DDN Network Information Center

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Description

The DDN Network Information Center (NIC) assists Defense Data Network (DDN) users and potential subscribers in obtaining pertinent information about the DDN and the Internet.

The NIC provides the following databases and information servers:

- WHOIS registry of users, hosts, domains, and networks
- NIC/QUERY browsing system
- TACNEWS server
- SERVICE electronic mail server

The NIC provides host name translation tables, maintains domain name system server files, assigns IP network numbers and autonomous system numbers, registers network users, and issues MILNET TAC access cards. The NIC is the site of the DDN Security Coordination Center (SCC). The NIC is also the source of DDN documents and the complete Internet Request For Comments (RFC) series and index.

The NIC maintains a toll-free hotline from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time at 1-800-235-3155 or (415) 859-3695. Users experiencing problems with TAC login, or who have requests for NIC services, are encouraged to call.

The NIC has numerous publically accessible information files available in the following public directories:

- NETINFO:
- RFC: PROTOCOLS:
- SCC:
- IEN:
- DDN-NEWS:

Each directory has an index. Files are available for anonymous FTP and, in most cases, are accessible via the automatic mail server <SERVICE@NIC.DDN.MIL>.

The NIC shadows IETF information in the publically accessible IETF: and INTERNET-DRAFTS: directories.

Network Access

- FTP to <NIC.DDN.MIL> (<192.67.67.20>) to retrieve NIC files.
- Telnet to <NIC.DDN.MIL> to use servers or run WHOIS program.
- Send mail to <SERVICE@NIC.DDN.MIL> to receive information via the mail server.
- User Kermit server to retrieve NIC files

Who Can Use the Resource

All services are available to users of the DDN. Many services are available to DARPA Internet users. Some services are available via electronic mail to users of networks that gateway to the Internet.

Miscellaneous Information

NIC role mailboxes for further assistance:

NIC@NIC.DDN.MIL	General user assistance and document requests
REGISTRAR@NIC.DDN.MIL	User registration and WHOIS updates
HOSTMASTER@NIC.DDN.MIL	Host, domain, network changes and updates
SCC@NIC.DDN.MIL	DDN network security information
ACTION@NIC.DDN.MIL	NIC computer operations
SUGGESTIONS@NIC.DDN.MIL	Comments on NIC services and publications
SERVICE@NIC.DDN.MIL	Automatic mail service