

## WIC Introduction

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Web Intelligence (WI) is a new direction for scientific research and development that explores the fundamental roles as well as practical impacts of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and advanced Information Technology (IT) on the next generation of Web-empowered products, systems, services, and activities. It is the key and the most urgent research field of IT in the era of Web and agent intelligence.

The Web Intelligence Consortium (WIC) (<http://wi-consortium.org/>) is an international non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of world-wide scientific research and industrial development in the era of Web and agent intelligence. The WIC specializes in the development and promotion of new WI-related research as well as technologies through collaborations among world-wide WI research centers and organiza-

tional members, technology showcase at WI conferences and workshops, WIC official book and journal publications, WIC newsletter, and WIC official releases of new industrial solutions and standards.

The major activities of WIC include:

- Organizing Web and agent intelligence related conferences
- Publishing Web and agent intelligence related journal and special issues of journals, books, and newsletter.
- Promoting Web and agent intelligence related new tools/systems/standards.
- Setting and supporting WIC Research Centres and WI/IAT related companies.