Knowbot Information Service

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Description

The Knowbot Information Service is a white pages ‘‘meta-service’’ that provides a uniform interface to heterogeneous white pages services in the Internet. Using the Knowbot Information Service, one can form a single query that can search for white pages information from the NIC WHOIS service, the CSNET WHOIS service, the NYSERNet White Pages Pilot Project, and MCI Mail, among others, and have the responses displayed in a single, uniform format.

Network Access

There are three ways to gain access to the Knowbot Information Service:

1. Obtain the Knowbot User Service user interface program, netaddress, for local installation

2. Telnet to the Knowbot Information Service. Currently, there are servers accessible through a telnet to port 185 on hosts <nri.reston.va.us> and <sol.bucknell.edu>. From a UNIX host, use <telnet nri.reston.va.us 185>. The commands help and man summarize the command interface.

3. Send mail to userid <kis> at one of the Knowbot Information Service hosts.

Who Can Use The Resource

The Knowbot Information Service is available to all users through the mechanisms listed above.

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