FYI on Introducing the Internet--
A Short Bibliography of Introductory Internetworking Readings
for the Network Novice

Status of this Memo

This memo provides information for the Internet community. It does not specify an Internet standard. Distribution of this memo is unlimited.

Abstract

This bibliography offers a short list of recent information resources that will help the network novice become familiar with the Internet, including its associated networks, resources, protocols, and history. This FYI RFC includes references to free sources of information available on-line as well as traditional publications. A short section at the end includes information for accessing the on-line files. This FYI is intentionally brief so it can be easily used as a handout by user services personnel.

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Bibliography of Introductory Readings

The following list includes a number of sources for learning about the Internet. If you have more questions about the Internet, the best source of information is your network service provider. For those interested in finding out about getting Internet connectivity, the books listed will help you locate a network service provider.

* Items with an asterisk are available at no charge on-line on the Internet--see the final section for information on how to obtain these.
1a. Introductory Papers


1b. Introductory Books: Basic User Guides


1c. Introductory Books: Connection Starters


2. Internet services and resources


3. Internet networks


4. Introducing the Internet Protocols


6. Further Reading


Getting Articles On-Line

All the documents marked with an asterisk (*) in this bibliography are available on-line at no charge if you have access to the Internet. To find out more about accessing documents in introducing.the.internet, send electronic mail to: nis-info@nic.merit.edu, with the text: send access.guide.

If you know how to use Anonymous FTP, you can get the Access Guide from one of several sites, including nic.merit.edu, nic.mr.net, ftp.nisc.sri.com, or ftp.hawaii.edu. Check the directory introducing.the.internet for the file titled access.guide. The Access
Guide includes information about obtaining documents through dial-up service using a modem for those who do not have direct Internet access.

In addition to the listed publications, many network providers publish excellent user guides and newsletters which cover Internet topics. Contact your Internet network service provider for more information. A longer bibliography with more comprehensive references and abstracts, FYI 3, RFC 1175 is listed above for those who may need more detailed materials.

Security Considerations

Security issues are not discussed in this memo.

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