

Membership FAQs

There are two types of membership in dataportal.asia: *personal user* & *business user*. The following lists the FAQs about the membership.

1. What's the **benefit** of becoming a personal user or a business user?

As a personal user, you can look up metadata of open [datasets](#) harvested from Asian data providers in a number of flexible ways. Besides, you can learn how to reuse open data by observing the [use cases](#) and [visualization works](#) shared by others.

As a business user, you can enjoy all the benefits that dataportal.asia offers to personal users. In addition, you can apply premium features for the (1) [catalogue publishing service](#), (2) [use case sharing service](#), and (3) [Web API sharing service](#) and manage them by yourself.

2. The comparison of **website features** between personal user and business user.

		Membership Type	
		Personal	Business
Search	Dataset search	O	O
	In-site search	O	O
Browse dataset	Browse by categories	O	O
	Browse by economies	O	O
	Browse by datasets	O	O
	Browse by catalogues	O	O
Filter dataset results	Filter by economies	O	O
	Filter by catalogues	O	O
	Filter by categories	O	O
	Filter by tags	O	O
	Filter by formats	O	O
	Filter by licenses	O	O
Ordering dataset results	Order by popularity	O	O
	Order by relevance	O	O
	Order by name ascending	O	O
	Order by name descending	O	O
	Order by last modified	O	O
Dataset analytics	Statistics of datasets	O	O
	Popularity of datasets	O	O
	Activity stream	O	O

Dataset	In-site visualization	O	O
	Exploration	O	O
	RDF object	O	O
Browse news		O	O
Browse visualization works		O	O
Data catalogue	Publish		O
	Register account		O
	Manage account		O
	Manage catalogue		O
Use cases	Browse	O	O
	Publish	O	O
Web API	Browse album	O	O
	Publish		O

3. How can I **become a member** of dataportal.asia?

As a personal user, you can freely use the permitted website features without registering as a member of dataportal.asia.

As a business user, you need to finish the following steps in order to obtain the authority of publishing a Data/Web API catalogue.

- You need to fill the submission form for applying for the [data catalogue](#), [Web API catalogue](#), or [use case](#) publishing services. After validating your application form, the web master of dataportal.asia will create a catalogue and notify you to proceed to the next step.
- You need to [register](#) as a member of dataportal.asia. Then, the web master of dataportal.asia will assign the registered account as manager of the catalogue created in the last step.
- You can use the registered account to [login](#) into dataportal.asia and take over the tasks of managing the catalogue, such as publishing metadata of datasets, recruiting members for the catalogue to view your private datasets.