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Dr. Crocker is CEO and co-founder of Shinkuro, Inc., a start-up company focused on dynamic sharing of information across the Internet and on the deployment of improved security protocols on the Internet.

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Dr. Crocker has been involved in the Internet since its inception. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, while he was a graduate student at UCLA, he was part of the team that developed the protocols for the Arpanet and laid the foundation for today's Internet. He organized the Network Working Group, which was the forerunner of the modern Internet Engineering Task Force and initiated the Request for Comment (RFC (Request for Comments)) series of notes through which protocol designs are documented and shared. For this work, Dr. Crocker was awarded the 2002 IEEE Internet Award. Dr. Crocker also holds an honorary doctorate in mathematics from the University of San Martin de Porres in Lima, Perú. In 2012, Dr. Crocker was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame - Pioneer Circle, recognizing him as an individual who was instrumental in the early design and development of the Internet.

Dr. Crocker's experience includes research management at DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency), USC/ISI and The Aerospace Corporation, vice president of Trusted Information Systems, and co-founder of CyberCash, Inc. and Longitude Systems, Inc. His prior public service includes serving as the first area director for security in the the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force)), the Internet Architecture Board (IAB (Internet Architecture Board)), the IETF (Internet Engineering Task Force) Administrative Support Activity Oversight Committee (IAOC), service on the Board of the Internet Society and the Board of The Studio Theatre in Washington, DC.

Dr. Crocker earned his B.A. in mathematics and Ph.D. in computer science at UCLA, and he studied artificial intelligence at MIT.

Steve Crocker was selected by the 2008 Nominating Committee to serve as a Board Member. He had been Chair of ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers)'s Security (Security – Security, Stability and Resiliency (SSR)) and Stability (Security, Stability and Resiliency) Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) (SSAC (Security and Stability Advisory Committee)) from its inception in 2002 until December 2010, and he served as SSAC (Security and Stability Advisory Committee)'s non-voting Liaison to the ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) Board until being selected by the Nominating Committee. His first term ran from the end of the 2008 annual general meeting through the conclusion of the 2011 annual general meeting. He was selected by the Nominating Committee to serve a second term, starting in October 2011 and running through the Annual General meeting in



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2014. He has been selected by the Nominating Committee to serve a third term starting in October 2014 and running through the Annual General meeting in 2017.

Steve served as Vice-Chair from December 2010 until June 2011, and has been serving as Chair since then.

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Great visionary and his thought leadership is highly sought after in the industry. Discussions with Steve were definitely a... View ↓

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April 2015 – Present (1 year 8 months)



Advisory Board Member
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I've been a member of the advisory board twice. I don't remember the precise dates. 2012 is a guess for the beginning of my current service.

Chairman
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I've been associated with ICANN since early 2002. I have served as chair of the the Security and Stability Advisory Committee (SSAC), liaison from SSAC to the Board, a member of the Board, vice chair of the Board, and, since mid-2011, chair of the Board.

Vice president
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Discussions with Steve were definitely a learning experience.

June 25, 2009, Vishal was a consultant or contractor to Steve at Shinkuro, Inc.



Dave Clarke
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“ A true pioneer and visionary. Fulfilling the Internet's promise for collaboration.

July 22, 2005, Dave was with another company when working with Steve at Shinkuro, Inc.



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Steve Crocker

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Dr. Steve Crocker is the Co-Founder and CEO of Shinkuro, Inc., the current Chair and former Vice-Chair of the ICANN Board, an Internet pioneer, an early leader of ISOC and the IETF, and the creator of the RFC document series.^{[1][2]} He continues to speak about, and participate in, the development of the Internet through Industry conferences and meetings.^[3]

He is the brother of Dave Crocker, who is well known in the Internet Industry for his early work developing Email technology.

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Internet Pioneer

RFC

Steve Crocker was a graduate student at UCLA in the late 1960s and 1970s, and along with Vinton Cerf and Jon Postel,^[4] was part of the team that developed the protocols for the ARPANET.^[5] Steve was the humble man who wrote the first RFC, or Request For Comments, a document series wherein questions and answers to the pressing technical issues were presented to and by the entire engineering and infrastructural community. Dr. Crocker labeled the first memo as such as he did not want to seem presumptuous or authoritative, but rather facilitate discussion and progress within the community.^[6] The first RFC was published April 6th, 1969; and it can be read here (<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1>). Steve's retrospection on the beginning of the series on its 40th anniversary can be read here (<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/04/07/opinion/07crocker.html>). The topic of the first RFC was host software.^[7]

The RFC series began before the network was actually working, and before email was possible. Thus, they were physically mailed to each research center, and then circulated.^[8]

Beginning

Dr. Crocker attended the same high school in southern California as both Jon Postel and Vint Cerf,^[9] and he has described Vint as his best friend.^[10] In 1965, while at UCLA, Steve began working on an ARPA supported project, which was a precursor to the actual ARPANET.^[11] The project dissolved, and the remaining DARPA funds were transferred to Gerald Estrin in the Computer Science Department; Steve began to work for him in 1966. In 1967 he was at MIT working on more graduate studies, but within a year and a half he had returned to UCLA. He was drawn to MIT given their Artificial Intelligence programs. In 1968, he was back at UCLA, and given that his friend Vint was looking to enroll in a graduate program, he introduced him to Estrin; shortly thereafter Vint was a part of the school's graduate program. That summer they were both working on the ARPANet project. By 1970, he had been given a job with ARPA in Washington, D.C., rather than the previous position as a graduate student engaged mainly at the UCLA campus. He was now Program Director, and managed protocol, various network sites, and contractors spread throughout the U.S., and he was also required to travel to Europe. While at DARPA he pursued research programs in artificial intelligence, automatic programming, speech understanding, and network research.^[12] Within the next few years he was working extensively with another well-known Internet Pioneer, Robert Kahn.^[13]

In December, 1970, Dr. Crocker created the Network Control Protocol, which was the original host-to-host protocol for the ARPANET. It allowed 3 disparate networks, in this instance the computer network, a packet satellite network, and a packet radio network, to interoperate.^[14]

The organization and communication work involved in the RFC series, the interoperability of the first network sites, and his position as Program Manager led Steve to found the Networking Working Group, and he asked Vint to be its first Chairman;^[15] the group is the predecessor of the Internet Engineering Task Force.^[16]

An extremely detailed interview with Steve can be found here (<http://www.cbi.umn.edu/oh/pdf.phtml?id=96>); It is largely technical, but does shed some interesting light on the development of the Internet.

Other Early Work

Dr. Crocker taught classes at UCLA on computer programming for the IBM 7094 mainframe computer; the course was specifically adressed towards high school teachers, with the goal of teaching digital processing and assembly language programming. The teachers would then be able to bring this knowledge back to their classrooms.^[17]

Career & Entrepreneurialism

Steve has founded and run a number of companies. He founded and was director of the Computer Science Laboratory at the Aerospace Corporation from 1981 to 1986.^[18]

In 1986, he became Vice President of Trusted Information Systems; he established their L.A. office and ran in until 1989, when he relocated to the Maryland office. His main responsibilities were program verification research and application, integration of cryptography with trusted systems, network security, and new applications for networks and trusted systems.^[19]

Steve is the co-Founder and CTO of Cybercash Inc., Founder and Director of Executive DSL, and co-Founder and CEO of Longitude Systems. CyberCash is an online payment company, Executive DSL is a DSL ISP, and Longitude Systems was a provider of Operational Support Systems.^[20]

Current Work

Dr. Crocker is CEO and co-founder of Shinkuro, Inc., which is focused on dynamic sharing of information across the Internet.^[21]

He has been involved in DNSSEC deployment efforts.^[22]

ICANN

Steve Crocker has been involved in both the Internet and ICANN since their beginnings. He has been the chair of ICANN's SSAC since its creation in 2002, and had been serving as the SSAC's non-voting liaison to the ICANN Board until he was selected by the NomCom to serve as a voting member. He was selected by the NomCom in 2008, and his current term concludes at the end of the 2011 annual meeting. Following the annual meeting of 2010, Steve was elected as Vice-Chair of the ICANN Board.^[23]

Following the departure of Peter Dengate Thrush after ICANN Singapore in June, 2011, Steve Crocker was unanimously appointed to act as Chairman of the Board. His current term is still set to expire at the 2011 Annual Meeting to be held in Dakar, Senegal. Bruce Tonkin was elected vice-chair.^[24] Mr. Crocker was re-elected to another term at ICANN 42 in Dakar,^[25] and is now set to step-down following the 2014 Annual Meeting.^[26]

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Thus, given that Steve Crocker has been a member of the ICANN Board since 2008, he has been heavily involved in developing ICANN's new gTLD expansion program and is set to launch the program. In January, 2012, following weeks of protest from anti gTLD groups, such as The Association of National Advertisers and related groups, and bad press from the New York Times and Washington Post, and hearings by the U.S. congress to address high-level concerns with the program, and talk of the Board meeting to discuss delays; Steve Crocker announced that the program would continue as scheduled, and launch January 12th, 2012. He noted that any delay would compromise ICANN's integrity and call in to question its preparedness and its exhaustive processes that created the program; he underscored the fact that ICANN can not be seen as beholden to political interests, specifically U.S. political interests.^[27]

Conflicts of Interest

After passing a substantial Conflicts of Interest policy in 2011, Steve Crocker has excused himself from voting on certain issues as per that policy. One notable occasion occurred in February, 2012, when 7 board members abstained from voting or participating in the conversation regarding a motion related to the new gTLD program and the Board's commitment to a second round of new gLTDs. Mr. Crocker had previously voted on issues related to the program, and his self-identified conflict seems to have been a first. He has previously noted that Afiliacorp has invested in his consulting firm, Shinkuro.^[28]

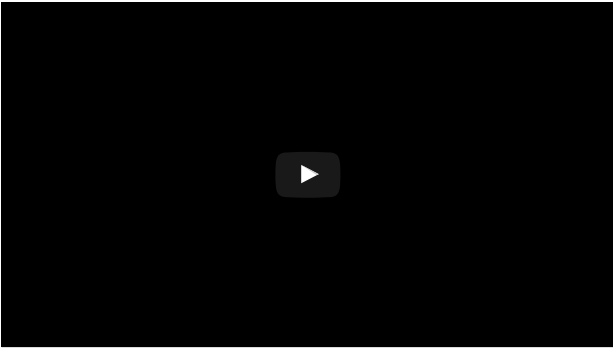
Awards

Steve Crocker was recognized for his pioneering work by the IEEE, with their 2002 Internet Award "for leadership in creation of key elements in open evolution of Internet protocols: Network Working Group, Request for Comments process and layered protocol approaches".^[29]

Education

Dr. Crocker earned his BA in Math (1968), and PhD in Computer Science at UCLA (1977), and he studied artificial intelligence at MIT.^[30]

Videos



Crocker is interviewed by Gray Chynoweth at ICANN 42 in Dakar, Senegal, on the topic of New gTLDs and IDN in the developing world.

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Dave Crocker

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David H. Crocker is a Senior Advisor of the Messaging Anti-Abuse Working Group, active in the IETF, and self-employed working under the company name Brandenburg InternetWorking. He designs network-based applications businesses and system architectures.^[1] He has forty years of work experience in the Internet industry, including early work with DARPA and designing the basis for today's email system.



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He is currently a member of the IETF's administrative and legal oversight bodies (IAOC/Trust).^[2] He is also a member of Association of Computing Machinery, Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers, and ISOC.^[3]

Mr. Crocker is well-known for his work on RFC 822, which was the first standard to describe the syntax of a domain name. He is the brother of Steve Crocker, who is also well known in the Internet Industry for his pioneering work, such as creating the RFC series.

Much of Crocker's recent work revolves around email anti-abuse, working towards a trust overlay on the Internet.^[4]

Career History

Previously, Dave has worked as an Advisor at Goodmail Systems, the Co-Founder of Portola Software, an Engineer at Silicon Graphics, and Director at Digital Equipment Corporation.^[5]

From 1989 to 1991, he worked as the Manager of Network Systems Laboratory, Digital Equipment Corp. Prior to which he was the Vice President of Engineering at The Wollongong Group, Inc. He has also held the position of Development Manager at Ungermann-Bass, Inc. and has worked as the Director of System Development at MCI Digital Information Services Corp, where he worked with Vint Cerf to build the company a national email service. Prior to this, he worked as the Co-Principal Investigator, Electrical Engineering at University of Delaware.^{[6][7]}

He started his networking career In the 1970's, when he worked for four years at UCLA with ARPANET.^[8]

Work with the Internet

He has been the Area Director for the IETF from 1989-1996. He participated in the effort to standardize facsimile, and electronic data exchange over the Internet. He chaired the Silicon Valley–Public Access Link in the early 1990s.^[9]

For almost 40 years he has been designing and preparing Internet standards. He has also contributed to work on Internet commerce, domain name service, emergency services, and TCP/IP enhancements.^[10] He was one of Jon Postel's appointees to the IAHC.^[11] He has also taught several classes on Internet, TCP/IP and Open Systems Networking.

Email

Mr. Crocker is responsible in part for the facilitation and growth of email. He developed MS, based on the design of MSG, which was the first modern email sender program. MS was designed for UNIX operating system. The idea was initiated by Steve Walker, who was then the Program Manager at DAPRA. Mr. Crocker designed the functional specifications and Steve Tepper and Bill Crosby did the programming, reporting to the Rand department head, Bob Anderson.

In 1977, Mr. Crocker, John Vittal, Kenneth Pogran, and Austin Henderson worked together on a DARPA initiative that was meant to collect various email data formats into a single, coherent specification. The result of their work was RFC 733 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc733.txt>). In 1982, Dave revised RFC 733 and prepared RFC 822 (<http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc822.txt>), which was the first standard to describe the syntax of domain names.

In 1978, Mr. Crocker was once again with Dave Farber at the University of Delaware, where they developed the first versions of what would become the Multi-purpose Memo Distribution Facility (MMDF). This project was for the U.S. Army Materiel Command^[12], and served as the foundation of CSNet.^[13] He has developed two national email services and designed two others.^[14]

Meetings

Mr. Crocker actively participates in meetings in the Internet industry. He has chaired and presented at several conferences, including:

- N+I Interop
- Electronic Messaging Association
- APRICOT '06, '05, '04, '99
- RIPE, Edinburgh^[15]
- EMail World
- Unix Expo
- FTC email authentication conference in 2004.^[16]

Publications

He is the author of book chapters, magazine articles, presentations and specifications on open systems networking, standards, electronic mail and electronic commerce. A complete list of his presentations and publications can be read here (<http://www.bbiw.net/musings.html>).

Awards and Honors

In 2004, he received the IEEE Internet Award.^[17]

Education

- Doctoral work in Computer Science from University of Delaware (1978-1982)
- M.A. in Communication from Annenberg School, USC (1977)
- B.A. in Psychology from UCLA in (1975)

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