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Preface

The Internet has experienced spectacular growth over the last few years. A wide range of knowledge is needed by anyone interested in publishing on and participating in the *World Wide Web*. Many would argue that all members of society should have a basic understanding of computing principles and the capability to track down information on the Web. In other words, everyone should be *Internet literate*. The amount of information available on-line is so vast that anyone interested in obtaining timely news, stock updates, a hard-to-find product, or basic research information cannot overlook the Web.

The level of sophistication for which we are aiming in this book is not the "point and click" level, nor the "hacker" end of the spectrum. We are interested in helping you learn enough that you are comfortable performing the following functions (among others):

- Sending and receiving electronic mail (e-mail).
- Browsing the World Wide Web.
- · Publishing on the Web.
- Coding in HyperText Markup Language (HTML).
- · Using search engines.
- Processing on-line information in a critical fashion.
- Using such Internet applications as Telnet and FTP.
- · Submitting forms on-line.
- · Conducting research on-line.
- Developing a good grasp of computer terminology and acronyms.
- · Reading and posting to newsgroups and mailing lists.
- Understanding chat rooms and MUDs.
- Downloading and installing plug-ins to view multimedia.
- Understanding basic security and copyright issues involving computers.

Who Should Read This Book

Anyone interested in learning about the Internet and the World Wide Web will benefit from this book. You will learn about concepts, rather than specific details about short-lived pieces of software. Our goal is to help you develop the confidence and skills to create a lifelong interest in computers, the Internet, and the Web. Computers already play a significant role in the lives of nearly everyone. So, even if the Web is not around in its current form in five years, a technology based on similar principles involving computers no doubt will be.

More specifically, this book is a good starting point:

- 1. For the student with an interest in becoming computer literate.
- 2. For the professional who needs to ramp up quickly before getting left behind in the technological world.
- 3. For all those seeking a career in a computer-related field.
- 4. For the retired person who wants to add another dimension to their life.

Organization of the Text

The material in this text is organized for a one-semester college course. The subject matter is presented in an order acceptable to an inexperienced computer user. Those with more experience may decide to skim over some of the early sections. The book also contains numerous exercises at the end of each section. It can also be used as a self-study guide for anyone interested in recent computing developments revolving around the Internet.

The book chapters deal with the following topics: e-mail, Web browsing, Web page installation, the Internet, the World Wide Web, search tools, Telnet and FTP, HTML, Web graphics, HTML tools, newsgroups and mailing lists, chat rooms and MUDs, electronic publishing, Web programming, multimedia, and privacy and security issues.

The appendices provided deal with more specialized issues, such as Internet Service Providers, text editors, mailers, and operating systems. In addition, we provide a list of references, a list of all HTML tags presented in the book, a glossary, a list of all acronyms used in the book, a place for you to record your own URLs, and an index.

Icons are used in the margin of the text to highlight important or interesting points and to suggest activities to the reader.

In this book, we use the pronouns "their," "them," and "they," even where the correct usage is singular. This seems to be a better solution than: (1) using he/she, (2) alternating the gender of pronouns throughout the book, or (3) using "she" to compensate for years of overuse of masculine pronouns.



Denotes an interesting tidbit of information, a factoid.



Notes a hint.



Marks extensive or important information.



Go on-line and experiment using the commands described in the text.



Flags a recent news item.



Surf the Web to experiment with the topic explained in the text.

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The book presentation contains the following items: a set of lecture summaries, a collection of useful links for each chapter, additional examples (not contained in the book) that utilize many HTML tags, HTML code for all of the "screen shots" contained in the book, search engine links, sample quizzes, updates of recent material/new developments, and corrections.

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- · Try to break into another person's account.
- · Forge e-mail.
- · Steal passwords.
- Make selfish use of system resources.
- · Produce offensive material.
- Violate computer policies.

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The text may contain some errors, and certain topics that readers feel are especially relevant may have been omitted. In anticipation of possible future printings, we would like to correct our mistakes and incorporate as many suggestions as possible. Please send comments to us via e-mail at:

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We especially welcome input from students.

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