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Faster access to electronic databases !

Access to the Library's Silver Platter electronic databases is now simpler and faster. Using Quality money from the 1994 round, the Library has invested in an Electronic Reference Library [ERL] server to provide the University of Adelaide community with greatly simplified access to, and faster searching of, over forty popular SilverPlatter databases, that are currently available on the Dewey network. These SilverPlatter databases will be removed from the Dewey server in a few weeks' time.

● Using Internet connections

Because you connect via the Internet, the ERL server

- does away with the need for access via networked drives in DOS or Windows, or via the Chooser on the Mac
- allows, for the first time, dial-in access from home
- adds several important new Australian and international databases

● What's available

- ABI/Inform (with full text)
- AustROM
- Biological Abstracts
- Business Australia on Disc
- CAB
- CINAHL

- EconLit
- Geobase
- GeoRef
- MathSci
- Medline
- MLA
- OSH-ROM
- PsycLIT
- Serials in Australian Libraries
- Sociofile
- Zoological Record

AustROM, Business Australia on Disc, MLA, Serials in Australian Libraries - formerly only available to DOS users - are now available for Mac users. The **AustLIT, Engineering & Applied Science, and Heritage and Environment** databases will soon be added to the above list.

ABI/Inform, the world's leading management database covering the core journals in all areas of management and all sectors of the economy, now has not just article summaries, but the full text of articles as well. Search and read without leaving your office!

CINAHL - to support the University's growing role in nursing research and teaching, we have purchased the **Cumulated Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature**.

● Dial-in from home

Users who have an Internet account with the University will soon be able to Telnet to the ERL server. If you have a PPP connection you can also use the more powerful MacSPIRS or WinSPIRS software to access the ERL server. If you don't know how to set up a PPP connection, your local computing support officer may be able to provide some information.

● What's coming

Available soon will be:

- Telnet and Web browser access to complement the more sophisticated and powerful searching available with MacSPIRS and WinSPIRS.
- The ability to limit your search to Library holdings only. The perennial question, 'has the Library got the journal' is answered - a new software feature lets you automatically limit any search on any ERL database to only those references for which the University of Adelaide Library holds the journal.

● What you need to do now

You will need to find out about new passwords for SilverPlatter databases, and how to retrieve and install the latest versions of Mac and WinSPIRS software, configured to access the ERL server.

If you are running a Web browser such as Netscape, the following URL will provide all the information you need:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/gen/edb/erl.html>

If you are not running a browser you will need to connect to Dewey as INFO and then retrieve two Word 2.0 for Windows documents: README.DOC [for new password information] and either MINSTALL.DOC [for Mac users] or WINSTALL.DOC [for PC users].

The next two sections provide detailed instructions on how to do this both for Mac users and for PC users.

You will find that MINSTALL.DOC and WINSTALL.DOC also give important information about minimum and recommended hardware and software configurations for your own Mac or PC if you wish to run SPIRS software to access the ERL service.

Mac users: copying README.DOC and MINSTALL.DOC

- From your Mac's Apple menu go to the Chooser and select AppleShare.
- From the AppleTalk Zone menu select BSL.
- From the file server menu select DEWEY and click OK. Connect to the file server as Registered User using the Name: INFO. In the Select items you want to use box, select Library and click OK. Close Chooser.
- Open the Library icon (which should have appeared on your desktop). Open the INFO folder and copy the README.DOC document to your hard disk. Next, open the INSTALL folder. Within that, open the SPIRS.MAC folder, and copy the file MINSTALL.DOC.
- Follow the instructions for installing MacSPIRS 2.32 on your Mac.

PC users: copying README.DOC and WINSTALL.DOC

- Connect to Dewey through DOS as INFO via the networked drive you usually use [e.g. Drive I:].
- Copy the README.DOC file to your C: drive. Change directory to retrieve a file called WINSTALL.DOC in the \INSTALL\SPIRS.WIN directory.
- Follow the instructions in this file for installing WinSPIRS to your PC.

Reminder: the information in WINSTALL.DOC and MACINSTALL.DOC is also available from the Library Web site at

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/gen/edb/erl.html>

If you are unsure about any of the points raised in these installation documents, please contact your local computing support officer in the first instance.

If you would like more information about any of the topics mentioned in this issue of **NEWSLINE**, please get in touch with [Steve Cramond](#) at the Barr Smith Library.