MIDnet: A Midwestern Regional Network

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Description

MIDnet is a midwest regional network that connects educators, researchers, libraries, and other information resources to each other and to the National Science Foundation Network (NSFNET) in the states of Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota. MIDnet is an IP-based network running at speeds from 56 Kbps to T1 (1.544 mps), and currently connecting twenty-seven sites using cisco and Proteon routers to the NSFNET.

The goal of MIDnet is to facilitate and promote the exchange of information consistent with the purposes of its members. Member organizations are universities and colleges, federal, state and local government facilities, and commercial organizations. MIDnet is currently operated with National Science Foundation grant funds and member dues. A director and staff manage MIDnet, providing technical support services, a network information center, and a network operations center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Major information resources include the EROS Data Center (South Dakota), libraries, the Washington University Archive, National Severe Storms Laboratory (University of Oklahoma), North Central Regional Research Dietary Data Archive (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), and gateways to state educational networks.

Network access

MIDnet is available to any IP host on the Internet.

Who Can Use the Network

Any IP host at any member organization may use MIDnet as long as they abide by the MIDnet acceptable use policy. Any Internet-connected host may access MIDnet members IP hosts under the same usage policy.

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