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Visionary—A Dictionary of Terminology in Vision Research [frames]

<http://cns-web.bu.edu/pub/laliden/WWW/Visionary/Visionary.html>

Lars Liden of Boston University's Department of Cognitive and Neural Systems produced this browsable online dictionary of over 350 terms related to human and animal vision, from Amblyopia to Zollner Illusion, and including "biological and machine vision, visual psychophysics, visual neuroscience and other related fields." Entries offer brief descriptions with occasional graphics and hot-linked cross references to related terms. There are also appendices of specialized terms, including one on the Cortical Areas, which maps each definition to its location on an outline of a Rhesus monkey brain. [AG]

Scholarly Societies Project—University of Waterloo

<http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/>

URL Stability Index for SSP

[http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/URL\\_stability\\_index.html](http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society/URL_stability_index.html)

The University of Waterloo (Canada) Electronic Library provides this massive meta-index of over 1,100 scholarly societies, from the Abrasive Engineering Society to the Yuen Ren Society for the Promotion of Chinese Dialect Fieldwork. The list can be browsed alphabetically or by any of 39 subjects, and is also searchable. Features include a meeting/conference announcement list, full text archives of scholarly societies' serial publications when available, and pointers to other scholarly societies resources. There is also an essay on the stability of URLs for this meta-page that may interest maintainers of other large meta-pages. [JS]

## Interactive Geometry and Trigonometry Resources

[Java]

Euclid's *Elements*<http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~djoyce/java/elements/elements.html>

A Short Course in Trigonometry

<http://aleph0.clarku.edu/~djoyce/java/trig/>

These two resources, provided by Professor David Joyce of Clark University, while still under construction, are excellent examples of how Java can be used to explain basic principles of geometry and trigonometry. Euclid's *Elements* contains the text of the thirteen books of this classical treatise, illustrated with geometry applets. In addition to these applets, many sections are accompanied by "guides," supplemental explanations of concepts by Joyce. A Short Course in Trigonometry is divided into thirteen sections (twelve are currently available), accompanied by instructive Java applets and selected answered exercises. In both resources Professor Joyce shows a wonderful ability to simplify complex concepts and demystify geometry and trigonometry. Figures are provided for those without Java capability. [JS]

## Ancient Mesoamerican Civilizations

<http://www.angelfire.com/ca/humanorigins/index.html>

Provided by Kevin L. Callahan, an anthropology graduate student at the University of Minnesota, this site consists of short, referenced essays, organized by civilization (Maya, Mixtec, Zapotec, and Aztec), on Mesoamerican writing systems, governments, and religions. Users can also read essays on the Mayan calendar, "How the Sky Works," and on Maya and Zapotec political structures. These essays, along with a selective, eclectic list of Mesoamerican Internet resources, and a brief bibliography, form a good introduction to the topic of ancient Mesoamerican civilizations. [JS]

## ERICNews—Educational Resources Info Center Bulletins

<http://www.aspensys.com/eric/list/ericnews.html>

The ERICNews listserv is the Educational Resources Information Center's read-only mailing list. Subscribers will receive bimonthly updates on the latest ERIC system wide initiatives, products, and services. ERIC, part of the National Library of Education (NLE), is a nationwide education information system sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). Postings to the ERICNews listserv include information about: new ERIC document delivery services; new ERIC publications and products; ERIC Web site enhancements and updates; and system wide administrative announcements. [JS]

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In the body of the message type:

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## General Interest

Financial Action Task Force On Money Laundering—OECD [ .pdf]

<http://www.oecd.org/fatf/>

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has established this site, which features a publications page that includes the last six annual reports on task force activity (1991/2-1994/5 reports are available in Adobe Acrobat [ .pdf] format only). These reports detail money laundering “methods and countermeasures,” and “monitor the implementation of anti-money laundering measures.” Also included are reports on “money laundering typologies.” Users can find news of FATF’s work and forty recommendations to combat money laundering. Parts of the site are available in French, German, and Portuguese, as well as English. [JS]

### Two Annual Reports From UNICEF

*Progress of Nations 1997*

<http://www.unicef.org/pon97/>

*State of the World's Children 1997* [pdf, 103p.]

<http://www.unicef.org/sowc97/>

Previous editions:

<http://www.unicef.org/apublic/>

Gopher access

<gopher://gopher.unicef.org:70/11/.s2pubdocs>

<gopher to: gopher.unicef.org>

**select: UNICEF Public Information**

The United Nations Children’s Fund recently released the 1997 versions of these two publications. *Progress of Nations* assesses the well being of the world’s nations in terms of sanitation, nutrition, health, education, and women. Each section is accompanied by a “Progress and Disparity” section, and the entire publication includes a social indicators and statistical profiles table. *State of the World’s Children* discusses a single topic related to children’s welfare. This year’s issue (available on the web in Adobe Acrobat [ .pdf] format only, ascii text available on UNICEF’s gopher site) concerns child labor. There are two chapters: “The Convention on the Rights of the Child: A new era for children,” and “Children at risk: Ending hazardous and exploitative child labour.” *SOWC* also provides ten statistical tables and fourteen-page length sidebars (panels). The 1995-96 *Progress of Nations*, and the 1996 *State of the World’s Children* are available on UNICEF’S web site. Partial or full archives back to 1993 are available on UNICEF’s gopher site. [JS]

## CCTA Government Information Service—Gateway to UK Government Sites

<http://www.open.gov.uk/>

No frames

<http://www.open.gov.uk/frames/welcome.htm>

Internauts interested in UK government web sites will find this site, provided by the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, a UK Office of Public Service agency, a useful bookmark. Alphabetically and topically browsable (organizational and functional index respectively), and searchable by keyword, this site also provides a subject-based public services directory. GIS features strong local government coverage, with pointers to over 250 sites at present. [JS]

## Stormy Weather

The Weather Channel Storm Encyclopedia

[http://www.weather.com/breaking\\_weather/encyclopedia/](http://www.weather.com/breaking_weather/encyclopedia/)

Storm '97 Hurricane Central

<http://www.storm97.com/>

These two sites can prepare interested Internauts for the US hurricane season. The Storm Encyclopedia provides users with all they ever wanted to know about severe weather and tips on how to prepare and plan for it. It also offers links to current satellite weather maps. Hurricane Central, provided by Cox Interactive Media, is designed to prepare users for the 1997 hurricane season now. This site has information on how hurricanes form, how to prepare for the storm season, and a number of stories on past hurricanes and cleanup efforts. It features satellite weather images, current storm reports, chat and discussion forums, and a searchable index. Hurricane Central also links to the Lightning Stalker site, a fun collection of David Stillings' lightning photos. [MD]

## HeartTalk-L—Heart Patients Mailing List

<http://www.clarityconnect.com/webpages/hjmann/talk.html>

HeartTalk-L is a discussion list for people with heart disease and their family and friends. HeartTalk-L is an unmoderated mailing list for discussions of all aspects of life affected by heart disease. Any topic concerning heart disease is welcome on this list. Note that this list is meant as a support group and not as a replacement for proper medical attention. [JS]

To subscribe send email to:

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In the body of the message type:

SUB HeartTalk-L

## Network Tools

Global Knowledge 97

[RealAudio, .pdf]

<http://www.globalknowledge.org>

The World Bank developed the Global Knowledge 97 website as a forum for discussing the use of “knowledge and information as tools of sustainable and equitable development.” Visitors to this site can listen to speeches at the Knowledge for Development in the Information Age Conference held in Toronto, Canada on June 22-25, 1997 (RealAudio format). The conference aimed “to assure that developing countries and the world’s poor participate fully in the global knowledge economy.” The preliminary consultants’ report (129 pages) prepared for the conference is also available at the site (Adobe Acrobat [.pdf] format only). To facilitate dialogue on the conference’s theme, a mailing list, GKD97, has been set up as well. [THN]

Digital Comet—Tools for Web Professionals

<http://www.digitalcomet.com/>

Digital Comet, Inc. offers a great solution for building, standardizing, and testing an entire website. The Comet products, CometSite for Apache/Netscape/WebSTAR Servers, CometPage, and CometPage for BBEdit, are available for various platforms such as Solaris, IRIX, BSDI, NT and Macintosh. At Internet Scout, CometPage for BBEdit (a BBEdit extension) and CometSite for WebSTAR (a WebSTAR plug-in) were tested. This Comet combo offers web administrators a great deal of control over customizing a website and reasonable site management capabilities. Some of the features include support and storage of templates and macros, on-the-fly inclusion of macro content and Comet commands, three types of counters, redirects, remote website administration, and more. Users can also opt to simply publish a website manually with CometPage, but would forfeit on-the-fly capabilities in doing so. Demo versions, documentation, and a more detailed discussion of the products are available. [TB]

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FinanceNet

**<http://www.financenet.gov/>**

GovNews Project

**<http://www.govnews.org/>**

Library of Congress

**<http://lcweb.loc.gov/>**

FedWorld Information Network

**<http://www.fedworld.gov/>**

LabStats—Bureau of Labor StatisticsData

**<ftp://stats.bls.gov/>**

**ftp to: stats.bls.gov**

**<http://stats.bls.gov/datahome.htm>**

World Wide Web development moves from CERN to W3O

**<http://www.cern.ch/CERN/WorldWideWeb/WWWandCERN.html>**

**<http://www.w3.org/>**

The July 29, 1994 issue of the Scout Report contained a treasure chest of content rich information sites and an historic announcement. Vice President Gore's National Performance Review opened the doors of FinanceNet, designed to "link government financial management professionals together in an effort to innovate and optimize the way governments manage taxpayer's resources." In addition to growing into a gigantic site featuring a myriad of resources and thirty topic related mailing lists, it has recently launched the GovNews Project, an attempt to disseminate government information via Usenet news. The Library of Congress website opened, highlighted by an early version of the American Memory site, as well an exhibits program and connections to the book catalog. Today the LOC site is one of the largest and most content rich of any kind in the world. The American Memory site alone hosts 27 multi-media collections, with five new ones in development. There are sixteen online exhibitions, nine research resources, and Thomas, which contains the most exhaustive information on the daily life of a national legislature in the world. MARVEL and LOCIS are still going strong. FedWorld in 1994 contained an astounding 100 pointers to federal government information servers. Today its FTP site contains a searchable database of over 15,000 files. It also contains the Government Information Locator Service (GILS), a searchable database of over 7,400 Supreme Court decisions, and a federal jobs announcement database, among others. LabStats started out as (and still is) an ftp archive of thousands of data series from the BLS. Today BLS also provides these series as interactive databases (Most Requested Series and Selective Access), which allow researchers to extract just the data they need from over 15 subject areas. Finally, the World Wide Web, born and raised by Tim Berners-Lee at the European Lab for Particle Physics, announced a collaboration with MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) to form a World Wide Web Organization (W3O).

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**FTP archive of past Scout Reports:**

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