is termed FTP, and there is a software utility for FTP. Archie software can search the Internet for files with names that match certain criteria. FTP software utilities run much faster on a workstation connected to the Internet than downloading a file from a bulletin-board system. Additionally, FTP can transfer binary files, while E-Mail usually handles only text files. Examples of binary files are executable software programs, images, and word processor files.

Internet Access

Some Internet Access Besides E-Mail

Good for users who have lots of experience with telecommunication software and/or electronic mail. Some host-specific telecommunication software is available.
Delphi 1-800-695-4005 by voice or
        1-800-365-4636 (n-8-1) by modem for free 5 hr trial. After connect, press Enter once or twice. At Username, enter JOINDELPHI. At Password, Enter WRD31X.
America-On-Line 1-800-827-6364
GEnie 1-301-251-6475

Full Internet Access from Remote Host

Good for users who have lots of telecommunication experience and some experience with Unix or VMS. Host-specific telecommunication software is frequently not available. Some local or close long-distance numbers, a few 1-800 numbers, but most are a long distance call away. Exploring on the Internet takes time, and can cost money at long distance. This area changes on an almost daily basis. To get an updated list of commercial hosts, send an e-mail message to info-deli-server-@netcom.com and put send pdial in the body of the message. InterNIC Information Services has a toll-free phone number in the US, and they will provide a list of Internet providers by electronic mail or by regular postal mail. The phone number is 1-800-444-4345.

Direct Connection to Internet

Direct connection of a workstation to the Internet is possible and costs are dropping rapidly. One inexpensive method is from Interamp, PSI Inc. 1-800-774-3031 or 1-703-709-0300.

AABP Software Library

AABP has a growing collection of over 150 software programs which may be copied freely - without infringement of copyright.

Some are "Shareware" ("S" on the catalogue listing), meaning complete, usable programs which you may try out on your own before deciding whether to buy. You then pay the program author a registration fee if you decide to use the program.

Others are "Demos" ("D" on the catalogue listing), that is, demonstration versions of commercial software programs. These are NOT fully functional, but give potential buyers an idea of what the programs are like.

Others are in the public domain. Such "Freeware" is designated "F" on the catalogue.

At the annual AABP meeting, several computers are set up as disk-dispensing machines. All the software in the AABP library is loaded on the hard disks of these machines.

They are on sale floppy disks (of all sizes) that are blank, formatted, initialized, and labeled with the AABP label. What you do is pay a small disk fee for these floppies, take them to the dispensing machines, and copy the software you choose from the dispensing machines.

Each program has been compressed into one or more "ZIP" files. The "ZIP" files must be decompressed before the program can be run. *Directions for decompression are posted here, are available on a handout, and are already loaded onto each floppy disk on sale. To see the same directions as the handout on your screen at home, put your AABP floppy in a drive and type BP <>.*

There is great variety in the AABP software library: from practice management to programmers' languages to dairy and beef records to children's word-games. The list of categories is posted. Also posted is the complete library catalogue, sorted by category. Also available is a three-ring binder with a descriptive sheet for each program, sorted by category.

This library travels! The librarian will ship you a laptop computer loaded with Disk Dispenser© and the library programs, for your local AABP-affiliated meeting. Contact your AABP District Director first.

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