Internet Information

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We have all heard that the Internet is exploding - well that goes for resources for teachers too. The quantity and quality of material available this year has expanded greatly over what was available last year.

Try some of these pages:
- Welcome to the Planets: http://stardust.jpl.nasa.gov/planets/
- Smithsonian Institute: http://www.si.edu/
- The latest cave paintings from France: http://www.culture.fr/gypda.html (in French)
- Electronic Telegraph: http://www.culture.fr/gypda.html
- Internet software: http://voyager.paramount.com/VoyagerTools.html
- ERIC’s latest query page: http://ericir.syr.edu/ERIC/eric.html
- Le WebLouvre: http://mistral.enst.fr/~pioch/louvre/
- Bienvenue au Musee des arts et metiers: http://web.cnam.fr/museum/
- MTU Volcanoes Page: http://www.geo.mtu.edu:80/volcanoes/
- The BBC Home Page - http://www.bbcnc.org.uk/

Don’t Forget our own Australian sites:
- I*EARN AUSTRALIA - http://peg.peg.apc.org/~iearn/

Remember one of the major reasons for using the Internet is to find information. One of the major problems of the Internet is that there can be too much information or too many places to look. It is important that you use a search engine to do the work for you. Some useful sites that I have found to date include:
- EINet Information Galaxy: http://galaxy.einet.net/search.html

Each of these pages give you a number of search engines to choose from. Try a few and decide which one suits you best. The Galaxy search at the bottom of the page is very effective. Archieplex is also very useful.

Some sites do not contain much information themselves, but provide pointers to where information can be found:
- Planet Earth Home Page: http://white.nosc.mil/info_modern.html

The number of Education Departments going online is increasing. You may find useful information from these sites:
- California Department of Education: http://goldmine.cde.ca.gov:70/1/C_D_F_Info

If you are developing information technology plans for your school, try this site:
- Technology Plans: gopher://gopher.msstate.edu:70/1/Online_services/ntcp

Running out of ideas for your lessons. The Scholastic Home Page can be a boon for the overworked teacher. Look under
The Gutenberg Project project contains the text of hundreds of books. It is attempting to make available in eetext form books and other published documents that are no longer copyright.


Another gopher points to electronic texts worldwide. It can be searched by author, host, date, language, subject or title:

gopher://rs.lx.ac.uk:7011/lib-corn/hunter

If you want to find out if a particular organisation (in Australia) has a web server, or you can’t remember the name of a particular site — try this one:


NOTE: Sometimes you may try one of the addresses above and it does not respond. There could be a number of reasons for this — there may be too many users trying to log onto that site, the site may no longer exist or it has moved to a new site. With the Internet growing rapidly these situations occur all too often.

Internet Gateways

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In choosing an internet connection, a school might opt for:
- an electronic mail-only link; or
- full Internet access.

The electronic mail access can be installed to begin with, but can be upgraded to full access later. Useful things can be found using just electronic mail access. For example the List of Lists (send the message LIST GLOBAL to listserv@vm1.nodak.edu) can form a useful resource in the library.

Alternatively, full access will allow students and staff to use:
- Telnet (a text-based connection);
- FTP (file transfer protocol); and
- World-Wide-Web.

Some useful WWW sites that I have found include:

Claremont College, Tasmania: http://www.clare.tased.edu.au

The best index to Australian schools: http://web66.coled.umn.edu/schools/AU/Australia.html

European Schools Project: http://www.educ.uva.nl/ESP

The I’EARN international project: http://www.peg.apc.org/~iearn

Aboriginal resources: http://coombs.anu.edu.au/wwwvvl-Aboriginal.html


The ACEC’95 Organising Committee invites you to Perth, Western Australia, to attend the Australian Computers in Education Conference and Exhibition, from 9 July to 13 July 1995, shortly before the World Conference on Computers in Education, in Birmingham, UK.

The Hyatt Regency Perth has been chosen as the venue for ACEC’95. This is situated on the banks of the Swan River in close proximity to the Central Business District.

Each day will have at least one major theme and these will include: Library and Computing; Special Needs; Design and Technology; Policy and Planning; Media, Visual and Performing Arts; and Languages. It is planned to make day registration available to enable teachers to take advantage of a particular theme if they cannot attend all week.

Each day will start with a keynote address followed by smaller breakout sessions. Opportunities for more informal gala sessions will be provided at the end of each day of the conference.

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