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<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/KIDS/current/index.html>

End User's Corner—October 1997

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

The second Scout Report for Science and Engineering is available. It annotates over 20 sites in the life and physical sciences, engineering, and mathematics. In addition, a current awareness meta-page has been created. This page will grow over time; user suggestions are welcomed. The latest K.I.D.S. report, Math Fun, was produced by seventh grade students at Cherokee Middle School in Madison, Wisconsin. It annotates eleven math-related sites. The October End User's Corner, From Surfing Smarter to Working the Net: Internet Scout Project Subject Specific Scout Reports, explains the rationale behind the creation of three subject specific Scout Reports, and explores how these reports might evolve over time. [JS]

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<http://www.interscience.wiley.com/>

John Wiley & Sons, Inc., publisher of journals in the sciences, technology, medicine, and the business and legal fields, has put more than 50 of their journals online. The full-text articles are available free of charge during the test phase (registration required), after which they will be available only to paid subscribers. After the test phase, registered guest users will have access to the tables of contents, abstracts, catalog and journal home pages, although not all journals have home pages. For more than 400 journals users can browse the catalog for a brief description of each publication, frequency of publication, pricing information, intended audience, and subscription details. Users can also link directly to the web sites for 250 Wiley Science journals. [KH]

WINDandSEA: The Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences Internet Locator—NOAA

<http://www.lib.noaa.gov/docs/windandsea.html>

Provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Central Library, this meta-page links to over 750 science and policy related sites. Each site is selected and briefly annotated by NOAA staff. The page is organized topically, and then alphabetically within the topic. At present over 35 topics are available, from air pollution to wetlands. In addition, there are connections to sites of current interest. Although the site lacks a search engine and is available only as a single page

(nearly 200K) at this time, the number of sites and the usefulness of the index make this a very good place to start for those interested in the oceanic and atmospheric sciences. [JS]

Indexes, Abstracts, Bibliographies, and Table of Contents Services—UH

<http://info.lib.uh.edu/indexes/indexes.htm>

Nancy Buchanan and Jennifer Atkinson at the University of Houston Libraries created this site to provide a comprehensive listing of index, abstract, bibliography, and table of contents services in the fields of Arts and Humanities, Sciences and Technology, and Social Sciences. The list currently contains seventeen subject specific categories under the three main fields with more than twenty coming soon. The subject specific categories include architecture, linguistics, chemistry, mathematics, education, and political science. Each field also contains a multidisciplinary category. Besides the three fields, a general multidisciplinary section is available, with general interest and current events categories forthcoming. The multidisciplinary field provides links to government publications and servers, as well as multidisciplinary publishers such as the Oxford University Press and University of Chicago Press. Note that some of the linked resources are available only to those at UH. [KH]

Watsonline—Metropolitan Museum of Art Library Catalog

<http://www.metmuseum.org/htmlfile/gallery/first/library.html>

Catalog

<telnet://206.100.103.68>

Telnet to: 206.100.103.68

No Login or Password Necessary

New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art (discussed in the December 22, 1995 Scout Report) contains the Thomas J. Watson Library, a research library that is, according to the Museum, one of the largest art museum libraries in the world. The library contains over 360,000 cataloged titles in various formats. Recently, the Museum provided access to its library catalog, Watsonline, via the Metropolitan web site. Watsonline contains about 70 percent of the library's holdings, including all cataloged materials since 1980. The catalog can be searched by any of six variables, including shelf browse (which can be exploited whether or not users are familiar with the MMA call number system). [JS]

Urban Planning, 1794-1918: An International Anthology of Articles, Conference Papers, and Reports

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/Reps/DOCS/homepage.htm>

Cornell University Emeritus Professor John Reps has provided this fascinating look into the history of urban planning. An anthology of 174 selections is browseable by author, publication date, or subject. The fifteen subject sections include: prototype and ideal town plans; techniques for planning vacant sites; city beautification; land use regulations; and the role of architects and engineers in planning. Each selection contains introductory notes by Professor Reps that places it into historical context. Authors include Thomas Adams, Horace Bushnell, Frederick Law Olmsted,

Robert Owen, and Charles Mulford Robinson, among many others. An overall introduction and supplementary bibliography is also provided. [JS]

Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship—ACRL

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/istl/>

This quarterly e-zine, produced by the Science and Technology Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, discusses various topics of interest to science and technology librarians. Each issue is divided into Article and Column sections. Some issues also contain summaries of pertinent conferences. The current issue (Summer 1997) contains articles on the nature of messages sent to selected science and technology librarian listservs, creating electronic journal web pages from OPAC (online public access catalog) records, and Internet guides for water and computer science resources, as well as book and journal reviews. [JS]

Supreme Court International Bulletin

http://www.farislaw.com/scib_archive.html

Information about contents:

http://www.farislaw.com/scib_aboutz.html

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

This email newsletter, provided by Australian attorney Peter Farris, tracks “superior Court judgments” in seven countries plus the Court of Justice of the European Communities. Summaries are provided, with links to the full text of the decisions. Decisions may be in HTML or other formats. Decisions may be in English, French, German, or a combination depending on the court of origin. Interested users can subscribe at the site. [JS]

CONFUCIUS—*The Analects* Mailing List

This list focuses primarily on “pure” Confucianism; that is, the text *The Analects* and its relevance, application or direct influence in ancient China or modern times. Questions about the accuracy of certain well-known translations are also encouraged. [JS]

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And ask to be added to the CONFUCIUS list

General Interest

Britannica Guide to Nobel Prizes [QuickTime]

<http://nobel.eb.com/>

Encyclopedia Britannica has opened its vast archives of Nobel Prize related material in this web special, designed to coincide with the upcoming 1997 awards. The site is highlighted by biographies of every individual and institution that has ever been awarded the prize. In all, there are over 1,000 articles from the encyclopedia, along with 450 multi-media offerings (images, audio and video). Winners can be looked up by name, type of prize, and year. Hypertext timelines are provided for genetics and medicine, and there are feature articles on the discovery of chemical elements, the Nobel Prize selection process, and the nationality of the winners. There is also an multi-media section of 33 selections (mostly QuickTime videos) ranging from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s I Have A Dream speech to Albert Einstein theorizing on the effects of atomic energy to Milton Friedman criticizing government intervention into consumer product safety. But the real power of this site is that *Britannica* has kindly allowed all Internet users a small portal into its vast information holdings. Note that it is unknown how long this site will remain free of charge. [JS]

US National Military Strategy 1997—Joint Chiefs of Staff

<http://www.dtic.mil/jcs/nms/>

The Chairman and the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the US Armed Forces have recently released a document entitled, *Shape, Respond, Prepare Now—A Military Strategy for a New Era*, which outlines their advice on the strategic direction of the Armed Forces in implementing the guidance in the President's *A National Security Strategy for a New Century* and the Defense Secretary's *Report of the Quadrennial Defense Review* (discussed in the May 23, 1997 Scout Report). [MD]

Top Business and Wealth Lists

The 400 Richest People in America 1997—_Forbes_

<http://www.forbes.com/tool/toolbox/rich97/index.asp>

Price's List of Lists

<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/listof.htm>

Forbes Magazine has released its annual list of the scions of wealth in America for 1997, and to the surprise of no one, Bill Gates, as he did last year (see the October 4, 1996 Scout Report) leads the pack with a cool \$39.8 billion (more than doubling his worth from a year ago). Bringing up the rear with a measly \$475 million are Harris Hudson (brother-in-law of Wayne Huizenga—himself number 85 at \$1.7 billion), James Mcglothlin (coal), and Jack Nash (money management). Last year's tail ender, Oprah Winfrey, has moved up to number 343 with a worth of \$550 million. The list can be sorted by name, worth, families, new members, and drop outs. It can also be searched by six variables. Several relevant articles on the list are also available. For those who find such lists as the *Forbes* 400 useful, Gary Price of the Gelman Library at George Washington University has compiled a list of lists, that includes, at this time, pointers to 50 lists in the areas of business, education, living,

and politics. It includes several *Forbes* lists, and selected *Advertising Age* lists, as well as lists from other well known publications. It is highlighted, however, by the presence of fifteen regional business lists, including Chicago, Los Angeles, the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Washington DC, among others. [JS]

Ocean Planet—Smithsonian Institution

http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/ocean_planet.html

Ocean Planet is a Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition that now has a companion on-line exhibition. It covers varied topics associated with the ocean, such as the science of the ocean, the animals, people, and communities who use the ocean, and pollution problems currently endangering ocean resources. The exhibit features all of the text and a good portion of the images from the traveling exhibit. The curator of this exhibit has put together six special interest tours including Biodiversity, Women and the Sea, and Pollution. Users can also build their own special tour from a list of key words. The current list contains only four words, but is expected to grow in the future. Visitors can also consult a comprehensive list of educational materials and ocean resources. [KH]

The European Union (EU) Agenda 2000

<http://www.eurunion.org/legislat/agd2000/agd2000.htm>

The European Commission released its opinions on the ten applications for EU membership from Central and Eastern Europe in July 1997. They were released with documents outlining the “Agenda 2000” program, which “comprises the Commission’s proposals for agricultural, structural and horizontal policies, a reinforced preaccession strategy, and the financial framework beyond 1999.” At the EU’s US homepage, users can view Commission Opinions on Applicants for Enlargement of the Union and an Executive Summary of the Applicant Opinions. The two volume Agenda 2000 program (459k combined) as well as press notes on both issues are also available. [MD]

KinderGARDEN—Texas A&M

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/kinder/index.html>

Parents and teachers who would like to encourage kids to learn about plants, gardening and the natural world will find many rich resources to tap into at this site. Provided by Texas A & M University, this established site offers information, project possibilities and links in sections such as Urban Horticulture, Horticultural Therapy, Community Gardens, 4-H, and Seeds of Garden Change. Users can find information on growing butterflies, poems about gardening, fun facts about watermelons, and a lengthy list of activity ideas, among many other options. This would also be a great site for kids and adults to explore together. [JR]

The Rough Guide

<http://www.hotwired.com/rough/>

Rough News

http://www.roughguides.com/Newsletter_1/newsletter.html

Through a collaboration with HotWired, the travel publisher Rough Guides has made the full-texts of a dozen of their travel guides available via the Internet and has plans for more. Information is currently available for nineteen countries, including the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Hong Kong, and India, and thirteen countries in Europe. For each country there are links to “Into Cities,” “Into Regions,” and the “Basics.” Depending on the country being browsed, the Basics sections contain links to information on visas, accommodations, eating, health, travellers with disabilities, and more. Initial access to city and regional information is through navigational maps which may take a while to download. Note that the “go to book” links take users to the publisher’s catalog, not the full-text of the books, and it appears that the search function does not query the contents of the Rough Guides. Rough Guides also publishes *Rough News*, an online travel newsletter which contains excerpts from country guides not already included in full-text at the HotWired site, as well as original articles from regular Rough Guide contributors. [AG]

Network Tools

Internet Explorer 4.0

<http://www.microsoft.com/ie/ie40/>

Microsoft has released the final version of Internet Explorer 4.0 this week. It is currently available only for Windows 95 and Windows NT 4.0 (Service Pack 3 needed). The new Explorer features tighter integration between the operating system and the browser through Active Desktop, which allows users to display live web pages on the desktop. It also supports push technology through Active Channel, allowing users to subscribe to “channels” they are interested in. Other Explorer features include an email and newsgroup reader client (Outlook Express), control over content to be downloaded (Security Zones), a content filtering tool (Content Advisor), conferencing software (NetMeeting), and webpage authoring (FrontPage Express). [THN]

NetBITS Newsletter

<http://www.netbits.net/>

TidBITS Electronic Publishing provides this weekly publication aimed at general Internet users. TEP is most well known for its popular TidBITS newsletter (aimed at Macintosh users). NetBITS plans to focus on advice for parents and children, various software issues, relevant legal issues, and web site reviews, among other areas. A question and answer section will also be featured. Email subscription information is available at the site. [JS]

Capture-L—Adobe Acrobat Capture Mailing List

The Capture-L email list allows users of Adobe Acrobat Capture software, used to convert paper-based files to electronic (PDF) documents, to share ideas and concerns, and to seek answers to their questions. This is not for general discussions about Adobe Acrobat technology; the specific focus is the “paper-to-Web” component. [JS]

To subscribe send email to:

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US Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov/>

Safe Drinking Water Act—One Year Later

<http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/year1/sdwa1y.html>

State Source Water Assessment and Protection Programs Final Guidance

<http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/swp/swappg.html>

Water On Tap: A Consumer's Guide to the Nation's Drinking Water

<http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/wot/wot.html>

Index of Watershed Indicators

<http://www.epa.gov/surf/iwi/>

American Physical Society E-print Server

<http://publish.aps.org/eprint/>

The opening of the EPA site was announced in the September 30, 1994 Scout Report. The annotation noted access to EPA's public information; EPA provides that information in abundance. The site is divided into fourteen major areas, including research and science, business and industry, offices and regions, databases, and publications, among others. Many of its sub-sites have become major resources in their own right. Recently, the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water has made available (in several formats) three publications relevant to the first anniversary of the Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, that chronicle the results of that act and provide guidance to states and individuals as to its consequences. EPA has also added an Index of Watershed Indicators “EPA's first national picture of watershed health.” The issue also announced the opening of an e-print forum at the American Physical Society, concerning the potential (at that time) role of the APS in distributing e-prints. The APS e-print server was established in 1996 and today contains e-prints in 27 major topics. [JS]

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