

A Consortium for the Internet of Things

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Intel, IBM, Cisco, GE and AT&T get together to form the Industrial Internet Consortium (IIC), an effort to create engineering standards connecting industrial assets such as objects, sensors and large computing systems.



According to the announcements, the not-for-profit group "[is] focused on breaking down the barriers of technology silos to support better access to big data with improved integration of the physical and digital worlds." In other words, it aims to create standards for the so-called Internet of Things (IoT).

"We are at the precipice of a major technological shift at the intersection of the cyber and physical worlds, one with broad implications that will lead to substantial benefits, not just for any one organization, but for humanity," Institute for Software Integrated Systems (ISIS) director Janos Sztipanovits says. "Academia and industry understand the need to identify and establish new foundations, common frameworks and standards for the Industrial Internet, and are looking to the IIC to ensure that these efforts come together into a cohesive whole."

The IIC is open to all businesses, organisations or entities with an interest in the Industrial Internet. The founding members hold permanent seats in the Steering Committee, and managing all is nonprofit Object Management Group (OMG).

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