

Biography

Dr. John C. Klensin



Mr. Klensin was involved in the early procedural and definitional work for DNS administration and top-level domain definitions and was part of the committee that worked out the transition of DNS-related responsibilities between USC-ISI and what became ICANN. In 1992, he and Randy Bush created the Network Startup Resource Center, which helped countries establish connections with FidoNet, UseNet and when possible the Internet.

For most of those 30 years, he was a technical participant in programming language standardization efforts. He has also participated in, and sometimes led, industry consortia, scientific, and quasi-governmental efforts that resulted in de facto standards. For example, he was a member of the Advisory Council and one of the first ad hoc committees on procedures of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). He was INFOODS Project Coordinator for the United Nations University and, before that, was at MIT for nearly 30 years, holding Principal Research Scientist appointments in several departments including Architecture, the Center for International Studies, and the Laboratory of Architecture and Planning.

In 2003, he received an INCITS Merit Award and in 2008, was inducted as a Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery.