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Association of Computing Machinery Digital Library Open House [.pdf]

<http://www.acm.org/dl/>

The Association of Computing Machinery is providing free public access to its Digital Library from July 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997 (registration required). The library contains tables of contents of twenty ACM journals and over 400 conference proceedings from 1985 to the present. Abstracts and/or index terms, when available, are supplied for the thousands of citations. Full text of selected articles and conference proceedings are available during the open house. Users can browse articles and conference proceedings by publication or search by keyword. After the Open House ends, the Digital Library, still under construction, will ultimately offer ACM members access to over 9,000 full text ACM articles. The citations database will remain open to the public. [JS]

Study on the Operation and Effect of the North American Free Trade Agreement—US Trade Representative [.pdf, 139p.]

<http://www.ustr.gov/reports/>

On July 11, 1997, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) released this study (Adobe Acrobat [.pdf] format only) to the Congress as required by law. The full text of the study is available at the USTR web site. The study assesses the effect of NAFTA on the overall economy and on selected manufacturing sectors, agriculture, the environment and workers' rights. [THN]

Hubble Space Telescope Educational Resources

Explorations in Education [HyperCard, WinPlus Runtime, Quicktime, .pdf]

<http://www.stsci.edu/exined-html/>

Amazing Space

<http://osite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/amazing-space.html>

These two Space Telescope Science Institute (Hubble Space Telescope) resources are powerful educational tools that offer stunning content. Both sites are browser and graphic intensive. Explorations in Education provides over fifteen electronic picture books featuring captioned images from HST. The picture books must be read in HyperCard or WinPlus Runtime. This site features a very large (7 MB) stand-alone Quicktime based electronic tutorial about using Cepheid variable stars to help measure the history of the universe, and several Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) papers relating to science and public policy. Amazing Space contains K-12 educational activities about the planets, stars, universe, and the history of telescopes; it proves to be less graphic intensive. Forthcoming is a section on the life cycles of the stars. [JS]

The Biology Project—University of Arizona

<http://www.biology.arizona.edu/>

Faculty and staff at the University of Arizona have developed an “interactive online resource for learning biology” based on an entry-level biology course, for use by high school and college-level students. The site is divided into seven subject areas: biochemistry, cell biology, developmental biology, human biology, Mendelian genetics, immunology, and molecular biology. Within each subject there are problem sets, tutorials, activities, and links to related Internet resources. This well-designed site can be used in combination with classroom or laboratory course work, or as a self-guided study program. The Biology Project is funded by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The Guided Tour requires JavaScript. [AG]

Doctoral Dissertations in Musicology Online (DDM)

<http://www.music.indiana.edu/ddm/>

Explanation of DDM Codes

<http://www.music.indiana.edu/ddm/ddmcodes.GIF>

This site, provided by the Indiana University School of Music, is the online version of a long established book catalog of the American Musicological Society. It is a searchable and browsable listing of bibliographic information about musicology dissertations. Citations can be browsed by time period or searched by keyword. Completed and in progress dissertations from mid-1995 are available for all time periods, and dissertations from earlier print DDMs are available for the general, Antiquity, Middle Ages, and Renaissance categories. There is also a complete index of authors. Information is available on the DDM codes that accompany each record. The IU School of Music is in the process of converting all of the content of earlier DDMs to electronic format. [JS]

Quality—Health Care Quality Studies Mailing List

Quality is an international electronic mailing list for the exchange of expertise between academicians and practitioners involved in health care quality studies. This list is open to all other parties interested in quality health care issues. Established in July 1997 in collaboration with the Ankara Chamber of Medicine (Turkey), Quality is moderated by Ibrahim Erdogan, MD (Bayindir Medical Center quality coordinator). [JS]

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subscribe quality

General Interest

Swiss Bank Dormant Accounts List—Swiss Bankers Association

<http://www.dormantaccounts.ch/>

The Swiss Bankers Association provides this site, listing “all currently known dormant [bank] accounts” that were opened prior to the end of World War II by non-Swiss Citizens. The list can be browsed alphabetically, and contains only name and available information on last reported town and country. Also included is a listing of those given power of attorney by the account holders, as well as information on the individuals who gave power of attorney. This site provides information on how to file a claim, a claim form, and a list of contact offices for Ernst & Young, creators of this site. This list is an attempt by the SBA to “find the rightful owners of dormant accounts that were opened in Swiss banks prior to and during World War II.” It is important in light of the recent news about the whereabouts of Holocaust victims’ assets (discussed in the May 16, 1997 Scout Report). [JS]

US News Online: America’s Best Hospitals 1997

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/nycu/hosphigh.htm>

As a companion to a *US News and World Report* article on the best hospitals in the US (July 28, 1997), the US News Online site provides rankings of 134 American hospitals. Users can browse hospitals alphabetically, by region, metro area, or any of seventeen specialties, from AIDS to Urology. Methodology for the rankings is provided, as well as hypertext connections to hospital home pages where available. This site is a small subset of a much larger ranking, available for purchase to users in book form (published by *US News*). [JS]

Perspectives on Business Innovation—Ernst and Young

<http://www.ey.com/cbi/journal/loader.htm>

Ernst and Young Center for Business Innovation

<http://www.ey.com/cbi/default.htm>

Ernst and Young LLP provides this webzine, a “periodic journal of management theory and practice.” Each issue concentrates on one major theme. The first issue examines the management of organizational knowledge, and contains articles on knowledge as a competitive asset, and accelerating new product development. Case studies on Hewlett-Packard, Monsanto, Hoffmann-Laroche, and BP are available. The next issue will focus on performance measurement. Articles are available in both HTML and Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. *Perspectives* is part of EY’s Center for Business Innovation, which also contains publications lists of EY research, and an events calendar. [JS]

Tour de France 1997

Official Site [Shockwave Flash]

<http://www.letour.fr/>

US Mirror

<http://www.letour.com/tour97us/>

VeloCity [frames]

<http://www.worldmedia.fr/tour/>

The world's most famous bicycle race began July 5, 1997 and runs through July 27. Viewers can watch the conclusion of the race, or recap its highlights at these two sites. The official Tour site contains day by day synopses of the race, standings, and summaries of selected "legendary tours." A database of every race since 1903 (Tours Chronicles), which can be searched by country or rider, and a Shockwave Flash-based animation of every stage of the race are available. The VeloCity site, provided by World Media Live, contains daily stories, standings and stage results, commentary by racer Stephen Roche, and archives of its 1995 and 1996 race coverage. [JS]

HerbInfo—Herbal Subjects Mailing List

Discussion archives [.zip]

<http://sunsite.unc.edu/herbmed/archives/herbinfo/>

The HerbInfo list is open, unmoderated, and intended to be an all-purpose list to discuss herbs. Due to the general nature of the list, all subjects related to herbs and their uses are considered to be on topic, regardless of their level of knowledge or expertise. Archives (.zip format) of the discussion are available at the above URL. [JS]

To subscribe send email to:

herbinfo-request@bolis.com

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Network Tools

.designer—Creating Graphics for the Web

<http://www.widearea.co.uk/designer/>

.designer, a service of Wide Area Communications, provides a series of guides that include short tutorials and tips on creating web graphics. At present, four guides are available. They discuss JavaScript, Anti-Aliasing, Photoshop/non-Photoshop tips, and web safe JPEGs and GIFs. .designer is a quick and easy way to get started creating quality web graphics. Note that the JavaScript Guide requires Netscape Navigator/Communicator 3.0 or better, or Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 or better. [TB]

ProFusion—A Meta-Search Engine

<http://www.designlab.ukans.edu/profusion/>

Text only:

<http://www.designlab.ukans.edu/profusion/ProFusion1.html>

Profusion, provided by the University of Kansas Information Telecommunication and Technology Center, and School of Engineering DesignLab, is a meta-search engine that allows users to simultaneously search any or all of nine search engines. Users can choose which engines to search, and items retrieved are ranked by relevance. Boolean searching is supported, as is optional link checking, a more time-intensive process. Duplicate retrievals are removed by the search system. [JS]

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<http://scout.cs.wisc.edu/scout/report/archive/7-22-94.html>

Johnson Space Center (JSC) Imagery Services Digital Images Collection

<http://images.jsc.nasa.gov/html/home.htm>

NASA Photo Gallery

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/Library/photo.html>

The JSC Digital Images Collection is an excellent example of how the web can provide qualitative and quantitative astronomical information to the general public. At the time of the JSC annotation, the image archive contained over 10,000 images, a staggering number in 1994. Today, the site, still organized into Press Release and Earth Observation sections, contains some 250,000 images! NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has become one of the most prolific text and graphics information producers on the Internet. The July 22 issue also annotated a guide to NASA resources, which is still available. For those interested in space photos, the NASA Photo Gallery is the place to start, with connections to NASA photos in over forty subjects, as well as sixteen non-NASA archives. [JS]

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

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