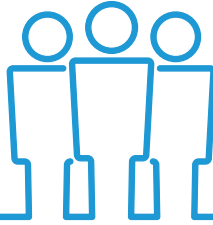


# GETTING TO KNOW THE INTERNET CORPORATION FOR ASSIGNED NAMES AND NUMBERS (ICANN)



With our technical partners,



we help make the Internet work.



Anything connected to the Internet – including computers, mobile phones, and other devices – has a unique number called its IP address. IP stands for Internet Protocol.

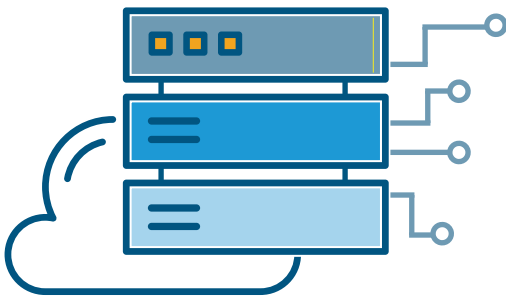


This address is like a postal address. It allows messages, videos, and other packets of data to be sent from anywhere on the Internet to the device that has been uniquely identified by its IP address.



IP addresses can be difficult to remember, so instead of numbers, the Internet's Domain Name System uses letters, numbers, and hyphens to form a name that is easier to remember.

## What Does ICANN Do?



ICANN's mission is to help ensure a stable, secure, and unified global Internet. To reach another person on the Internet, you need to type an address – a name or a number – into your computer or other device. That address must be unique so computers know where to find each other. ICANN helps coordinate and support these unique identifiers across the world. ICANN was formed in 1998 as a not-for-profit public-benefit corporation with a community of participants from all over the world.

## ICANN is made up of three parts:

