



THE CONCEPT

During 1996, Central Park will be the home of the Internet 1996 World Exposition. Our hope is that by the end of 1996, the Central Park sites will have learned how to work together as a global cooperative and that Central Park becomes a permanent addition to the Internet, a public park for the global village.



People do not move to cities without parks, schools, libraries and other public facilities. The global village needs public parks if it is to become a rich and vibrant community.

CENTRAL PARK SITES

The Central Park sites will cooperate on the systematic mirroring of data between locations, on advanced resource discovery mechanisms such as Harvest, and other ways of making a series of independently run cyberstations act as a public network for the Internet.

Central Park is oriented around a series of large servers, each located at Global Internet Exchange (GIX) points. The park is a decentralized one, and we expect to expand throughout the year as new sites join.

CENTRAL PARK

<http://park.org/About/CentralPark>

Central Park is a permanent addition to the global Internet infrastructure. It consists of a series of independently run computers, all cooperating to build a public park for the global village.

A few existing Central Park sites include:

- Internet Multicasting Service
- WIDE Project, Tokyo
- NIKHEF, Amsterdam
- SunSite, University of North Carolina
- Sunsite UK at Imperial College
- The Digital City of Adelaide
- The Taipei Central Park Server
- The Seoul Central Park Server

The Internet 1996 World Exposition is grateful to Sun Microsystems for donating the Amsterdam, Washington, and London servers.

Quantum Corporation has contributed 1 terabyte of disk to these and to other machines, including the Adelaide and North Carolina servers. IBM and Auspex have made commitments of resources for the Japan servers for delivery in early 1996. Global project management for Central Park is being provided by SSDS.



Central Park will remain in place after the end of the fair to give people all over the world a free place to gather and exchange information.

HOW TO BECOME A SITE

We are always looking for new participants to help build Central Park and welcome new locations from groups all over the world.

Becoming part of Central Park requires a computer on the Internet with 10-200 gigabytes of disk, a capable staff to run advanced Internet services, and an institutional commitment to becoming part of this public park for the global village.

Please contact us at fairmaster@park.org if you are interested in getting involved in Central Park.

“The legacy of the Internet 1996 World Exposition could be enduring, spacious and well-designed public parks at the center of cyberspace.”

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