FIRST
Improving Security Together

WHAT IS
FIRST
TO YOU?

FIRST is an international association of trusted computer incident response and security teams who cooperatively handle computer security incidents and promote incident prevention programs. Membership in FIRST empowers teams to create trusted relationships and mature in their capabilities.

FIRST MISSION

Global Coordination   You can always find the team and information you need.

Global Language   Incident responders around the world speak the same language and understand each other's intents and methods.

Policy and Governance   Make sure others understand what we do and enable us rather than limit us.

The value of joining FIRST depends on the level of participation and effort that a team invests. FIRST organizes regular in-person, hybrid, and virtual events where members can learn from subject matter experts on the most relevant topics in the industry www.first.org/events/.

FIRST also has a strong and growing Community and Capacity Building (CCB) Program. Through the program, FIRST supports the growth and strengthening of incident response teams and communities of practice across the world. FIRST CCB includes delivery of operationally relevant training by the FIRST community; sharing of good practices; mentorship and fellowship opportunities; as well as tailored capacity building initiatives. As a FIRST member, you can be an active partner in the program, as a support, contributor, and beneficiary of the program.

FIRST also has a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Standards Groups that are made up of volunteers chartered on tasks that will help support and connect the community.

What some of our members say about FIRST:

When an incident happens and you need to find other people to talk to that might be able to put a stop to that incident, you are more likely to find them within the FIRST community than anywhere else. It's really a connector of people and a connector of teams that are all dealing with security incidents.

FIRST is a forum where incident responders can get together and talk about what works, what doesn't work in an environment with those doing the same job. In doing that, that provides the whole group pulling each other up. That's not something you can buy – you need to participate and put something in to get something out.
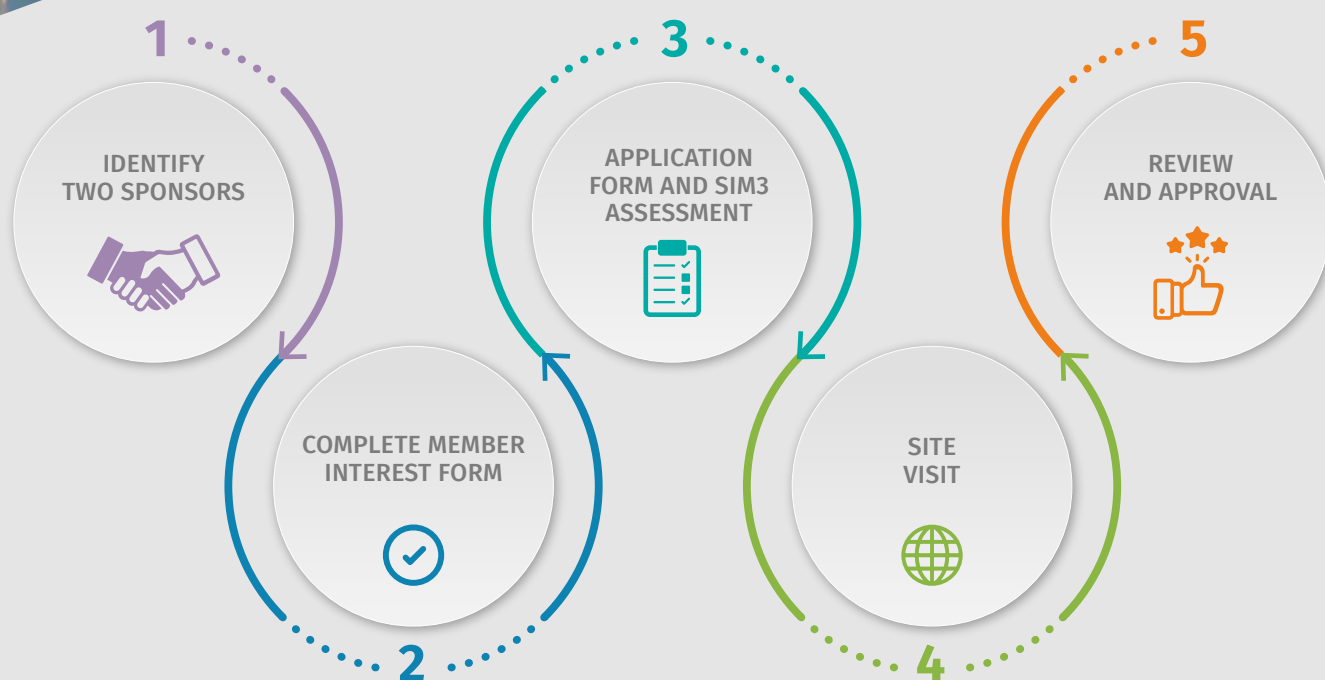
Membership in FIRST enables incident response teams to respond to security incidents more effectively by providing access to best practices, tools, and trusted communication with member teams. Membership comes with access to a trusted global network of over 700 teams and liaisons (individuals) that you can exchange information with or reach out to as a source of contacts and information. It is a place where organizations from various sectors, regions, of different sizes and constituencies, with differing levels of expertise and resources, can share and learn from one other.

There are services available to members including a member portal with access to:

- Malware Information Sharing Platform (MISP)
- Slack workspace to communicate in a trusted forum with members
- Member / PGP directories
- Active mailing lists
- Learning platform
- Confluence Wiki
- Presentations, trainings and recorded sessions

FIRST APPLICATION PROCESS

1 IDENTIFY TWO SPONSORS

2 COMPLETE MEMBER INTEREST FORM

3 APPLICATION FORM AND SIM3 ASSESSMENT

4 SITE VISIT

5 REVIEW AND APPROVAL

We have a detailed guide and report template at:
www.first.org/membership/process.

FIRST also has an Associate membership (for non-Incident Response teams and non-profit organizations) and liaison (individuals) membership and more information can be found at https://www.first.org/join.

If you have questions about FIRST or the membership process, please complete the membership interest form at https://portal.first.org/new-application or contact the FIRST Secretariat at support.first.org.

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