



# The New British Computer Society

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The British Computer Society will

Lead the development of the IT Profession,

and make it *the* profession of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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# The Society at work....

- We have over 40,000 members including 15,000 students and graduates; 18,000 professionals; 8,000 Chartered Engineers
- We accredit over 1,500 current University courses in the UK.
- Over 1m UK computer users have registered for our ECDL qualification, through more than 2,600 accredited UK test centres
- 15,000 candidates took our Information Systems Examinations in FY 2001/2, with over 80 training providers accredited
- 3,000 candidates took our Professional Development examinations in FY 2001/2



- Formed in 1957
- Over 38,000 members by 2003
- Independent
- Strong products business
- Member based organisation
- Awards Chartered Engineer status



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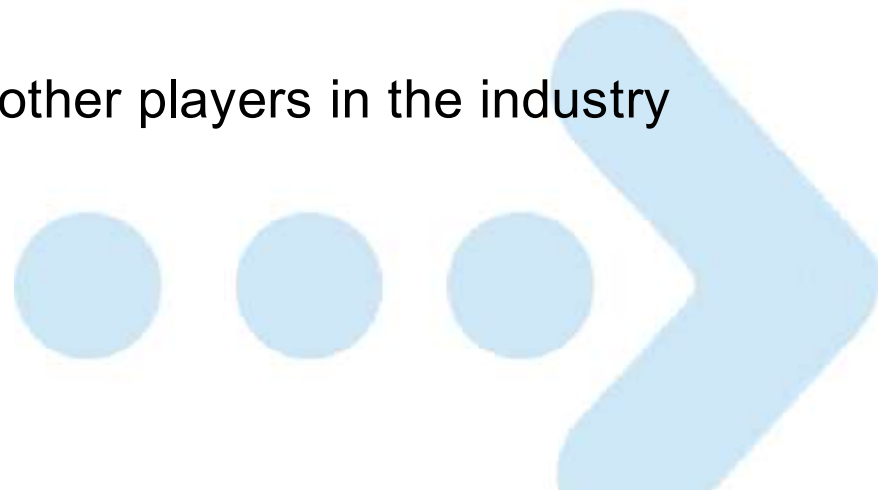


## Making IT *the* Profession of the 21st Century

- The BCS building blocks:-
- Changes in governance
- Changes in staff organisation
- Changes in membership
- Changes in our relationships with other players in the industry



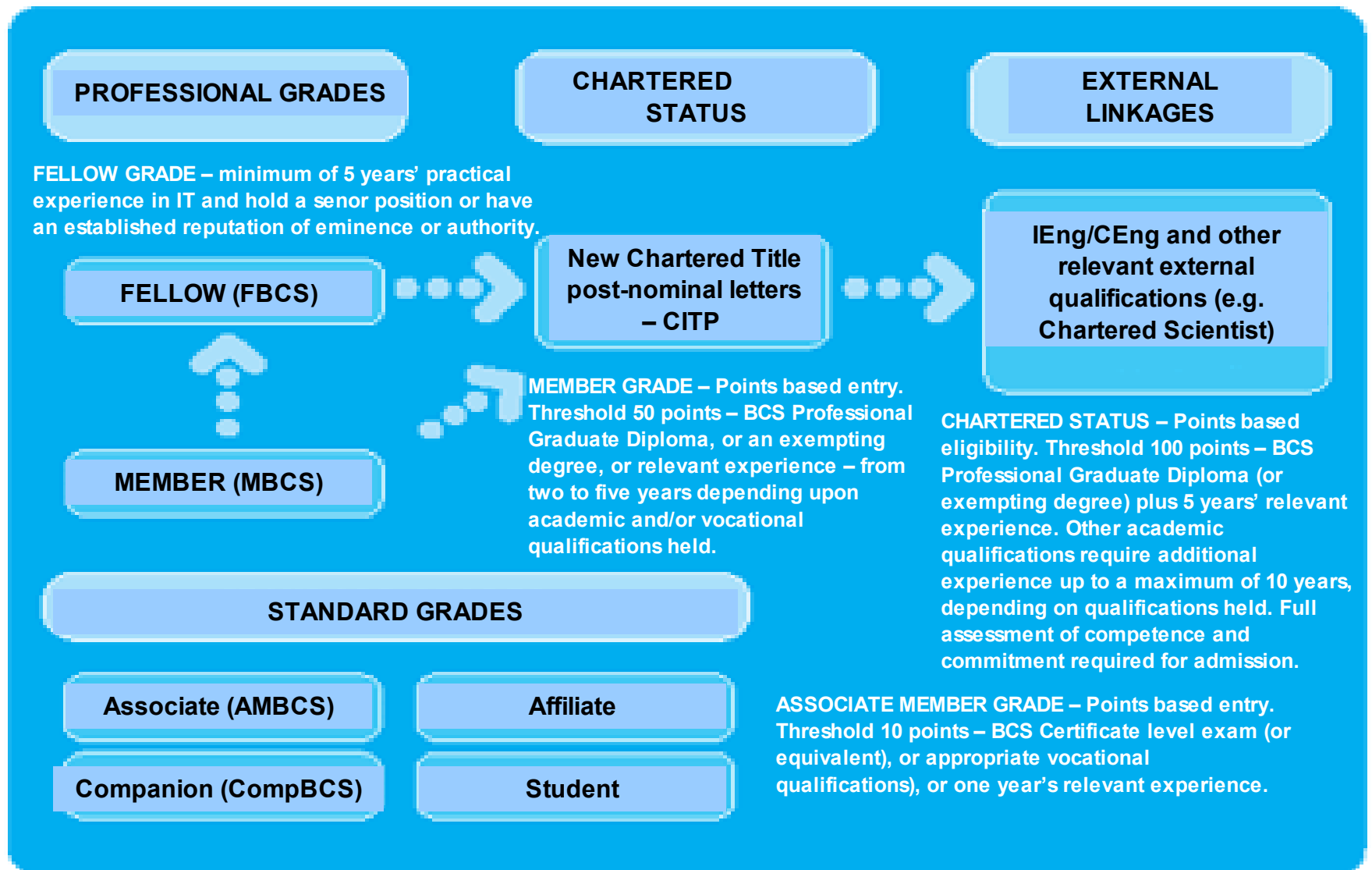
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- New inclusive membership structure
- New Chartered Status programmes (CITP, CSci)
- New ISEB, EUCIP and ECDL competency certification programmes
- Stronger relationship with Government and industry
- SFIPlus as the replacement for the Industry Structure Model
- New partnership programmes with IT employers
- New IT Leadership Development Programme
- New CPD and career development support
- New support for employers skills management and IT staff development
- More than 2,400 new members since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004



# New membership structure



- Associate membership (AMBCS) - £40
- Professional membership (MBCS) - £80
- Fellow Status (FBCS/FBCS CITP) - £144
- Chartered status (MBCS CITP) - £115





- BCS Career Builder
- Browse SFIPlus
- A Professional Network
- On line expert panels



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- Define skills, training and experience against the SFIA standard
- Prepare and maintain a job description using SFIPlus standard
- Identify development needs and Set personal development objectives
- Manage professional development in a structured fashion
- Locate the resources needed to achieve development objectives



## *SFIPlus - the industry skills standard*

### → Benefits of SFIPlus:

- Enables you to benchmark your IT skills against the standards defined by the IT industry
- Describes IT skills in a common language and a logical structure
- Helps determine the skills required
- The key use of SFIPlus is to benchmark/map yourself against the SFIPlus standard



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## → **Branches**

A regional network covering the UK and a number of overseas locations

Meetings, presentations, summer schools etc.

Meet and network with professionals working in your area

## → **Specialist groups**

A technical network covering a wide range of areas

Meetings, newsletters, conferences, etc.

Meet and network with professionals working in your technical area



## Young Professionals Group

- Largest Group within BCS, all members under 35 automatically affiliated
- Publications / Web Pages
- Job Hunters Survival Kit, available free on-line
- Competitions:- Programming & IT Directors Forum
- WorkLink, industrial placement finding service

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## Online Expert Panel

- Allowing members who cannot , or do not attend branch meetings to participate in BCS events
- Encouraging IT professionals to join the BCS through a wider audience
- Attracting visitors to BCS website
- Enabling global array of speakers to participate in and attend BCS events
- Saving costs by reduction in face-to-face meetings
- Promoting discussion within the wider IT community

## It's about Professionalism.....

- It demonstrates commitment to your own and the IT community's professional development.
- It sets you apart from other IT practitioners, conferring industry recognition on your skills and experience.
- It confirms your status as an IT practitioner of the highest integrity and underlines your own professionalism
- Helps you get your next job or major contract
- Gives you access to an unrivalled peer networking facility and information database



# Benefits money just can't buy

- Industry-recognised endorsement of your credentials via post nominal letters.
- Support for your career development at every stage.
- Access to an unrivalled network of IT professionals and groups.
- A wealth of IT industry information.
- Exclusive member discounts and real special offers providing genuine value for money.
- Free Books & Publications
- Heavy discount on software for business & home
- Up to 25% discount on other Books/Periodicals



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- Champion the “IT profession”
- Help to improve the quality of everyone in the IT profession
- Be relevant, knowledgeable, forthright, controversial
- Be seen to take a stand on all key issues concerning the profession
- Continue to set (ever higher) standards
- Drive continuous professional development
- Make people feel proud to be part of the IT profession
- Make government, industry and society at large, regard the IT profession as highly as any other profession





- To apply for BCS membership, you can;
- Call our Membership hotline on 0800 056 4322
- Go to [www.bcs.org.uk](http://www.bcs.org.uk) & apply online
- Receive an application pack from the BCS

