



Engineering Library News February 1999

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You may be interested to know...

Saying goodbye to UWIN and Willow

UWIN and Willow are going away by June 30, 1999, to be replaced by Web versions of the library catalog and literature indexes. The Libraries already provides Web access to most indexes of interest to engineering departments. You can take a look at the list of engineering and technical databases at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/guides/englibdb.html>. A list of databases in all subject areas is available at <http://www.washington.edu/tools/databases.html>. The new Web version of the University Libraries catalog will be released sometime in April in order to allow overlap between its introduction and the phase-out of UWIN and Willow. This new catalog will offer some enhanced features such as hotlinks to electronic journals and websites.

While we are confident that migration to the Web enhances access to our rich collections and will insure that you continue to receive quality library services, we understand that those who have been relying on UWIN for access to the Library catalog may need some help with the transition. We are prepared to give assistance, and can work with individuals, small groups, or entire departments. We are happy to come to your office, or arrange an introduction to the system in our computer lab. For any request or concern, please feel free to contact the following individuals:

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Computer Changes in the Engineering Library

The Engineering Library has replaced 5 of its public X-terminals in the reference area with Pentium II PCs running NT Workstation 4.0. The NT operating system allows for improved stability and protection, and enables corrupted or damaged hard drives to be restored quickly.

The Student Technology Fee program enabled the purchase of four of the new PCs. The old X terminals they replaced have become additional email stations; two of them in the cluster at the back of the first floor of the Engineering Library, and the other two on the second floor of the Library.

NEW This Month

New COMPENDEX Interface

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/db/compendex.html>

COMPENDEX, an index to the literature of engineering which has been available over the Web for some time, has just introduced a new, highly improved interface. While the new interface is still under development, it contains most functions necessary for searching, and incorporates many features unavailable in the previous interface. New features include Basic and Advanced search screens, recall of previous searches, and simplified Boolean combination of terms. Give the new COMPENDEX a try at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/engineering/db/compendex.html>.

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