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Major publications

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- [COBIT](#)
- *[Information System Control Journal](#)*
- [Risk IT](#)

- [Standards, Guidelines and Procedures for information system auditing](#)<sup>[15][16]</sup> (Guideline co-developed with the [International Federation of Accountants](#))
- [Security, Audit and Control Features SAP ERP](#)<sup>[17]</sup>
- [Val IT](#) (Getting best value from IT investments)

## Certifications

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- [Certified Information Systems Auditor \(CISA, 1978\)](#)<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Certified Information Security Manager \(CISM, 2002\)](#)<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT \(CGEIT, 2007\)](#)<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control \(CRISC, 2010\)](#)<sup>[18]</sup>
- [Cybersecurity Practitioner Certification \(CSX-P, 2015\)](#)<sup>[19]</sup>
- [Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer \(CDPSE, 2020\)](#)<sup>[20]</sup>
- [Information Technology Certified Associate \(ITCA, 2021\)](#)<sup>[21][22]</sup>
- [Certified in Emerging Technology \(CET, 2021\)](#)<sup>[23][24]</sup>

The CSX-P, ISACA's first cybersecurity certification, was introduced in the summer of 2015. It is one of the few certifications that require the individual to work in a live environment, with real problems, to obtain a certification. Specifically, the exam puts test takers in a live network with a real incident taking place. The student's efforts to respond to the incident and fix the problem results in the type of score awarded.<sup>[25]</sup>

## Certificates

- [COBIT Certificates](#)
- [IT Risk Fundamentals Certificate](#)
- [Certificate in Cloud Auditing Knowledge](#)
- [CSX Nexus Cybersecurity Certificates](#)
- [Cybersecurity Audit Certificate Program](#)
- [Computing Fundamentals Certificate](#)
- [Networks and Infrastructure Fundamentals Certificate](#)

- [Cybersecurity Fundamental Certificate](#)
- [Software Development Fundamentals Certificate](#)
- [Data Science Fundamentals Certificate](#)

## See also

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- [Information Security](#)
- [Information security management system](#)
- [IT risk](#)
- [COBIT](#)
- [Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission \(COSO\)](#)
- [\(ISC\)<sup>2</sup>](#)
- [Information Systems Security Association](#)
- [List of international professional associations](#)

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