DDN Network Information Center SERVICE Mail Server

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Description

SERVICE is an automatic mail program provided by the NIC. It allows access to NIC online files and information via ordinary electronic mail. This is especially useful for people who do not have access to the NIC via a direct Internet link. Users can request publicly accessible files and searches in the WHOIS database via this server. Replies are batched and sent back overnight.

SERVICE looks only at the subject line of a message. These are the services currently available:

HELP	A help message with a list of current services.
HOST xxx	Returns information about host xxx. WHOIS xxx can also be used to get more details about a host.
IEN nnn	nnn is the IEN number or the word INDEX.
NETINFO xxx	xxx is a file name or the word INDEX.
RFC nnn	nnn is the RFC number or the word INDEX.
RFC nnn.PS	to retrieve an available Postscript RFC. Check RFC INDEX for form of RFC.
FYI nnn	nnn is the FYI number of the word INDEX.
FYI nnn.PS	to retrieve postscript versions of FYI files.
SEND xxx	xxx is a fully specified file name.
WHOIS xxx	Returns information about xxx from the WHOIS service. Use "WHOIS HELP" for information on how to use WHOIS.

Example SERVICE subject lines:

HELP
RFC 822
RFC INDEX
RFC 1119.PS
FYI 1
NETINFO DOMAIN-TEMPLATE.TXT
SEND RFC:ASSIGNED-NUMBERS.TXT

SEND DDN-NEWS:DDN-MGT-BULLETIN-72.TXT
HOST NIC.DDN.MIL
WHOIS NEOU, VIVIAN

Network access

Access to SERVICE is via electronic mail.

Who Can Use SERVICE

All users of the Internet and users on networks that can send mail to the Internet can use the SERVICE mailbox.