The concept of Software Process Improvement Networks (SPINs) was born in 1988 with a group of process professionals in the Washington, DC, area.

These professionals decided that they needed a practical forum for the exchange of ideas, information, and mutual support. They founded the first SPIN to meet these needs.

SPINs worldwide continue to foster innovation in the software engineering practice.

Connect with a local community dedicated to improving the state of software engineering worldwide. Exchange ideas with professionals in your field. Learn from experts. Participate in a SPIN.

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What Is a SPIN?

A Software and Systems Process Improvement Network (SPIN) is an organization of professionals in a given geographical area who are interested in software and systems process improvement.

Joining a SPIN recognizes your commitment and loyalty to improving the state of software and systems engineering, and places you within a network of expertise. A SPIN is a practical forum for the interchange of ideas, information, and mutual support. Each regional SPIN is slightly different, based on the vision of the founders and the needs of the community.

SPINs are made up of professionals from all sectors—industry, government, and academia (including students)—and include defense contractors, professional organizations, and independent consultants. There are currently 116 SPINs worldwide, and this number is growing. SPINs typically meet monthly.

116 SPINs in **37** countries

What are the benefits of participating in a SPIN?

- professional development
- networking
- access to a vast software and systems knowledgebase
- career advancement
- discounts on SEI membership
- opportunities for professional accreditation

Software and systems process improvement is a rapidly growing area, and your local SPIN can help you stay on the cutting edge. You can network with colleagues as well as learn from experts: SPIN meetings often attract high-profile speakers from the SEI as well as other leaders in software engineering.

How do I start a SPIN?

Visit www.sei.cmu.edu/go/spins, and click "Start a SPIN." The SEI can help you find others in your region, start a planning committee, and support your development of a charter.

Join an existing SPIN

Visit www.sei.cmu.edu/go/spins. Under "Directory of SPINs," you can view lists of U.S. and international SPINs. Contact the point of contact listed for your local SPIN to get more information.