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What is LC MARVEL?

LC MARVEL is a Campus-Wide Information System that combines the vast collection of information available about the Library with easy access to diverse electronic resources over the Internet. Its goal is to serve the staff of LC, as well as the U.S. Congress and constituents throughout the world. It is available on the Internet and uses the Gopher software from the University of Minnesota. Since information offered by the system will be viewed by both staff members and users outside of the Library from workstations with varying ranges of characteristics and capabilities, the format of documents on LC MARVEL will, for the most part, adhere to the "lowest common denominator" -- plain ASCII text. In some cases files will be listed that are not in ASCII format (i.e., graphic images and computer software programs) which can be saved, but not viewed through LC MARVEL. In the near future, it may be possible to view images and more richly formatted text.

Availability and How to Connect

LC MARVEL became publicly available over the Internet on July 9, 1993. To access it, telnet to marvel.loc.gov and login as marvel. This will connect you to a "courtesy" Gopher client. Initially, only 15 ports will be available to internal users for direct telnet connection. However, connection is also possible through a local Gopher client, or another Gopher server by pointing to marvel.loc.gov, port 70 (the 15 port user limit does not apply to this access method).

Main Menu

The Main Menu of LC MARVEL consists of the following selections:

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Reporting Comments and Problems

Since LC MARVEL will be under construction for several months, the LC MARVEL Coordinators Team is interested in hearing comments, suggestions, and reports of any technical problems that may occur. Please send Internet mail to: lcmarvel@seq1.loc.gov