



Summary of Membership Options for Vendors

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This document explains the options for technology vendors joining the STAC Benchmark Council™ or renewing their membership.

Council membership

In 2025, vendors receive the following benefits from membership in the STAC Benchmark Council:

- Brief announcement to the global STAC subscriber base that the vendor has joined the Council, with a link to vendor's web site¹
- Vendor landing page on the STAC site that makes it easy for viewers to find STAC content related to the vendor
- Admission to STAC Summits (www.STACresearch.com/events)²
- 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 STAC Configuration Disclosures and other detailed configuration information for systems from which STAC Reports™ have been released publicly
- Right to request other materials from the STAC Vault (some requests for vendor-submitted materials will require approval of the submitting vendor)
- Right to display the Council member logo on the vendor's website and in its promotional materials
- Inclusion when STAC publicizes the Council membership list in STAC literature, on STACresearch.com, at STAC events, and at trade shows

Test tools

Vendor members of the Council have the option to subscribe to STAC testing software. This consists of STAC Test Harness™ software and accompanying STAC Packs. A STAC Pack consists of software components that enable a particular STAC Benchmark suite to be used with specific products. For example, a STAC Pack might include bindings between STAC software libraries and a vendor's product API. Or a STAC Pack might be an implementation of STAC Benchmark specifications that is written and optimized for a particular database, hardware architecture, etc.

STAC testing software enables vendors and customers to run rigorous STAC Benchmarks in the privacy of their own labs. A subscription to this software provides the enterprise right to use to the software during the subscription period. This includes access to pre-release versions of the software.

¹ Returning vendors must have been out of the council for more than 5 years and have not had a previous announcement.

² Attendance is subject to availability, RSVP rules and other constraints. A vendor typically receives a set of entry badges to STAC events for no additional charge. However, attendance at some events may not be included. In those cases, member vendors receive preferential terms over non-member vendors.

Fees

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

ANNUAL FEES (USD)	
Membership	14,200
One STAC Test Harness and one associated STAC Pack	Included
Additional STAC Test Harnesses and STAC Packs	Contact STAC for pricing
Publisher's Credit ³	Relevant Test Harness fee turns into a credit

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.)
- If physical media are required to deliver a STAC Test Harness or STAC Pack, 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 the configuration of a STAC Test Harness and STAC Pack, 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 STAC's web site 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 STAC Test Harnesses and STAC Packs.
- Creation of Member-requested STAC Test Harness Extensions (e.g., platform ports, STAC Packs for specific vendor products, etc.).
- Additional software tools not tied to STAC Benchmark specifications.

→ For more information, see www.STACresearch.com or contact council@STACresearch.com. ←

³ Publisher's Credit: If a vendor pays for STAC testing software not included in membership and subsequently authorizes STAC to disclose results (either into the confidential STAC Vault or publicly through an audit project), then the fees for that software become a credit that the vendor can apply to future purchases, such as additional software, a STAC audit, participation in STAC events, or membership renewal. Contact STAC for details.