



Summary of Membership Options for Vendors

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This document explains the options for vendors joining the STAC Benchmark Council™ or renewing their membership in 2011. The term “vendor” includes technology vendors and data/infrastructure vendors.

Note: Some vendors are also end users relative to other vendors. For example, a trading-system vendor might be an end user of messaging middleware.

Council membership

In 2011, vendors receive the following benefits from membership in the STAC Benchmark Council:

- Admission to general Council meetings/events (2 reps) (www.STACresearch.com/meetings)
- Discounted rates for opportunities at these meetings (e.g., sponsorships, panels, Innovation Roundup)
- Ability to participate in working groups and to read/contribute to online forums
- Access to pre-release STAC Benchmark™ specifications
- Option to subscribe to one or more STAC Test Harnesses™ (see below)
- Ability to contribute benchmark results to the private STAC Vault™
- Access to detailed STAC Reports™ corresponding to public STAC Report Highlights
- Right to request other materials from the STAC Vault (some requests will be at the discretion of a submitting vendor)
- Inclusion in STAC publicity of Council members in STAC literature, on STACresearch.com, at STAC events, and at trade shows
- Possible right to vote on select benchmark specifications (those that measure products for which the firm is a qualified end user and not a vendor)

STAC Test Harnesses

STAC Test Harnesses™ enable vendors and customers to run rigorous STAC Benchmarks™ in the privacy of their own labs. A Test Harness subscription provides the enterprise right to use the software during the subscription period. This includes access to pre-release versions of the Test Harness software. Support is additional.

Fees

The following table summarizes the annual fees for each of the options above.

ANNUAL FEES (USD)	
Membership	10K
Test Harness Set, per domain	5K
Publisher's Discount*	Full waiver of fee for relevant Test Harness

* Publisher's Discount: STAC will waive the Test Harness subscription fee for any domain in which a vendor meets the publication requirement for that domain (certain number of reports during the subscription period). Publication can be public distribution of audited STAC Reports or vendor-controlled disclosure through the confidential STAC Vault (see www.STACresearch.com/vault).

Notes

- As a condition of membership, STAC may include the names of all member firms in its member listings (along with a disclaimer that the member does not necessarily endorse STAC standards or offerings.)
- Attendance at Council meetings and events is subject to availability, RSVP rules and other constraints. End-user firms have highest priority at space-constrained events.
- If physical media are required to deliver a Test Harness, additional charges may apply.
- This fee schedule is subject to change at any time.

Additional Offerings

STAC provides a range of additional products and services, including:

- STAC Benchmark Audits. For approved STAC Benchmark specifications, a vendor may hire STAC to verify a Test Harness, run the test sequences, and certify the results through an official STAC Report. The vendor may choose whether the STAC Report is made public on www.STACresearch.com and distributed to STAC's thousands of subscribers or remains confidential to the vendor. Audited benchmarks may be run in the vendor's lab or the STAC Lab Network. Audit fees depend on the domain.
- Training, verification, and support for Test Harnesses.
- Creation of Member-requested Test Harness Extensions (e.g., platform ports, STAC Packs for specific vendor products, etc.).
- Additional tools and test harnesses not linked to STAC Benchmark specifications.

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