



Engineering Library News July/August 1998

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You may be interested to know...

New UW Library Digital Gateway – coming Autumn 1998

<http://www.lib.washington.edu>

The University Libraries will unveil a re-designed home page for Autumn Quarter 1998. The new home page, which will be located at the same address as the current Web site, is the first phase of the migration to the Libraries Web Gateway. Through the Gateway, the Library intends to provide a seamless integration of services and collections, both print and electronic. Though it will include the same basic information and services as the current home page, it will also provide expanded features and a more usable format. For example, members of the campus community will be able to create their own customized version of the Library's page, linking to the tools and resources they use most often.

Throughout the next two years work will continue on developing the Gateway to include Web access to journal literature databases and a Web-based library catalog, though the library will also maintain telnet access to a character-based library catalog for the foreseeable future. The Engineering Library has already begun to make some literature databases, such as Compendex, NTIS, Transport, and Material Science Abstracts, available through the Web.

The Libraries move to the Web gateway, including access to the UW Library's catalog and literature databases, has been driven by several factors:

- In the field of engineering, several indexes are already being delivered through the Web; many databases are now available only through a Web interface. Maintaining a mixed environment of Web and locally mounted databases is expensive and ultimately confusing to library users.
- The larger technological environment has changed, and the Web is now the platform for development of all new Libraries' information services.
- The University itself is migrating to a Web environment. The Libraries' Web Gateway will facilitate linkages with other UW Web pages and resources.

NEW This Month

Web of Science Database Trial period -- August 1 through August 15

<http://wos.isitrial.com/wos>

<http://alerting.isinet.com/prodserv/citation/websci.html>

The *Web of Science* is the Web version of *Science Citation Index*, and includes access to Social Science and Arts and Humanities Citation Indexes. The Library is considering an expensive campus-wide subscription to this important database, and we'd appreciate your comments on the *Web of Science* interface and features.

New features with this version will include:

- second-author searching
- abstracts
- simultaneous searching over several years
- result sorting by date, journal source, etc.
- direct importation into citation management software such as *ProCite*®
- eventual links to UW holdings of journals

Please take a look at:

<http://wos.isitrial.com/wos>

login: uwashington password: uwashington

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