

## MRNet – The Minnesota Regional Network

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**Description**

The Minnesota Regional Network is a mid-level network, founded in 1987 for the purpose of providing access to the NSFNET for organizations in the Minnesota area. It is presently established as a nonprofit corporation with active participation by member organizations. Its mission is to provide and facilitate the use of computer networks in order to enhance the high-technology research and educational environment, and to increase the productivity and competitiveness of businesses throughout the state. The primary tasks of MRNet are to promote, facilitate, and support connectivity; disseminate information on computer networking and technologies; pursue connections to other networks; provide a forum for the investigation of computer network issues; and contribute to state, national and international planning in computer networks.

MRNet's membership is made up of public universities, private colleges, private research foundations, government agencies, and many large and small businesses.

**Network Access**

Any IP host on the Internet may have access to the MRNet Network Information Center (NIC) or to various members' network hosts as permitted. Supported access includes email, anonymous FTP, news, and nameserver queries.

**Who Can Use the Network**

MRNet is available to institutions in the Minnesota area who need to have access to the Internet or to other MRNet members for educational, research, or other scholarly pursuits. Use of connected or gatewayed networks requires agreement to the rules and conditions of those networks.

**Miscellaneous**

For further information, contact Dennis Fazio, Executive Director at the phone number or email address listed.

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