

CANARIE

What is it?

CANARIE Inc. is Canada's advanced Internet development organization. It was established in 1993 and has been working with government, industry, and the research and educational communities to enhance Canada's advanced Internet infrastructure, applications development and use.

Who's involved?

CANARIE is a private, not-for-profit organization supported by Industry Canada, 120 members and over 500 project partners. It has a 26-member board that represents the private and public sectors equally.

How does it work?

CANARIE's mission is to accelerate Canada's advanced Internet development and use by facilitating the development of Canada's communications infrastructure and stimulating next-generation products, applications and services. It is a cornerstone of the Connecting Canadians initiative, as well as an integral part of Canada's ability to maintain its global competitiveness and leadership in information technology.

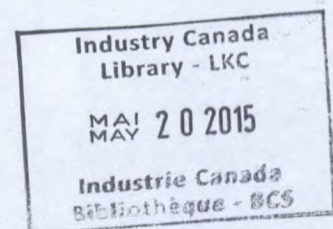
Over the next five years, CANARIE will continue to stimulate the development and use of advanced Internet infrastructure in Canada. CANARIE will collaborate with government departments, industry, and research and educational institutions to identify special opportunities to enhance the widespread adoption of new Internet technologies, especially in critical sectors such as lifelong learning and electronic commerce. It will focus on the development of applications to address structural barriers that impede widespread adoption of advanced applications.

CANARIE will continue to develop its world-leading, national optical R&D Internet network, CA*Net 3, funded in the 1998 federal budget. This will include working with researchers in universities and industry to develop and demonstrate critical new applications of advanced Internet technology. The project is intended to contribute to the creation of a sustainable research network for Canada's research community, and to provide equipment manufacturers, carriers and others in the information and communications technology sector with a unique showcase for their cutting-edge technology.

CANARIE has succeeded in enhancing Canadian research Internet speeds by a factor of almost one million since 1993, and has funded over 200 advanced Internet applications projects that involved more than 500 companies and created over 2250 high-technology jobs.

Through all of these activities, CANARIE's goal is simple ... to help construct the foundation for Canada's future.

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