Library Card Catalogs
Connecting to the Internet

The Internet is a global collection of networks connecting thousands of computers. Some organizations on the Internet have taken advantage of their network connections by providing access to their libraries' card catalogs. Access to card catalogs is provided as a public service. You don't need an account at the remote institution to use its card catalog. The most difficult task associated with some library systems is figuring out how to disconnect. Often the library system displays disconnect information when you first log on. Be sure to write down that command.

At the "Which Host?" prompt, enter the telnet command for the catalog you wish to use.

telnet lib.technion.ac.il

ISRAEL The card catalogs of seven Israeli schools (Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Hebrew University, Technion, Tel Aviv University, and Weizmann Institute of Science) are combined in a system called Aleph.

After the telnet command, enter `aleph` at the Username prompt. When asked for a terminal type, choose `2` for vt100.

telnet sun.nsf.ac.uk

ENGLAND Cambridge University's card catalog. To connect, enter `janet` at the login prompt. Then enter `uk.ac.cam.ul` at the hostname prompt. To log out, enter `end` at any prompt.

telnet library.unimelb.edu.au

AUSTRALIA The University of Melbourne's card catalog. To exit, get to the "Start over" screen and press the escape key.

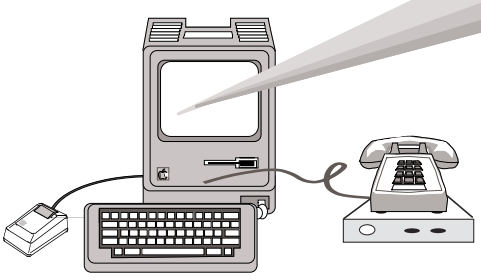
How to find more libraries

New libraries become accessible through the Internet every week. Therefore paper lists go out of date very quickly. Here follow some ways to get the most current information about the hundreds of Internet-connected libraries:

y anonymous ftp to `nic.cerf.net` in the `cerfnet/cerfnet_info` subdirectory

y send e-mail to `listserv@unmvm.bitnet` with the following first line of text:
`get internet library`

y telnet to `techinfo.mit.edu` to use MIT's online database of card catalogs



Telnet is the command used on the Internet to establish an interactive session with another computer. You can use the telnet command from MichNet's "Which Host?" prompt. Dial-in users and those at public ports need an authorization account to connect to computers outside Michigan. The authorization account identifies you as a legitimate network user. For more information, staff and students at Merit member or affiliate institutions should contact the network user liaison at their site. Others should contact the Merit/MichNet office for account information.
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