

Welcome



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Merit Network: Connecting People and Organizations Since 1966

Outline

- Welcome and thanks
- Changes at Merit
- NANOG and Merit



Thanks

- Hosts
 - SAVVIS
 - Washington University in St. Louis, School of Engineering and Applied Science
- Steering Committee
- Program committee
- Merit Team



Merit's Mission

Relative to our Constituency

- Research and Education constituency:
 1. To be a leader in developing and providing advanced networking services
- R&E constituency and beyond:
 2. Continue as an independent, trusted source
 3. Initiate and facilitate collaboration
 4. Provide knowledge and technology transfer



NANOG is Strategic to Merit

- We are a network operator
- Evolution of our NSFNET Joint Techs work -- ties to our roots
- NANOG effort is closely aligned to three parts of our Mission
 - Independent, trusted source
 - Facilitating collaboration
 - Knowledge and technology transfer
- One of the ways we keep Michigan-based-Merit in the national sphere



Operating Activities

- 1. *Develop and Maintain an Advanced Network.***
- 2. *Grow a Stronger Merit Community.***
- 3. *Leverage the network.***
- 4. *Provide economies of scale.***
- 5. *Transfer Knowledge.***
- 6. *Advance Networking Research.***



Merit's NANOG Commitment

- To work closely with the community
- To make the meeting logistics meet the needs of the NANOG community,
 - Venue, frequency, technology support, cost
- To participate in the program committee
- To help be a link to the R&E community
- To work to make NANOG a valuable forum for open discussion on technical topics for the network operators

Strategy – Set A Course



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Strategy – Provide Balance



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Strategy – Don't Do Anything Too Stupid



Strategy – Makes It All Look Easy



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