Internet Gopher User's Guide

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CHAPTER 1

Introducing Gopher

This chapter describes how you can use the Internet Gopher system to easily publish and retrieve information on a network.

Introduction

The internet is a wide vast place with many resources available. Searching, finding and retrieving these resources has been difficult in the past. The Internet Gopher was developed to let an average user access these resources quickly and simply.

What is the Internet Gopher?

All over the world, data is stored on computers, many of which are connected by the Internet, a confederation of computer networks. With Internet Gopher you can easily access publicly available information stored on many of these connected computers.

Gopher combines features of electronic bulletin board services and databases, allowing you to either browse a hierarchy of documents, or search for documents that contain certain words or phrases.

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