

Australian libraries page

Mark Nearhos of the ANU has done a lot of work to develop an up-to-date page on Australian Libraries. He discovered that the standard lists developed overseas were out of date, and decided to produce a more current service. His pages are organised by State and Territory, and provide links to information servers and catalogues for each organisation. The catalogue links also specify login and password instructions where necessary.

The page's URL is <http://info.anu.edu.au/ozlib/ozlib.html>.

One of the new links available through Mark's page is to the ACT Library Service. All you have to do is connect to the State Library of Victoria catalogue, select Victorian Public Library catalogues from the main menu and then Technilib. The ACTLS is included in the Technilib list.

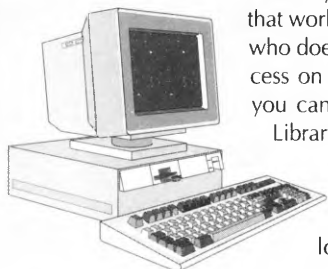
Online newspapers

A recent story in *PC Week* reported that the full text of the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* can be downloaded daily into your electronic mailbox free of charge. It's hard to get details of this, but Mark Nearhos supplied the URL of *The Electronic Telegraph*, the online version of the *London Daily Telegraph* (<http://www.telegraph.co.uk>).

It's great. The Home Page offers the main sections of the paper — front page, world news, sport, city news, home news and features. You can even send e-mail letters to the editor. The subordinate pages typically have a few lines for each story, with links to the complete stories. And if you think the Australian press has been uncharitable to the visiting English cricketers, it's instructive to read what's being said back home. There is an archive of previous issues, going back to early November when the service started. And there are also advertisements (which you can click on if you choose) mostly for computer companies and Internet-related services.

According to the instructions on the registration page, to use the service you need to register through a forms-based Web client such as Netscape, Mosaic 2, Chimera, emacsWWW or MacWeb.

I tried Lynx to register and that works fine. For anyone who doesn't have Web access on their own system, you can use the National Library's Lynx service by telnetting to www.nla.gov.au and following the login instructions.



There is a limit on the number of concurrent users, so if you don't get through first time, try later.

Books about the Net

There's a new book out, which is getting very good reviews. It's *Managing Internet information services*, published by O'Reilly and Associates (which sounds like a drinking club, but obviously isn't). Its emphasis is not on using the Internet, but on how to install, run and manage Internet resources. Its US price is \$29.95, which appears very reasonable.

For more information on Internet books, there is *The unofficial Internet book list*, produced by Kevin M Savetz. The document is posted twice each month on a number of Usenet newsgroups, including alt.internet.services, misc.books.technical and news.answers. It's also available by anonymous ftp from AARNet at <ftp://ftp.aarnet.edu.au/pub/guides/booklist.txt> and

you can also have it delivered by e-mail by sending the following message to mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu send usenet/news.answers/internet-services/booklist.

The document (which is around 87 kilo bytes long) has an alphabetical list of Internet books, upcoming titles, publisher and ordering information, and the different ways to get the document.

New AARNet charges

The November 1994 issue of the AARNet Newsletter contains a report on the new AARNet charging structure to be applied from 1 January 1995. While Affiliate members will continue to be based on the bandwidth of their communications link to the nearest AARNet hub and remain at their 1994 rates, universities and the CSIRO will pay an annual subscription plus volume-based charging for information accessed on international networks. These charges will apply only to information coming into Australia — not to information supplied by Australian services to the world.

AARNet has also endorsed a Value Added Reseller (VAR) program. VARs will provide access to the Internet for those organisations without the need or the funds to establish their own AARNet link. This means that you can expect to see a whole lot of new suppliers advertising Internet services.

Electronic green journal

The *Electronic green journal* (ISSN: 1076- 7975) is produced by the Univer-

sity of Idaho. It is a professional refereed publication devoted to disseminating information concerning sources on international environmental topics. As environmental issues frequently cross national borders, the journal encourages the international sharing of environmental expertise. It serves communities as an educational environmental resource, and includes both practical and scholarly articles, bibliographies, reviews, editorial comments, and announcements.

The journal is available via gopher, World Wide Web, ftp or by subscription. To subscribe, send an email message to MAJORDOMO@UIDAHO.EDU with the following in the body of the message: subscribe egj your_email_address.

The gopher is at <gopher.uidaho.edu> (menu choice: University of Idaho Electronic Publications)

The WWW URL is http://gopher.uidaho.edu/1/UL_gopher/library/egj/.

For anonymous ftp the address is <ftp://ftp.uidaho.edu/pub/docs/publications/EGJ>. Note that GIF files must be ftp-ed in binary mode.

Baffled by the acronyms?

For those who don't know their IMHO from their BTW, help is at hand. There's an acronym database maintained by Peter Flynn at University College, Cork in Ireland. This searchable list of over 13 000 acronyms is obviously not limited to those that we use for brevity in e-mail, but covers many disciplines. But there's more! The server also has a list of unsuccessful searches — those which people have asked for, but are not on the database. If you like, you can scan this list to see if you can recognise any 'unknown' acronyms, and then submit your suggestion from the Web page. It's yet another example of the cooperative nature of the Internet.

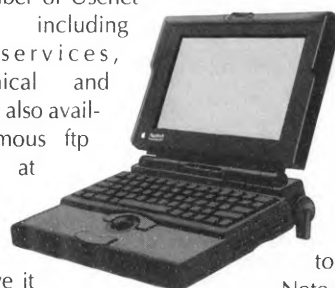
The URL for the database is <http://www.ucc.ie/info/net/acronyms/acro.html>.

New magazines

Steve Cisler of Apple, a well-known Net citizen, recently posted favourable reviews of two new magazines that deal with Internet matters.

.net, Future Publishing Ltd, 30 Monmouth Street, Bath, Avon, BA1, 2BW, United Kingdom. UK price: 12 issues £19.95; Europe £38.95; Rest of known world: £67.95.

According to Steve, this is aimed at UK readers, with the advertisements and ftp archives based in that country. Their Web page is at <http://www.futurenet.co.uk/home.html>



INTER@CTIVE WEEK, 100 Quentin Roosevelt Road, Garden City, NY 11530. To subscribe to the printed version, you need to convince the publisher that you qualify. But the online version is reachable through <http://www.interactive-week.ziff.com> where you can also scan summaries of previous issues.

It appears to cover wider matters than the Internet, including DC-ROM and video services, telecommunications policy issues, and electronic banking. To see if you qualify for subscription, you can send a mail message to 72002.1567@compuserve.com.

WWW documents via e-mail

For users with access only to electronic mail, documents from WWW, ftp and gopher servers can be retrieved (providing you know the complete document name), by sending commands to lstproc@www0.cern.ch.

If you are an X.400 user, you can send an X.400 message to: `/c=au/a=telememo/p=oz.au/o=aarn/dt=rfc-822/dv=lstproc@www0.cern.ch` and in the body of the message put 'www' followed by the URL of the document.

For example, the *SI Panel Report* in Word for Windows format on the National Library's ftp server can be re-

trieved by sending the message: [www ftp://email.nla.gov.au/gov/sipanel/report2.doc](http://ftp://email.nla.gov.au/gov/sipanel/report2.doc).

To obtain a copy of the CERN Help File send 'help' in the body of a message to lstproc@www0.cern.ch.

Windows and TCP/IP for Internet access

This is the latest version of a document prepared by Harry M Kriz of Virginia Tech. It was first released in November 1993 and several version were published throughout the following year.

It covers general technical information on Internet services, but also describes how to find and install specific products such as Cello, Mosaic and Netscape.

If you want an overview on how to use Windows products on the Net, it is highly recommended.

A plain text version of the complete document is available by anonymous ftp from: nebula.lib.vt.edu in directory `/pub/windows/winsock` under filename

`wtcpip06.asc`. A hypertext version is available at: <http://learning.lib.vt.edu/wintcpip/wintcpip.html>.

More on resource guides

In a previous column, there was a report on the *Guides to Internet Resources* prepared by students at the School of Information and Library Studies at the University of Michigan. 11 new guides to Internet resources are now available in HTML, as well as ASCII formats. They are available via the Clearinghouse for subject-oriented Internet resource guides, which now contains over 160 topical guides to the Internet.

The URL for the Clearinghouse is: <http://http2.sils.umich.edu/~lou/chhome.html>.

If you check the *Students Travel Guide* and look under Australia, you'll find entries for only two cities — Ipswich and Sydney. There'll be more about Ipswich in a future column. ■

ALIA on the net

Work is continuing on the ALIA Internet connection, which should be operational in February.

Contributions and suggestions for this column are always welcome. Please contact Kerry Webb at k.webb@nla.gov.au, or via the ALIA National Office



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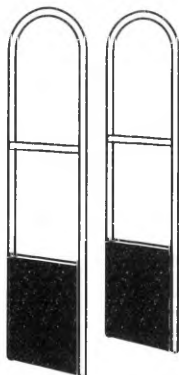
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