Introduction

Welcome to the Cloud Security Alliance. The CSA is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to promote the use of best practices for providing security assurance within Cloud Computing, and to provide education on the uses of Cloud Computing to help secure all other forms of computing. The Cloud Security Alliance is led by a broad coalition of industry practitioners, corporations, associations and other key stakeholders.

CSA has grown tremendously since we publicly launched in April 2009, and we continue to set the pace as the industry leader in research and best practices for developing the trusted cloud ecosystem. Cloud Computing represents the next generation of IT, compute as a utility, with an impact that will prove to be even greater than the adoption of the Internet. Our mission is to serve the entire community impacted by cloud, from providers and customers, to governments, entrepreneurs and the assurance industry. An important part of our strategy is our corporate membership program.

Corporate membership in CSA is the ultimate win-win. Corporate members can assist CSA and have a tangible opportunity to shape the future of IT through their participation in our research programs. For enterprise customers of cloud providers, CSA offers this new Enterprise class membership which provides additional benefits to assist your organization in becoming “cloud ready” and managing your provider relationships.

Please read on to learn more about the Cloud Security Alliance and our corporate membership program.

Cloud Security Alliance Facts

- Not-for-profit organization with research, chapters and operations in North America, Europe and Asia
- First and only user certification for cloud security, the CCSK (Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge, September 2010)
- Registry of cloud provider security practices, the CSA STAR (Security, Trust & Assurance Registry, available 2012)
- Industry leading security practices, education and tools developed by over 20 working groups
- Selection of CSA venue by White House to announce the US Federal Cloud Strategy in 2011
- Leadership in developing new security standards addressing cloud computing
- Trusted advisor to governments and Global 2000 firms around the world
Corporate Membership Overview

- Advisory role with CSA research and education roadmap via Enterprise Councils
- Free CCSK test tokens for 8 employees
- Annual executive briefing from CSA leadership
- Direct connection to CSA research analysts to facilitate access to key industry experts
- CSA Nexus: "Ask the Expert", vendor neutral advice about key cloud security issues
- One free pass to CSA Congress in North America, Europe or Asia
- Optional listing as a corporate member on the CSA website
- Optional use of CSA logos and membership affiliation in your collateral and website
- $10,000 USD annual membership fee
- Additional Consulting & Educational Services can be added to the base package

Enterprise User Council

The CSA Enterprise User Council is reserved for enterprise users only to discuss strategic shared concerns and collaborate on possible solutions. The Enterprise User Council is for subject matter experts and advises CSA on its research roadmap. CSA provides regular research briefings to this group and via the membership dashboard.

Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge (CCSK)

The industry’s first user certification program for secure cloud computing, the CCSK is designed to ensure that a broad range of professionals with responsibility related to cloud computing have a demonstrated awareness of the security threats and best practices for securing the cloud. Corporate members receive eight (8) complimentary test tokens each year, allowing eight employees to achieve the CCSK designation.

Executive Briefing

CSA leaders are plugged in to the industry at the most strategic levels. We will provide annual briefings on our research and key developments within the cloud security industry.

CSA Nexus

In conjunction with research experts and analyst partners, CSA Nexus provides vendor-neutral, private advice via a confidential online forum.

Access to Key Research Expertise

CSA research analysts provide access as requested to industry experts within any of our research projects. We will assist you in your use of CSA Research tools to provide assurance and security with your private and public cloud systems.
Branding with the Corporate Member Logo

CSA’s corporate members are entitled to use the CSA Corporate Member logo, which they can post on their website or use with printed collateral. This logo demonstrates thought leadership by showing the industry that you are part of an elite group driving cloud security.

Research

Get your subject matter experts involved in research activities within CSA, helping build their expertise, while assuring that your organizational requirements are addressed in evolving best practices and standards. Also, consider initiating a new research initiative. Several of CSA’s key research initiatives have been originally proposed by corporate members who identified a critical gap in the industry. Our research includes fundamental projects needed to define and implement trust within the future of information technology, which include cloud computing, mobile and big data.

Signing Up

Please contact Membership Sales at membership@cloudsecurityalliance.org for more information and to sign up for corporate membership with Cloud Security Alliance.