

A. What Is The Internet

The Internet is a world-wide computer network. Created in the 1960s by DoD and eventually put under the NSF, the Net is now fully commercial. No gov't funds.

Think of the Internet as a Cable-TV system. There is a wire that carries hundreds of "channels." You can connect your computer to this network and "tune in" any of the "channels." One channel is mail. One channel is News. Another channel is resource info. There is also IRC and video.

B. Why Bother? What's The Big Deal?

- 1: Instant Communication – Email/IRC/
- 2: Community – Usenet Newsgroups/IRC/Video
- 3: Access to Resources – WWW/FTP/Gopher

C. Email Communication

1: Gives access to anyone connected anywhere in the world 24hrs. a day. Example: COTA was put together over the net with many messages and discussion between Jane Ellen Fairfax (Ti-Ess), Dallas Denny (AEGIS), Vanessa Kaye (COTA) and myself (Renaissance). We accomplished in a few eeks what would have taken months by mail.

2: Mailing Lists – Electronic newsletters arrive automatically and periodically. Several transgendered mailing lists: Transgen CD-Forum IYF-Online TSMenace

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D. Usenet Newsgroups**2**

Newsgroups aren't really "news" groups, altho they're used for that purpose. More like Community Bulletin Boards with international access. Currently 16,000 current newsgroups on almost any topic. There are three transgendered newsgroups:

alt.sex.trans alt.transgendered soc.support.transgendered

There are other newsgroups of interest to tg people, e.g.:

alt.fashionalt.clothing.lingerie

E. Info Resources

1. Information is available on the Net stored on FTP servers and Gopher servers. Both types require sepcialized clients, but make retrieving documents fairly simple.

2. The World Wide Web — 18 months ago there were less than 5000 Home Pages. Now there are 500,000. That's incredible growth. The Web is responsible for the present popularity of the Internet. What makes the Web so attractive is the combination of text and graphics. It is now possible to put really good looking electronic publications on-line.

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F. Hardware Requirements

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1. A moderately fast computer (a 386 PC, a MacIIsi/68030, or better)
2. Telecommunications program (MicroPhone Mac/PC)
3. Modem 14.4 or 28.8 (\$150 - \$250)

G. Getting Wired

1. Use a Major CI provider - CompuServe, MSN, eWorld, Prodigy, AOL
2. Private ISP like Netcom, Datamax, Pipeline, etc.
3. Pluses for CISs - easy connection, lots of POPs, nice integrated front ends, lots of resources "inside" the service, email, usenet, and web.
4. Minuses for CISs – Costly, usually \$9.95/month for 10 hrs. then gets \$\$\$\$\$. Implementation of WWW browser may be buggy (AOL).
5. Pluses for ISP – a lot cheaper than CISs, avg. cost \$20/month unlimited access.
6. Minuses – Lots of do-it-yourself set up required, separate clients needed for each feature.

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H. Specifics

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1. Decide if you want to go thru CIS, Prodigy or AOL. They usually give 10 free hours. Use that time to find a better resource provider. Download their web browser and search the web for an ISP in your area.
2. When you find an ISP, you want a SLIP/PPP connection
3. Collect the system software you need from the larger services or the net. You'll need TCP/IP (MacTCP or WinSock) and either a SLIP or PPP system extension.
4. Collect the clients you'll need. Mail (Eudora), News Reader, (NewsWatcher), FTP (Fetch), Gopher (Gopher), Web browser (Mosaic or variant, Netscape Navigator).

I. Resource Addresses

1. Once you are set up with your clients. Send mail, read news and browse the web. Here are places to start. (Handouts)
2. Email addresses of organizations
3. URLs for Organizations
4. URLs for Cool TG Sites and personal pages

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Organization Email Addresses By State

California

Androgyny – shirley@xconn.com
Born Free – bornfree1@aol.com
CHIC – CHICSoCal@aol.com
FTM Int'l – jamisong@aol.com
Neutral Corner – nutrlnrn@aol.com
PPOC – ppoc@aol.com
Sacto Gender Assoc. – ava4sga@aol.com
Tri-Ess – jftris@aol.com

Delaware

Renaissance Delaware – derenais@aol.com

Florida

Eden Society – edents@aol.com

Georgia

AEGIS – aegis@mindspring.com

Iowa

Iowa Artistry – Scottm@ins.infonet.net

Kentucky

Louisville Gender Society –
dawnw@transgender.org

Maryland

Tran•Quility – mdrenais@aol.com

Massachusetts

IFGE – ifge@world.std.com

Missouri

St. Louis Gender Foundation – StLGF@aol.com

New York

LIFE – Sabrina.Stone@rex.com
MGN – NatashaNZ@aol.com
TS Menace – riki@pipeline.com

Ohio

Paradise Club – ParadiseCl@aol.com

Pennsylvania

Renaissance – bensalem@cpcn.com
TS Support Grp (Pbgh) – TSG@usaor.net

Texas

ICTLEP – prfrye@aol.com

Washington State

Ingersol Gender Center – ingersol@halcyon.com

West Virginia

The Valley Girls – brwtvg1@aol.com

Mailing Lists

CD Forum – Send a message to:
CD-Request@TheRev.LosAlamos.NM.US
With a request to subscribe

Transexual Menace – send a message to:
majordomo@zoom.com with a blank Subject line.
In the body of the message type:
subscribe tsmenace-online

In Your Face – send a message to:
majordomo@zoom.com with a blank Subject line.
In the body of the message type:
subscribe iyf-online

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Sub = listserv@yorku.ca

WWW URLs for Organizations by State

California

Diablo Valley Girls – <http://www.best.com/~rwr13/.dvg/>

FTM Int'l – <http://www.ftm-intl.org>

Rainbow Gender Alliance – <http://www.transgender.org/tg/rga/rgapage.html>

Tri-Ess – <http://www.gomedia.com/outline/trans/sss.html>

Connecticut

connecticuTView – <http://www.cdspub.com/ctv.html>

Georgia

AEGIS – <http://www.cdspub.com/AEGIS.html>

Iowa

Iowa Artistry – <http://www.netins.net/showcase/chrisa/iowa.html>

Kentucky

Louisville Gender Society – <http://www.ccs.uky.edu/~don/indextg.html>

Massachusetts

IFGE – <http://www.transgender.org/tg/ifge/index.html>

Pennsylvania

Renaissance – <http://www.cdspub.com/REN.html>

TS Menace (Pbgh) – <http://www.usaor.net/users/diana/>

TS Support Grp (Pgbh) – <http://www.usaor.net/users/tsg/>

Tennessee

Tennessee Vals – <http://www.transgender.org/tg/tvals/>

Washington State

Ingersol Gender Center – <http://www.halcyon.com/ingersol/iiihome.html>

WWW URLs for TG & Related Sites by Alphabetical Order

Commercial & Personal Sites

Above & Beyond Mall – <http://www.abmall.com>

Adult Children of Heterosexuals – <http://www.tiac.net/users/danam/acoh.HTML>

All About Hormones – <http://www.portal.com/~valerie/hormone-faq/top.html>

Andrea's Page (Makeup Tips) – <http://www.interport.net/~york/tips.html>

Best Value Products (mail order) – <http://www.cdspub.com/bvp10.html>

CD Forum – <http://www.swcp.com/~therev/cdf.html>

Christine Allan's Page – <http://www.netins.net/showcase/chrisa/index.html>

Classic Curves LTE – <http://www.cdspub.com/clc.html>

Creative Design Services – <http://www.cdspub.com/>

Gender Issues Directory – <http://cpsr.org/cpsr/gender/gender.html>

Gender Talk – <http://world.std.com/~nrm>

Gender Web Project – <http://julie.vf.pond.com/~julie>

Jamie Fenton's Page – <http://www.transgender.org/tg/people/jff/index.html>

Janet's Page – <http://julie.pond.com/~janet/tg.html>

Journal of Gender Law – <http://sray.wcl.american.edu:80/pub/journals/gender.htm>

The Plaid (Scotland) – http://www2.wintermute.co.uk/users/snuffles/The_Plaid/gender.html

Kate Bornstein – http://english.hss.cmu.edu/ctheory/a-kate_bornstein.html

Lydia's TV Fashions – <http://www.cdspub.com/ltf.html>

Melanie Speaks – <http://www.well.com/user/melanie/journeys.html>

Northbound Leather – <http://www.northbound.com>

Rocky Horror – <http://www.cs.wvu.edu/~paulr/rhps/rhps.html>

Romantasy – <http://www.romantasy.com>

RuPaul – <http://www.cyber-dyne.com/~tprebble/rupaul/index.html>

Scandinavian TG Page – <http://www.oslonett.no/home/jane/index.html>

Tina's Page (Norway) – <http://www.ifi.uio.no/~tina/>

TV/TS FAQ – <http://ezinfo.ucs.indiana.edu/~mberz/faqs.html>

Transgender Forum – <http://www.zoom.com/personal/cindym/indextg.html>

Transexual Menace – <http://www.echonyc.com/~degrey/Menace.html>

T-Star (Canada) – <http://travesti.geophys.mcgill.ca/~tstar>

Vanessa Kaye's Page – <http://www.outline.com/trans/vkol.html>

Search Sites

Yahoo (Search Pages) – <http://www.yahoo.com/>

Starting Point – <http://www.stpt.com/>

Whole Internet Catalog – <http://gnn.com/wic/index.html>

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