

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2016

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01, 2016, and ending 12/31, 20 16

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
PeeringDB

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1700 7th Ave Ste 116 PMB 299

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Seattle, WA, 98101

D Employer identification number
46-5097487

E Telephone number
206-367-4320

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ <https://www.peeringdb.com/>

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **Nonprofit Corp**

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **122,601**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1					122,601
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2					0
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3					0
	4	Investment income		4					0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a						0
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b						0
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c					0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a						0
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>0</u> of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b						0
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c						0	
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)		6d					0	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a						0	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b						0	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c					0	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		8					0	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶		9					122,601	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10					0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11					0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12					0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13					99,040
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14					0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15					410
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <u>.See Schedule O, Statement 1</u>		16					1,187
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17					100,637	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18					21,964
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19					2,143
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20					0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21					24,107

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	7,143	22 29,107
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	7,143	25 29,107
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) <u>See Schedule O, Statement 2</u>	5,000	26 5,000
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	2,143	27 24,107

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Operation of <https://www.peeringdb.com/>

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 <u>The Corporation is organized exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of a freely available webbased database of networks, colocation facilities, Internet exchange providers, and other information related to peering on the Internet.</u> (Grants \$ <u>122,601</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	100,637
29 _____ _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 _____ _____ (Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) _____ (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	0
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	100,637

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Aaron Hughes</u> <u>President and Director</u>	5	0	0	0
<u>Job Snijders</u> <u>Vice President and Director</u>	4.5	0	0	0
<u>Patrick Gilmore</u> <u>Director</u>	3	0	0	0
<u>Matt Griswold</u> <u>Director (term ending 5/2017)</u>	3	0	0	0
<u>Arnold Nipper</u> <u>Director</u>	8	0	0	0
<u>Bijal Sanghani</u> <u>Director (term starting 5/2017)</u>	0	0	0	0
<u>Chris Caputo</u> <u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>	3.6	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name.
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities...
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year?
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year?
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ?
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of Chris Caputo Telephone no. 206-367-4320
Located at 1700 7th Ave Ste 116 PMB 299, Seattle, WA 98101 ZIP + 4 98101
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country...
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States?
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year?
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year?
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments?
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	
50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."		

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ **Yes** **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	▶ /signature on file/ Signature of officer	▶ May 10th, 2017 Date
	▶ Chris Caputo, Secretary/Treasurer Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no. ▶			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ **Yes** **No**

Schedule of Contributors

2016

▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
 ▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization PeeringDB	Employer identification number 46-5097487
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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ
 - 501(c)(6) (enter number) organization
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
 - 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF
 - 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
 - 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I **Contributors** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Microsoft Corporation 1 Microsoft Way Redmond, WA, 98052	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Google Inc 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway Mountain View, CA, 94043	\$ 20,040	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Yahoo Inc 701 First Avenue Sunnyvale, CA, 94089	\$ 10,040	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Facebook Inc 1 Hacker Way Menlo Park, CA, 94025	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	Internet Association of Australia PO Box 8700 Perth, BC 6849 AS	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	Internet Society 1775 Wiehle Ave Ste 201 Reston, VA, 20190	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II **Noncash Property** (See instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
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Part III *Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.* Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

**SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Transactions With Interested Persons

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
2	Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958			▶	\$
3	Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization			▶	\$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Patrick Gilmore	Director	Bootstrapping	✓		5,000	5,000		✓	✓			✓
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total						▶	\$					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

**SCHEDULE O
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Form 990-EZ, Part IV - Director Matt Griswold is a principal at 20C, LLC. PeeringDB paid 20C, LLC a total of \$96,000 in 2016, \$90,000 of which was for software acquisition and \$6,000 of which was for software maintenance.

Other Expenses Structured Explanation

Description	Amount
Bank Service Charges	306
Licenses and Permits	870
Sales Tax	11
Total:	1,187

Other Liabilities Structured Explanation

Description	EOY Amount
Loan from Patrick Gilmore	5,000
Total:	5,000