Build a Cross-Organization Online Community with Handshake

Handshake, MITRE’s social-business networking platform lets you connect, collaborate, and network with MITRE employees as well as representatives from government, academia, industry, and other research organizations. Handshake helps MITRE bring the best talent to bear on sponsor problems of critical national importance. Participants can:

- Establish new connections and strengthen existing ones
- Join working groups, communities of practice, networks, and more
- Exchange ideas, discuss concerns, offer new perspectives
- Keep up to date on hot topics and industry trends
- Stay aware of their connections’ activities.

MITRE’s sponsors are connecting like never before—agency to agency, civilian to military, government to industry—and everything in between. Social business networking is a game-changer, and MITRE has risen to the challenge by creating new tools to support shared communications it in a trusted environment.

Handshake supports improved sponsor and project outcomes by providing unique ways of communicating and connecting to team members, users, as well as a broad range of expertise and experiences. Since the initial rollout of Handshake in 2009, participants have set up more than 1,250 Handshake communities with more than 10,400 members; one-third of them are non/MITRE employees. Handshake is built on an open source platform (Elgg), and many enhancements have been contributed back to the open source community for others to use. Handshake has received gold-level recognition from the international Intranet Innovation Awards.

Join Today and Start Exploring!

To access Handshake, you must first be invited by a current MITRE employee. You will receive an invitation via email with a link to a registration page where you can set up your own password. Once registered, you will have full access to Handshake (https://handshake.mitre.org) and are free to join any open group or request to join moderated groups. Feel free to explore!

What People Are Saying about Handshake

“MITRE has really stepped up to benefit the community by offering these types of technologies to see how relevant and useful they are.” (National Forum participant)

“[Handshake is] refreshingly open in the sense that people are asking questions and posting ideas.” (Knowledge Management Consultant)
“We needed a lot of communication across organizations, especially as members came and went. Handshake really helped me stay aware of everything happening. I knew what everyone was thinking, planning, doing...” (Government Program Manager of an integrated project team)

**The Fine Print**

By registering for Handshake, you consent to have your name, profile photo (if you provide one), connections (social graph), and activity stream of non-access controlled activities be accessible to other Handshake members and MITRE employees. Other contact information and content you provide to the site is shared, subject to permission settings that you configure. All site activity is logged.

Do not post sensitive or classified material on Handshake. In addition, FOUO, Highly Sensitive (e.g., Trade Secret), and Sensitive (e.g., Personally Identifiable) Information should not be posted on Handshake.

Handshake is for business use only. MITRE does not permit the display or posting of material that is inflammatory or detrimental.

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