

## NICOLAS – NASA-Goddard's On-Line Network User Help System

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### **Description**

NICOLAS (Network Information Center On Line Aid System) is a menu-driven network user help system that functions both as an information server and an inter-network gateway. As an information server, NICOLAS provides syntaxes for inter-network mail addressing, general information about wide-area networks, networking-related "how to" files, information on current NASA missions & projects, and a variety of network- and computer-related information of specific interest to the NASA-Goddard community. As an automated inter-network gateway, NICOLAS enables users to log into their NASAMail and GSFCMail accounts, connect directly to a number of other on-line resources, and perform a variety of "yellow pages" functions.

### **Network Access**

Access is made via TELNET to [dftnic.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://dftnic.gsfc.nasa.gov) with the username "dftnic"; no password is required. Access can also be made in DECnet via SET HOST to DFTNIC.

### **Who Can Use NICOLAS:**

Although NICOLAS is intended primarily for use by NASA employees, researchers, and contractors, all services are available to users of the Internet.

### **Miscellaneous**

NICOLAS is hosted on a VAX 8250 which is accessible for remote logins via both TCP/IP and DECnet, and which is also a node on BITNET. Dial-up and X.25 access are also available; please contact the Computer Network Branch at GSFC for more information.

### **References**

ABOUT-NICOLAS.TXT is available via Anonymous FTP (in ascii mode) from  
[dftnic.gsfc.nasa.gov](http://dftnic.gsfc.nasa.gov)

It is also available via DECnet COPY from the path  
DFTNIC::CLSCRATCH:[ANONYMOUS\_USER.FILES]ABOUT-NICOLAS.TXT

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