

Welcome



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Merit Network: Connecting People and Organizations Since 1966

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Merit Background

Merit Network, Inc. is a nonprofit, member-owned organization formed in 1966 to design and implement a computer network between public universities in Michigan. After 40 years of innovation, Merit continues to provide high-performance networking and services to the research and education communities in Michigan and beyond.

Merit continues to leverage its experience managing NSFNet, the precursor to the modern Internet, to catapult Michigan into the forefront of networking technologies. Merit is in the process of implementing a 10 Gbps backbone across Michigan to continue to provide a flexible, robust architecture to support the research and education needs within the region. This build-out is completely self-funded. Merit received no legislative dollars to support the effort.

Merit believes in the strength of a robust educational community. By connecting organizations, building relationships and sharing services, educational institutions can achieve far more together than they can alone.



Merit's Mission

- To be a respected leader in developing and providing advanced networking services to the research and education community. Merit is a trusted source for providing high-quality network infrastructure; initiating and facilitating collaboration; and providing knowledge and technology transfer through outreach.



Operating Strategy

- 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 and NANOG Partnership

Shared Services

Advanced Networking and Operators Discussion

