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There are many means of finding one's way around the Internet. Gopher, Veronica, and WAIS are just some of the search mechanisms currently in place. For the beginner, however, the Internet can be overwhelming in the wealth of its resources and in the multiplicity of its organization.

Several discussions on the Internet have mentioned the subject/discipline approach as a workable method of using the resources of the ever-expanding-still-rather-chaotic Internet. This list focusing on architecture studies includes a variety of resources and destinations: discussion lists and groups, special databases, indexes, and electronic journals. Opacs (except in the context of special databases) and ftp sites have not been included.

These sources were identified in a variety of ways, including the Kovacs list of e-journals, postings to lists identifying new lists (DESIGN-L is especially good at this), and information from colleagues—especially those on ARLIS-L. Acknowledgment also goes to Kay Tuma, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Library network trainer, for her many suggestions.

Portions of this list were posted in September 1992 to ARLIS-L. Since then some items have been added, some deleted. A list having to do with the Internet must always be considered "in process." If readers are aware of sources that could be added to this list, please contact me at jeanneb@nevada.edu.

Discussions (listservs and newsgroups)

- ARCLIB-L@IRLEARN (Irish and UK Architectural Librarians)
- ARLIS-L@UKCC (Art Libraries Society of North America)
- CAAH@PUCC (Art History Forum)
- Carisuse@sun1.cogs.ns.ca (Caris GIS. Send subscribe message to roger)
- CGE@MARIST (Computer Graphics Education)
- DESIGN-L@PSUVM
- FACXCH-L@PSUVM (Art, Architecture, Design Faculty Exchanges)
- GEODESIC@UBVM (On Fuller's Works)
- IDFORUM@YORKVM1 (Industrial Design Forum)
- IMAGE-L@TREARN (image processing issues)
- LARCHNET@UOGUELPH (landscape architecture)
- RE-FORUM@UTARLVM1 (Real Estate Forum)

- RLGART-L (RLG art and architecture)
- SEMIOS-L@ULKYVM (Verbal/nonverbal communication, visual issues)
- STUXCH-LPSUVM (Art, Architecture, Design Student Exchanges)
- URBAN-L@TREARN
- VRA-L@UAFSYSB (Visual Resources Association)
- VTCAD-L@VTVM2 (Computer-aided design)
- [newsgroup alt.planning.urban](mailto:newsgroup.alt.planning.urban)
- [newsgroup misc.consumers.house](mailto:newsgroup.misc.consumers.house)
- [newsgroup alt.architecture](mailto:newsgroup.alt.architecture)
- [newsgroup alt.cad](mailto:newsgroup.alt.cad)

Special databases

- ADA Accessibility Guidelines: [telnet info.umd.edu](mailto:telnet.info.umd.edu) [login:info]-government-US-ADARegulation
- Arizona State's Solar Energy Index: through Melvyl: [telnet melvyl.ucop.edu](mailto:telnet.melvyl.ucop.edu); or through CARL: [telnet pac.carl.org](mailto:telnet.pac.carl.org)
- Carnegie Mellon's ARCHPICS, an index to architectural illustrations: [telnet library.cmu.edu](mailto:telnet.library.cmu.edu) [login:library], change databases
- EPA Online Library, including report bibliographic data: [telnet epaibm.rtpnc.epa.gov](mailto:telnet.epaibm.rtpnc.epa.gov), select 6, select 1
- Rensselaer Polytechnic's architecture slides database: [telnet infotrax.rotary.its.rpi.edu](mailto:telnet.infotrax.rotary.its.rpi.edu) (also available through Melvyl)

Electronic journals

Architronic—the Electronic Journal of Architecture. Send request for subscription to arcitron@kentvm or to arcitron@kentvm.kent.edu with message SUBSCRIBE ARCITRON [first name][last name].

Gopher

Jane Carlink, DAAP librarian at the University of Cincinnati, alerted me to the existence of a neat gopher with text and graphic materials: gopher to North Carolina—NCSU Library gopher—NCSU's Library without Walls—discipline specific—fine arts.—*Jeanne Brown, architecture studies librarian, University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Ed. note: C&RL News would like to print additional brief subject lists of Internet resources. If you would like to prepare one contact Mary Ellen Davis, (800) 545-2433 ext. 2511 or E-mail: U38398@uicvm.uic.edu. ■