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<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/toolkit/webtools/authoring.html>

The Scout Toolkit

<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/toolkit/>

One new browser resource and one new browser have been added to the Browser section of the Toolkit. In the Plug-In section, plug-ins are now annotated. The section has been restructured and divided into Plug-In and Helper Application subsections. Three plug-ins have been added. In the Web-Authoring section, editors and site management tools are now annotated, and two editors have been added. [JS]

Research and Education

1998 College Rankings—*U.S. News and World Report*

<http://www4.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/corank.htm>

No frames:

<http://www4.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/coranknf.htm>

U.S. News and World Report has recently added 1998 US College rankings (taken from the 1998 edition of *America's Best Colleges*) to its .edu web site (discussed in the January 17, 1997 Scout Report). Users can browse rankings of over 1,000 universities and colleges, arranged by type and geographical area. Information is available for up to thirteen variables, including reputation score, retention rate, number of classes under twenty and over fifty, graduation rate, and student selectivity, among others. Ranking methodology information is provided. A unique feature (available in the frames-JavaScript version only) allows users to sort institutions by variable (simply click on the variable). Admission, academic, financial aid, and campus life information is provided about each institution. Hyperlinks to the institutions, as well as admissions email addresses are provided when available. [JS]

John F. Kennedy Executive Orders

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/jfkeo.html>

The 214 Executive Orders signed by the 35th President have been scanned and converted to HTML by Maria E. Schieda of the University of Michigan School of Information. These include the orders to establish the Peace Corps (E.O. 10924), to establish the President's Committee on Equal

Employment (E.O. 10925), and emergency instructions to government agencies during the Cuban Missile Crisis (E.O. 11051, 11058, 11087-11095). The collection is indexed by date, keyword, number, and title. [MD]

Monthly Energy Review On-Line Database—Department of Energy

<http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/mer/mer.htm>

Monthly Energy Review

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/mer/contents.html>

The US Department of Energy's *Monthly Energy Review*, a publication that compiles "aggregate energy statistics", has recently been enhanced by the addition of a searchable database. Users can query over sixty tables from the publication, choose variables from each table, and retrieve annual (1973-96) or monthly (the last "two or three" years) data. Retrieval is available in HTML or ASCII text (comma delimited files). *MER* is also available in ASCII text, .wk1, or .xls format. Historical databases are available in Microsoft Access or ASCII delimited text. [JS]

IFLA Proceedings and LOC Digital Library Competition

63rd IFLA Council and General Conference Conference Proceedings

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/IV/ifla63/63cp.htm>

IFLA Home

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/home.htm>

National Digital Library Competition—Library of Congress

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/award/>

The 63rd Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions takes place in Copenhagen, Denmark August 31 - September 5, 1997. The IFLA Conference site is currently highlighted by the presence of an eclectic set of over 130 proceedings papers that can be browsed by author or session. Examples of titles include "Libraries and Cultural Priorities in Africa," "Internet and Its Impact on Developing Countries: Examples from China and India," and "Can Conventional Statistics Describe Electronic Media and Services?", among many others. Most papers are available in HTML format, but selected papers are available in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format only. Most but not all papers are in English. Selected proceedings are available from past conferences. IFLA is an international library organization; this site provides a unique opportunity to scan world-wide library developments. In the US, the Library of Congress has recently announced its 1997-98 National Digital Library Competition, "a competition to enable public, research, and academic libraries, museums, historical societies, and archival institutions (except federal institutions) to create digital collections of primary resource material." The application deadline is November 3, 1997. Guideline and application information is available at the site, as are the 1996-97 award winners and their projects. [JS]

Cetus Links—Object Orientation

<http://www.rhein-neckar.de/~cetus/>

Cetus Links, originally provided by programmer Manfred Schneider, and now maintained by a team of seven programmers, contains over 5,500 links to web sites, newsgroups, and mailing lists dealing with object orientation. It is divided into sections on distributed objects, OOA&D methods and tools, languages (over 20 at present, from Ada to Visual C++), databases, and advanced topics (patterns, libraries, frameworks, reuse, testing, and numerics). While the individual links usually provide no more than author information, each section is divided by both access protocol and theme. These divisions are quite rudimentary (for example, most sections are divided by such subsection headings as: introductory, further info, general, books, conferences, resources, etc.). Needless to say, this is not a resource for the casual user. The lack of a search engine (unless the user wants to download a 975 Kb page and then use the browser Find function) is unfortunate, but the number of links and the breadth and depth of the collection make this an indispensable bookmark for programmers interested in the topic. Cetus Links is conveniently mirrored at thirteen sites around the world, and is available in French as well as English. [JS]

sci.psychology.psychotherapy.moderated—A New Usenet Newsgroup

sci.psychology.psychotherapy.moderated

Charter

<http://www.grohol.com/sppm/>

This new Usenet Group, moderated by a team of six people, including John Grohol, one of the founders of the well known Mental Health Net (discussed in the October 4, 1996 Scout Report), “exists as a forum for the discussion of psychotherapy.” Appropriate discussion topics include: particular types of psychotherapy, particular psychological disorders, research relevant to psychotherapy, psychopharmacological treatments, diagnostic issues, employment opportunities, conference announcements, and relevant research. [JS]

FisheriesAcc-L—Environmental and Economic Accounting in Fisheries

<http://www.fao.org/waicent/faoinfo/fishery/fishaccl/fishaccl.htm>

FTP access:

<ftp://ftp.fao.org/fao/fi/document/fishaccl/>

ftp to: ftp.fao.org

change directories to: fao/fi/document/fishaccl/

The Workshop on Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting in Fisheries (August 12 to October 11, 1997) seeks multi-disciplinary advice on pertinent issues of integrated environmental and economic accounting in fisheries including definitional boundaries of production and capital formation; environmental satellite accounting (e.g. physical accounting, materials/energy balances, etc.); ocean accounts for areas outside of countries DR jurisdictions; and valuation of aquatic resources and assessment of imputed environmental costs. The advice will be used in the drafting of written guidelines on this topic. This workshop is supported by the Fisheries Department and Statistics Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Institute of

Advanced Studies of the United Nations University (UNU/IAS), and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD). More information about the workshop is available at the above locations. [JS]

To participate in the workshop send email to:

mailserv@mailserv.fao.org

In the body of the message type:

Subscribe FisheriesAcc-L

General Interest

Violence-Related Injuries Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments—DOJ

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/vrithed.htm>

This publication, recently released by the Bureau of Justice Statistics at the US Department of Justice, is interesting in its methodology and chilling in its findings. It “presents findings from a study of violence-related injuries treated in hospital emergency departments in 1994... [that] found that 1.4 million persons were treated in hospital emergency departments in 1994 for injuries inflicted in confirmed or suspected interpersonal violence. Of these, 243,000 were inflicted by someone with whom the victim had an intimate relationship (spouse, ex-spouse, or current or former boyfriend or girlfriend), an estimate 4 times higher than the equivalent estimate from the National Crime Victimization Survey.” (See Table 10 for a comparison.) Methodology is discussed in the report, which is available in both ASCII and Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. [JS]

KidsHealth—AMA Health Insight [frames]

http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/h_focus/nemours/

AMA Health Insight

<http://www.ama-assn.org/insight/>

KidsHealth is the newest service to join the growing American Medical Association Health Insight pages. Provided by AMA and the Nemours Foundation, the site contains easily understandable information about childhood infections, child development (from birth to two years), safety and accident prevention, and first aid. The highlight of this site is the section on child development, which allows users to access information in five age divisions or eight different topics from feeding to movement to sleep. Health Insight also contains sections on women’s and adolescent health, as well as a simply explained human atlas, among other features. [JS]

India Today 50th Anniversary Special Issue

<http://www.india-today.com/itoday/18081997/index.html>

Home Page

<http://www.india-today.com/>

India recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of independence from Britain, and to honor the occasion, this well known weekly magazine devoted a special issue to the subject. This issue presents a state of the nation *India Today*-ORG-MARG poll of over 12,000 that discussed nine topics,

including morality, India and Pakistan, and the economy. There is also a feature on three famous protest walks led by Ghandi, views of the New Delhi based Center for Policy Research on the shape of India in the year 2047, views of 35 people on what it means to be Indian, essays by Salman Rushdie, Shahid Amin, and Upamanyu Chatterjee, and a photo section. The India Today home page contains a connection to *India Today*, as well as six other Living Media India Limited publications. [JS]

Center for the Study of Books in Spanish for Children and Adolescents

http://www.csusm.edu/campus_centers/csb/

Readers interested in children's books in Spanish can visit this site provided by Isabel Schon of California State University, San Marcos, to browse and search versions of "recommended books in Spanish for children and adolescents published around the world." The database, at present, contains bibliographic information on over 3,000 books that have been selected for "quality of art and writing, presentation of material, and appeal to the intended audience." It can be searched by any of thirteen fields, or browsed by author or title. Each bibliographic item contains a short description, along with information on whether the book was reviewed in any of the numerous books Ms. Schon has written on the topic. [JS]

Hunter S. Thompson—*The Atlantic* Unbound American Graffiti [RealPlayer]

<http://www.theatlantic.com/unbound/graffiti/hst.htm>

The Atlantic Monthly's Unbound web site contains a special feature devoted to "Gonzo" journalist Hunter S. Thompson. This site contains two parts: Writing on the Wall, a multimedia interview with the journalist conducted by Matthew Hahn; and Sven Birkerts' (author of *The Gutenberg Elegies: The Fate of Reading in an Electronic Age*) essay entitled Strange Pollen: Dr. Hunter Thompson and the Spirit of the Age. In Writing on the Wall, Thompson addresses such issues as the effect of the Internet on the future of journalism, his status as a "classic" author, the end of Richard Nixon's presidency, and the state of modern US politics, among others. Of course, the interview is much more entertaining when excerpts are experienced in RealAudio or RealVideo, as Thompson in the flesh is so much more than Thompson on the page. Strange Pollen is an interpretive, biographical essay, whose title is inspired by what Thompson wrote a friend in the mid 60's when trying to describe the social ferment in America: "Strange pollen is in the air." This site is an interesting and entertaining portal to a unique American personality. Note that it is unknown how long this site will be available, and that the interview contains some profanity. [JS]

Childfun - Mailing List For Stay at Home Parents

<http://prairie.lakes.com/~mrsrickw/>

The Childfun mailing list is a collection of daycare providers and stay at home moms and dads who want interaction with other like-minded adults. It shares parenting/daycare advice, recipes, chit chat and everything in between. Nothing is too off topic, the only rule is no flaming allowed. Subscription information available at the above URL [JS]

To subscribe send email to:

Majordomo@ListService.net

In the body of the message type:
subscribe childfun

Network Tools

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<http://www.nw.com/zone/WWW/top.html>

FTP access

<ftp://ftp.nw.com/zone/WWW-9707/>

ftp to: [ftp.nw.com](ftp://ftp.nw.com)

change directory to: [zone/WWW-9707/](ftp://ftp.nw.com/zone/WWW-9707/)

Network Wizards recently released their latest Internet Domain Survey (July 1997). Included is information on hosts and domains, distributions of top level domains by hostcount and name, top 100 host names, and a glossary of survey definitions. Users should read the Survey Notes and Observations section for caveats about the data. Archives of previous surveys, as well as links to related domain name information, are available at the web site. [JS]

MacLynx Beta 1—A Text Browser for the Web with a Unique Speech Function

<http://www.lirmm.fr/~gutkneco/maclynx/>

Lynx

<http://lynx.browser.org/>

A beta version of MacLynx, a product created for Macintosh, is out for review. The most notable feature, which has been drawing attention to this product, is its ability to speak entire web pages or pronounce the current link through Speech Manager. This program was developed by the University of Kansas and the LYNX-DEV team, who also developed the original Lynx browser. MacLynx also features drag-and-drop capabilities, supports various helper applications, contains an external image viewer, and more. However, it does not support cutting/copying/pasting, printing by itself, or “file://” URLs. Furthermore, the text is rendered with 7 bit approximations. To take advantage of this browser’s unique speech capabilities, simply activate MacOS Speech Manager, select P)rint by typing “p,” and select the option to have a page spoken. [TB]

Internet Virus Hoaxes

CIAC Internet Hoaxes Page

<http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/CIACHoaxes.html>

Symantec Virus Hoaxes

<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html>

Periodically a series of “important messages” about new email viruses make their way through various mailing lists. While savvy Internet users can usually immediately spot these hoaxes, they can be both intimidating and frightening to neophytes (not to mention the bandwidth wasted when the messages are passed on to other users.) Two of the better sites that track both email and other com-

puter virus hoaxes are the U.S. Department of Energy Computer Incident Advisory Capability's Internet Virus Hoaxes page, and Symantec Corporation's (producer of Norton Utilities) Virus Hoaxes. Between them, they describe fourteen hoaxes, from Good Times, to PENPAL GREETINGS, to Join the Crew. Background, including the actual "warning" message is provided. These sites provide a valuable service to the Internet community, especially for new users. [JS]

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<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/archive/8-26-94.html>

Fourth World Documentation Project

<http://www.halcyon.com/FWDP/fwdp.html>

Text only:

<http://www.halcyon.com/FWDP/fwdptxt.html>

The Tennis Server

<http://www.tennisserver.com/Tennis.html>

The Fourth World Documentation Project, provided by the Center for World Indigenous Studies, had just opened a web site at the time of the original annotation and was still considered to be primarily an FTP site. It was then, and is still known for providing documents on the 5,000-6,000 internationally unrecognized "Fourth World" nations. This searchable and browsable archive is arranged geographically, and also includes tribal and intertribal, United Nations, and international documents, as well as treaties. In all, over 500 documents are available. Recently four articles on the Great Lakes conflict in five nations in Africa have been added. The Tennis Server, provided by the Tenagra Corporation, is one of the oldest Tennis sites on the web, providing tennis news and commentary, tips, a photo archive, rules, and tennis organizations, among other features. One of the more interesting sections is Ron Waite's TurboTennis, a monthly tips column written by an instructor who did not take up the game until he was 39. [JS]

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gopher://ds0.internic.net:70/11/pub/list_archives/scout-report.archive

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ftp://ftp.ds.internic.net/pub/list_archives/scout-report.archive/

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