

Math-Net:

Math-Net Pages and the Math-Net Navigator, Professional homepages Math&Industry Pages

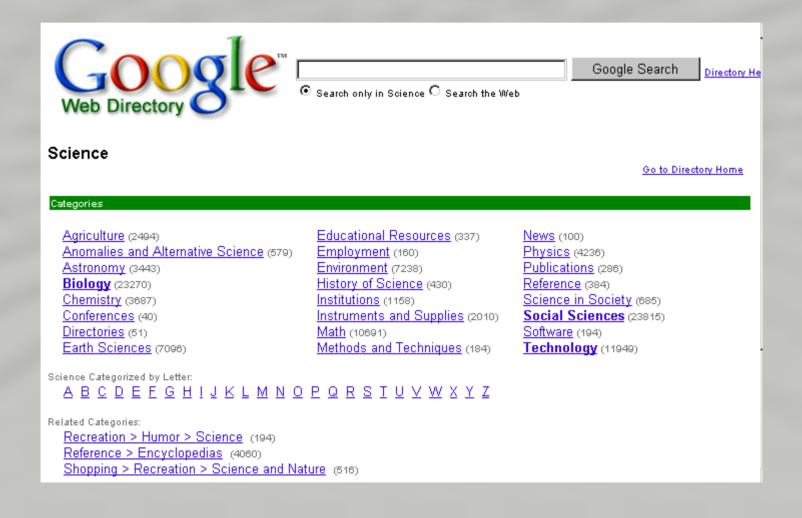
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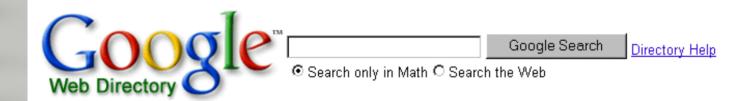
Agenda

- Mathematical Information on the Web
- The work of the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC)
- The Math-Net Page (for Departments) and the Math-Net Navigator
- The Math-Net Page for Societies
- Professional Homepages

Mathematics on the Web: Google



Navigation structure in Google



Math

Science > Math Go to Directory Home

Categories

Academic Departments (1185)

<u>Algebra</u> (375)

Analysis (139)

Applications (822)

Calculus (69)

Chaos and Fractals (310)

Combinatorics (367)

Differential Equations (128)

Directories (42)

Education (883)

Employment (27)

Events (156)

Geometry (464)

History (49)

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Mathematicians (293)

Number Theory (847)

Numerical Analysis (260)

Operations Research (207)

Organizations (116)

Probability (121)

Publications (599)

Recreations (516)

Reference (36)

Research (236)

Software (490)

Statistics (888)

Topology (197)

Trigonometry (6)

Related Categories:

Recreation > Humor > Science > Mathematics (28)

Society > Philosophy > Philosophy of Science > Philosophy of Mathematics (36)

Kids and Teens > School Time > Math (219)

Facts

- there is a great deal of mathematical information in the Web
- it is provided by many different *players*:
 - mathematicians
 - mathematical institutions
 - libraries
 - publishers
 - software companies,

Examples (I)

- Preprint Servers
 (MPRESS collects preprint information from 126 servers),
- Mathematical Journals
 (currently, more than 900 mathematical mathematical journals are provided in electronic form via the Web),
- Digital Archives

 (e.g., retrodigitized materials: Cornell,
 Göttingen, Grenoble, ...),

Examples (II)

- Bibliographic Databases and Reviews
 (MathSci, Zentralblatt Math, INSPEC, CompuScience, ...)
- Software and Test-Data Sets
 (elib contains more than 60.000 programs)
- Information about Mathematicians
 (the Combined Membership List of AMS, MAA, SIAM, AWM lists more than 30 000 members)

Further Web sites relevant for Mathematics

- Teaching Materials,
- Information about Projects,
- Event Services: Conference and Seminar Announcements,
- Service for special Topics: Geometric Models, Computeralgebra Systems, ...
- Information for a broad Audience
- OPAC's,

• ...

Remarks

- 1. The mathematical community plays an active role in electronic information and communication.
- 2. Mathematical Web sites are maintained by a large number of providers from the mathematical community.

 Normally, they do this work as volunteers.
- 3. The electronic medium become more and more important for the mathematical community and all others which are interested in mathematics.

Remarks

4. The electronic information and communication systems in mathematics is distributed.

Well-structured portals are necessary for an user-friendly and effective access to the information.

Collecting the distributed Web sites is a problem.

5. The information of the local Web sites differs in content, form and quality. The description of the electronic resources isn't standardised.

First conclusions

To use the electronic medium for mathematics in an effective way the efforts of the mathematical community in the field of electronic information and communication have to be coordinated and developed.

The mathematical community has to become active to assure that the information and communication system fits the needs of the mathematical community.

The IMU is the native institution for coordinating all activities in this field.

What we want?

- all information on the Web
- an adequate quality of presentation of the information on the Web
- an easy, intuitive and affordable access to the information (the Semantic Web for Mathematics)

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The IMU activities in information and communication

8/1998

ICM 98: The IMU decides to increase its engagement in the field of electronic information and communication:

CEIC is established

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (I)

11/1998 Kick-off of CEIC in Berlin:
the German Math-Net project
as a possible model for an IMU
activity

12/1999 Workshop at MSRI:

The Future of Mathematical Communication,

CEIC defines the guidelines of its work

CEIC's Terms of Reference (Berkeley 99)

a. The CEIC shall be a standing committee of the Executive Committee (EC) of the IMU, to be reviewed every four years by the EC at its meeting preceding that of the GA. Members will be appointed for four year terms by procedures similar to those for Commissions of the IMU. The Executive Committee will appoint one of its members to serve on the CEIC.

b. The CEIC may meet as necessary in each four year period, review the development of Electronic Information and Communication as it impacts the international mathematical community and submit a report to the EC.

c. The CEIC may organize or sponsor international meetings or forums to bring together representatives of all interested parties, including societies, publishers, libraries, and researchers, publish and otherwise disseminate proceedings, reviews of recent developments, and technical surveys for the use of the mathematical community.

d. The CEIC may recommend international standards on issues related to electronic communication. Such recommendations should be reviewed by the EC and, if approved, may be published and promoted in the name of the IMU.

e. During its first 4 year term, the CEIC is specifically asked to address the coordination of world-wide efforts to establish web-based servers for mathematical papers, preprints, journals, and books. This includes issues of uniformizing metadata, document identifiers and supported formats, promoting mirroring and the development of search engines for mathematical material and coordination of existing servers.

It should publish its findings with the goal of making the use of these servers universally understood and usable by the whole mathematical community. It is also asked to consider transferring the World Directory of Mathematicians to an electronic freely accessible form.

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (II)

6/2000

Declaration of the Math-Net Charter http://www.math-net.org/charter

approved by the Executive Comittee of the International Mathematical Union on May 16, 2000

- Math-Net is intented to organize and enhance the free flow of information within mathematics worldwide.
- The objective of Math-Net is to provide efficient access to high quality mathematical information "at the fingertips" of the user.
- The use of Math-Net is free.
- Math-Net aims at making information and services freely available - whenever possible.

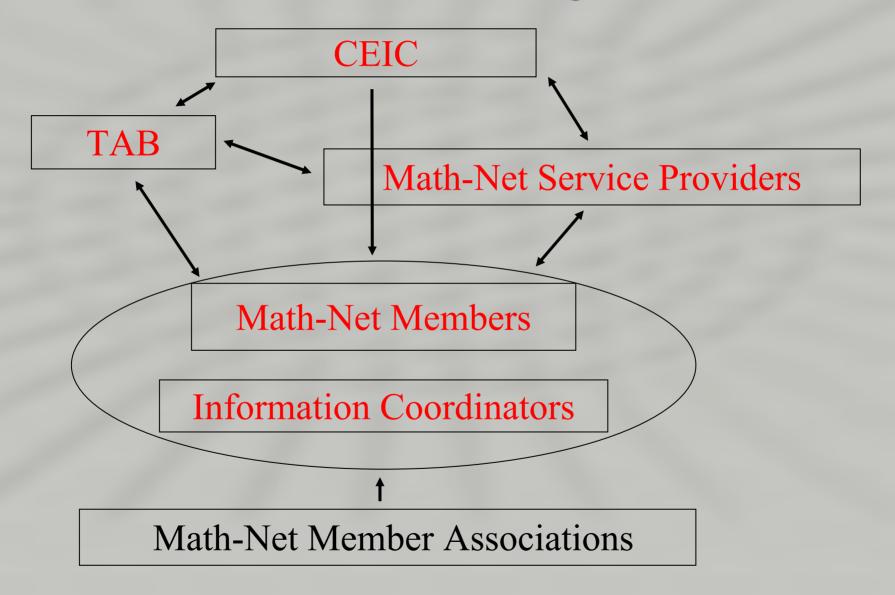
- Math-Net is organized under the aegis of the International Mathematical Union (IMU).
- Math-Net is steered by the IMU Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC) via
 - a user-driven and not for profit activity,
 - open for all willing to provide mathematical information electronically.

Math-Net is a global electronic information and communication system for mathematics:

- structured,
- distributed,
- interoperable,
- user-friendly,
- high-quality

- Math-Net is based on structured mathematical information offered electronically by participating institutions, the Math-Net Members.
- Math-Net combines the available resources into services, provided by groups of volunteers, the Math-Net Service Providers.

Math-Net Charter: Organization



The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (III)

8/2000

CEIC Meeting in Vienna

Definition of core activities:

- Math-Net Pages: definition, tool, documentation
- Preprints: metadata, further extension (internationalisation) of MPRESS
- Professional homepages: metadata, World Directory of Mathematicians

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (IV)

5/2001 CEIC Meeting Princeton (partially, together with EC):

- Call to all Mathematicians to Make Publications Electronically Available
- CEIC Copyright Recommendations: What Do You Want from Your Publisher?
- Math-Net Pages (Math-Net PageMaker
 - a tool to create Math-Net Pages)

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (V)

2/2002 CEIC Meeting in Vancouver:

- Best Current Practices:
 Recommendations on Electronic
 Information and Communication
- Call to All Mathematical Institutions to Install Math-Net Pages
- first discussions about the World Digital Mathematics Library and the retrodigitization in mathematics

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (VI)

8/2002 GA in Shanghai/ICM in Beijing:

Sessions about Electronic
Information and Communication in
Mathematics on GA and ICM

informal meeting of CEIC

The work of CEIC - a short chronological summary (VII)

5/2003 CEIC meeting in Berlin

- World Directory of Mathematicians (WDML)
- Best Current Practices
- Intellectual Propert Right/Copyright
- World Directory of Mathematicians
- Web sites of IMU, CEIC, Math-Net
- Math-Net

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Homepages of mathematical institutions – some examples

Homepages of mathematical institutions: the homepage of the Macquarie University (Math Dep.)



Department of Mathematics

Division of Information and Communication Sciences Macquarie University - Sydney



Home Pages: Meet the mathematicians. (They're quite friendly.)

Contact Details: Reach out and touch a mathematician.

Picture Gallery: See some of the faces behind the names.

Courses: What we teach is core knowledge for your future.

Honours in Mathematics: Extending your horizons in abstract directions.

Research Groups: Find out exactly what it is that mathematicians do.

Centre of Australian Category Theory: For when too many arrows are barely enough.

Advanced Program in Mathematics: Courses for the extremely clever.

Numeracy Centre: Services, workshops and courses offered by the friendly staff of the Centre.

Randomised Quizzes: Test how well you've been grounded in the basics.





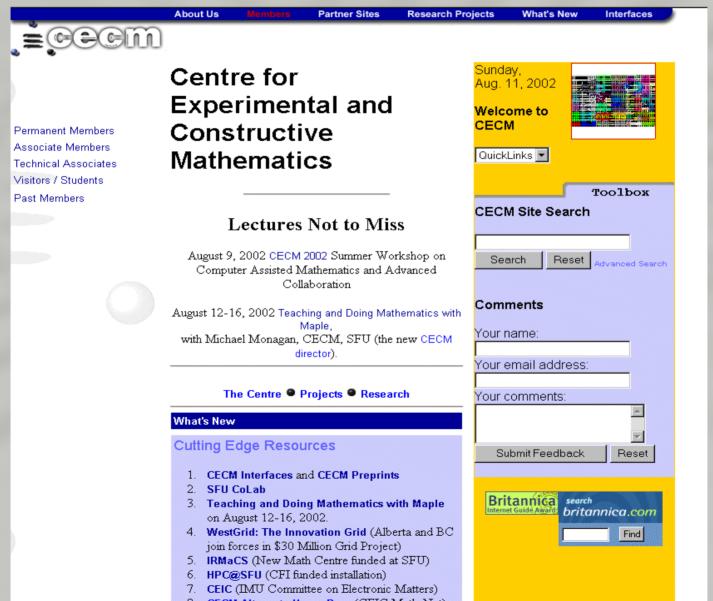
If you must go elsewhere, why not try the following sites...

General

- Yahoo
- Alta Vista

Mathematics sites

Homepages of mathematical institutions: the homepage of the CECM, Simon-Fraser University



Homepages of mathematical institutions: the homepage of the MPI of Mathematics in Bonn

MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS

MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUT FÜR MATHEMATIK

Vivatsgasse 7, D-53111 Bonn, Germany Phone: (49) 228/402-0 Postal Address: P.O.Box: 7280, D-53072 Bonn Fax: (49) 228/402277



Local Math-Net Homepage: english german

Announcement:

Mathematische Arbeitstagung 2003

General information

How to find us

Allgemeine Informationen





Max Planck Society

for the Advancement of Science

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft ≡ zur Förderung der Wissenschaften

Wegbeschreibung

Practical information

<u>Useful addresses</u> <u>Application for membership</u> Bonn information





People The list of guests Permanent staff

Departments

<u>Library</u> <u>Computer</u> <u>Public relations</u> Administration





Activities and Services

Weekly activities
Long-term activities
MPI-Preprints
MathSciNet

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Search

If you have suggestions about this document, please send e-mail to

Math-Net Page - the idea

the examples illustrate

- there are many beautifully designed homepages
- but, the homepages differ in content, vocabulary, structure and layout, for most homepages, metadata are missing (this is a problem for the automatic processing of information)

the Math-Net Page – an attempt to standardize the homepages of mathematical institutions

Math-Net Page - Concept and Tool

 idea: A standardized portal for the core information of Math-Net Members and the Math-Net Services as an additional entry point (secondary homepage) for the Web of mathematical departments

standardization concerns

- the vocabulary
- the structure and
- the layout
 of the Math-Net Page

The structure (blocks) of the Math-Net Page



Block II.1

(Name of the Department and the University, Logo)

Block I

(Math-Net Services)

Block II.2

(Local Contact, Local Search Engine, Homepages of the Department and the University)

Block II.3

(Groups and Subgroups of the Math-Net Page)

global and regional (optionally) information (Block I on the left hand side) local information (Block II on the right hand side)

The core information of mathematical institutions: groups and subgroups

General

About us

Organization of the Department / Institute

Information for Prospective Students

Community Outreach

Information for Visitors

People

Faculty/Staff

Students

Long-term Visitors / Associates

News

Schedule of Events

Information for Dep. Members / Members of the Institute

Positions Available

Research

Research Groups

Preprints / Publications

Projects

Software Development

Teaching

Academic Programs / Curricula

Class Schedules

Course Informations and Materials

Information Services

Computing Services

Libraries

Journals

Bibliographic Search

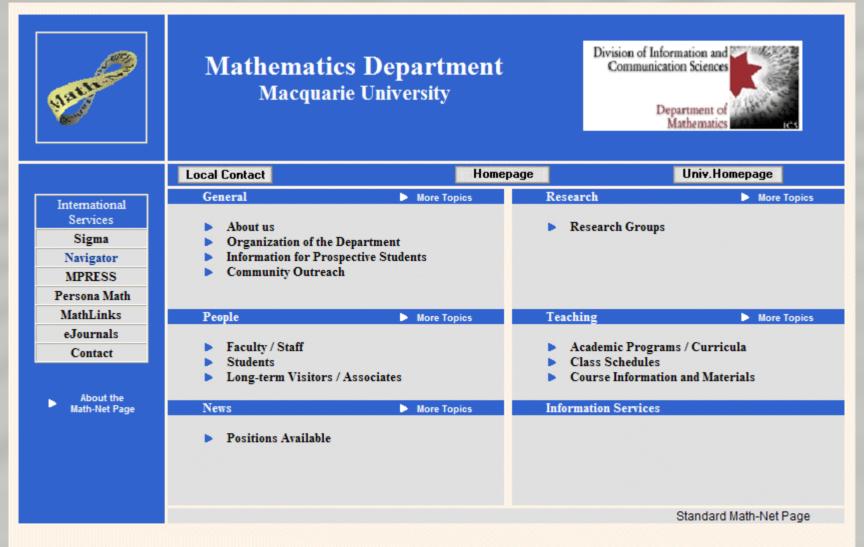
Groups (white headlines) and subgroups of the Math-Net Page

Needs to the Math-Net Page

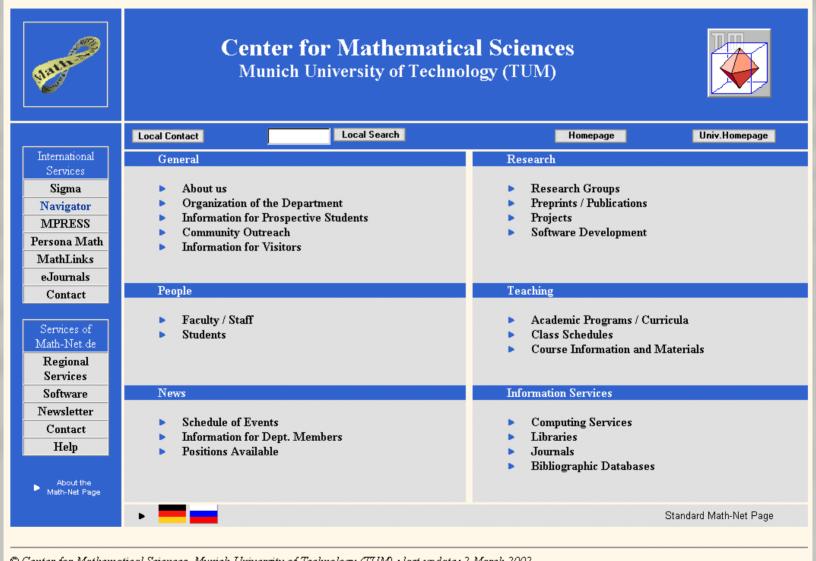
- Math-Net Pages should be understandable and acceptable worldwide: it should be possible to use notation in an arbitrary language
- a second reason to allow flexible labels: typical descriptions for the groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page (labels) could differ from region to region

Standard and Alternative Math-Net Pages

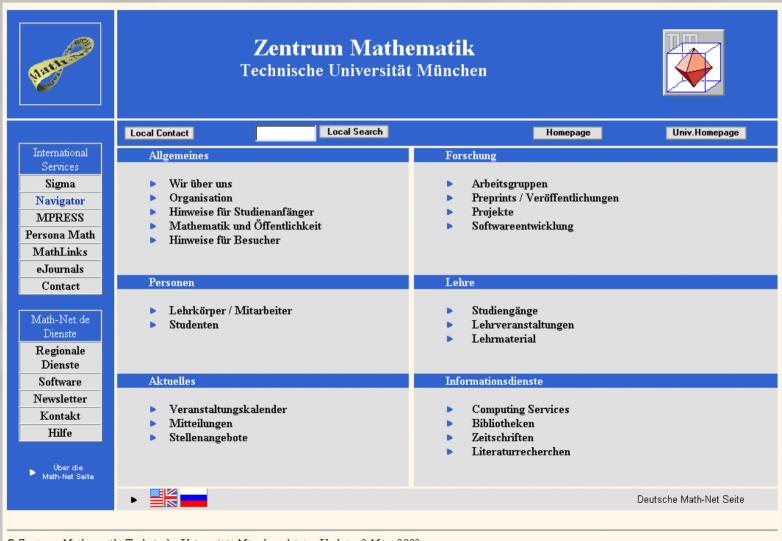
The Math-Net Page of the Macquirie University (Standard Math-Net Page)



Standard Math-Net Page of TU München



Alternative Math-Net Page of TU München (German)



Alternative Math-Net Page of TU München (Russian)



Alternative Math-Net Page of the Peking University



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Character Encodings and the Math-Net Page

 the Math-Net Page allows the use of local character encoding

(e.g. the character encoding on the Chinese Math-Net Page of the Peking University is "GBK", on the Russian Math-Net Page of the TU München "Windows-1251")

 altenatively it is possible to use Unicode (UTF-8) as character encoding

How to generate a Math-Net Page?

- users need tools which allow them to
 - generate a Math-Net Page and
 - change an existing Math-Net Page in a simple way

Math-Net Page Maker

is a tool to create and edit Math-Net Pages

- Math-Net Pages for Departments
- Math-Net Pages for Research Institutes
- soon: Math-Net Pages for Societies
- Math-Net Pages with "standard labels"
- Math-Net Pages with "alternative labels"
- Math-Net Pages with different character encodings

More

The Math-Net Page Maker produces a deeply structured document;

it consists of two parts

- an html-part
- a metadata-part (encoded in RDF)
- URL of the Math-Net Page Maker: http://www.math-net.org/pagemaker

It is simple to create a Math-Net Page

- 1. Go to http://www.math-net.org/pagemaker
- 2. On the entry page, select the corresponding choice
- 3. Fill out the form
- 4. Click on the "Create" button
- 5. Install the Math-Net Page at your server

The IMU/CEIC-Recommendation about Math-Net Pages

IMU/CEIC Recommendation: Call to all mathematical institutions to install Math-Net Pages

Recommended by the Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC) of the IMU on February 17, 2002

[endorsed by the Executive Committee of the IMU on April 12, 2002]

Almost every mathematics department or research institute has a homepage that provides basic information about people and activities in the department. In order to be useful to those outside, the homepage should have an easily recognizable, clear, and intuitive structure. Unfortunately, while many of the current homepages are beautifully designed, they differ dramatically in both structure and content. The **International Mathematical Union (IMU)** wants to improve this situation and help users to find high-quality mathematical information.

The Math-Net Page for departments or research institutes provides a way to standardize the presentation of basic information about the department. The Math-Net Page is not meant to replace a nicely designed homepage, but rather to serve as a "secondary homepage" with a uniform and intuitive structure. The uniform structure allows users to find information easily and reliably.

Based on the recommendation of its Committee on Electronic Information and Communication (CEIC), the International Mathematical Union (IMU) asks every mathematics institution throughout the world to create a Math-Net Page, to install a prominent link to that page from its primary homepage, and to maintain its Math-Net Page in the future.

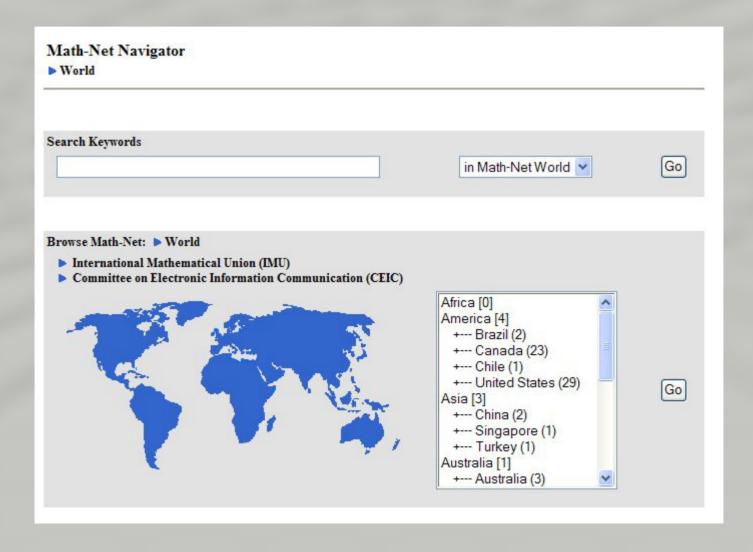
The Math-Net Page for mathematics departments and research institutes is the result of an intensive international effort. Further information can be found at <u>Launching the Math-Net Page</u>.

Detailed information about creating and installing a Math-Net Page can be found at http://www.math-net.org/Math-Net_Page_Help.html. For questions and comments, please send e-mail to math-net@zib.de

What can we do with Math-Net Pages?

- Math-Net Pages are local portals (standardized additional homepages to the information of the mathematical institutions)
- the Math-Net Navigator is a service for an efficient access to the information of mathematical institutions, a global portal to the information of mathematical institutions

The Math-Net Navigator - top level



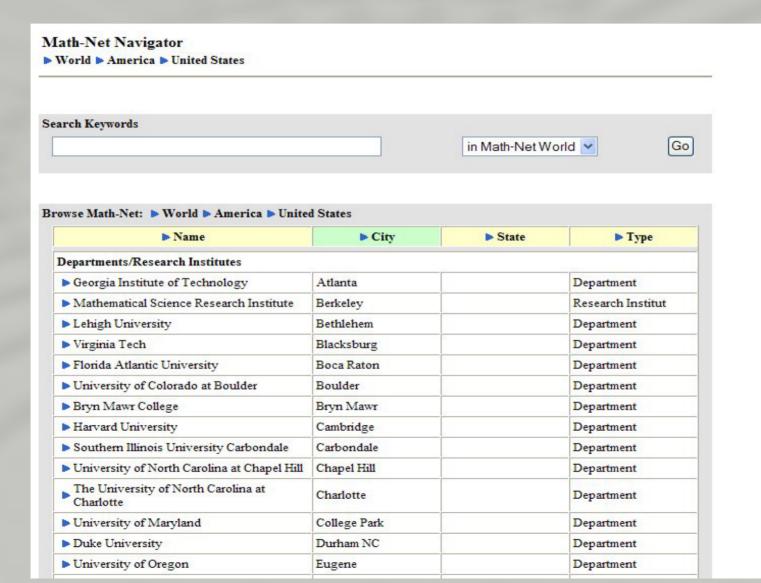
The Math-Net Navigator combines search and navigation

The Math-Net Navigator provides:

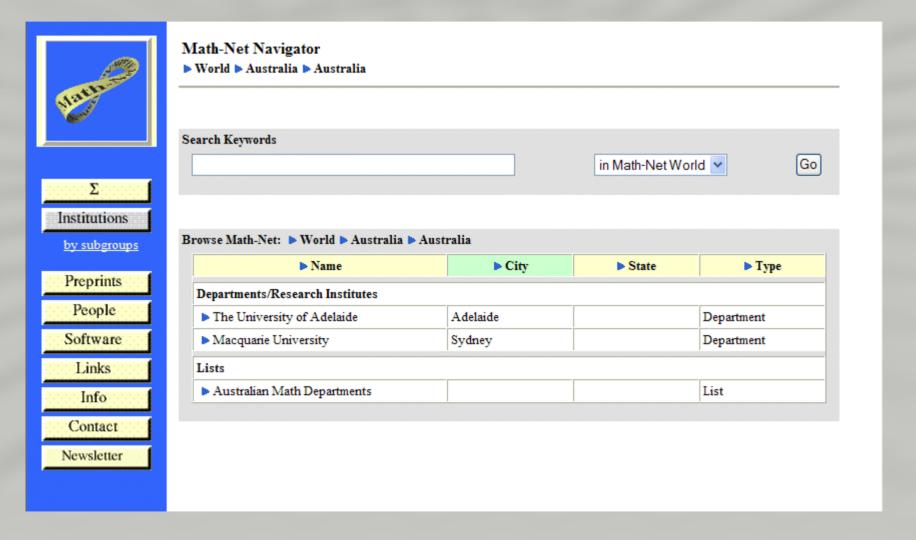
- a search function (covering the Web sites of the Math-Net Members)
- a geographically-oriented view of the Math-Net Members
- work in progress:

 a subject-oriented view of the information provided by the Math-Net members based on the classification scheme of the Math-Net Page,
 - e.g., a list of all Math-Net Members offering preprints

The Math-Net Navigator: view to US institutions (with Math-Net Pages)

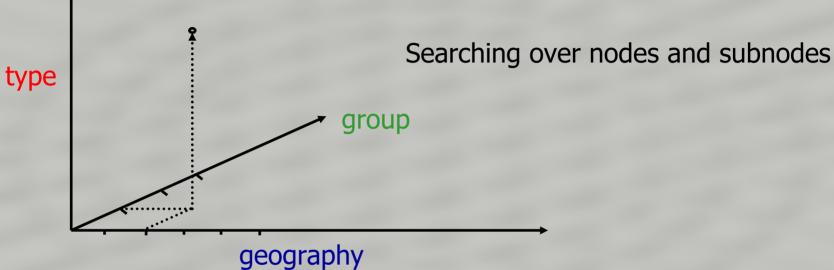


View to Australian departments (with Math-Net Pages)



To little!

Idea of the Navigator: three dimensions of navigation



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World > Europe > Germany > ZIB > Preprints

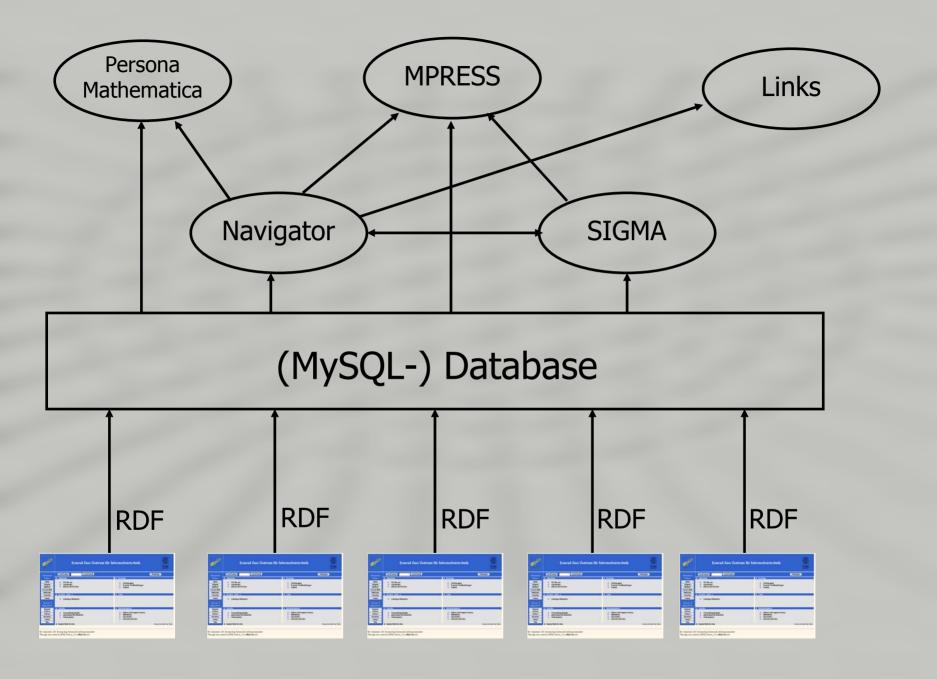
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About the Math-Net Navigator

- automatic processing (collecting, summarizing, indexing ...) of the Math-Net Pages, especially the RDF-part
- database driven
- can be the starting point for other Math-Net Services ("Web Services")



For the Future: Using the new Web technologies for the data exchange between services based on XML

- Web Services
- SOAP (Simple Open Access Protocol)

Dissemination of the Math-Net Page

up to now nearly 200 Math-Net Pages				Europe
				AustriaBelgium
America:		Asia		Denmark
Brazil	2	• China	1	• Germany
• Canada	23	• Singapur	1	• France
				Hungary
• Chile	1	Turkey	1	• Italy
• US	29	Vietnam	1	• Poland
				• Russia
				Slovakia
		Australia		• Spain
		Australia	2	• Sweden
				• UK

Planned activities

- 1. Better information: e-mails to web masters of institutional math servers to initiate more Math-Net Pages
- 2. Math-Net Pages for societies

Enrichment of the Navigator

3. In the next days:
Extension of the Math-Net Navigator by lists of web sites of Math Departments

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The Math-Net Page of mathematical societies

Example: The Math-Net Page of the DMV

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: General

Subgroups of General:

- About the Society
- Office
- News
- History
- Awards
- Grants

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: Members

Subgroups of Members:

- Membership
- Dues
- Reciprocal Societies
- Register of Members
- Honorary Members

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: Organization

Subgroups of Organization:

- Board
- Committees / Deputies
- Interest Groups
- Statutes

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: Publications

Subgroups of General:

- Newsletters
- Journals
- Proceedings
- Bulletins
- Further Publications

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: Activities

Subgroups of Activities:

- Meetings
- Joint Initiatives
- Recommendations / Reports
- Mathematics Competitions
- Discussion Forums

Groups and subgroups of the Math-Net Page for Societies: Further Information

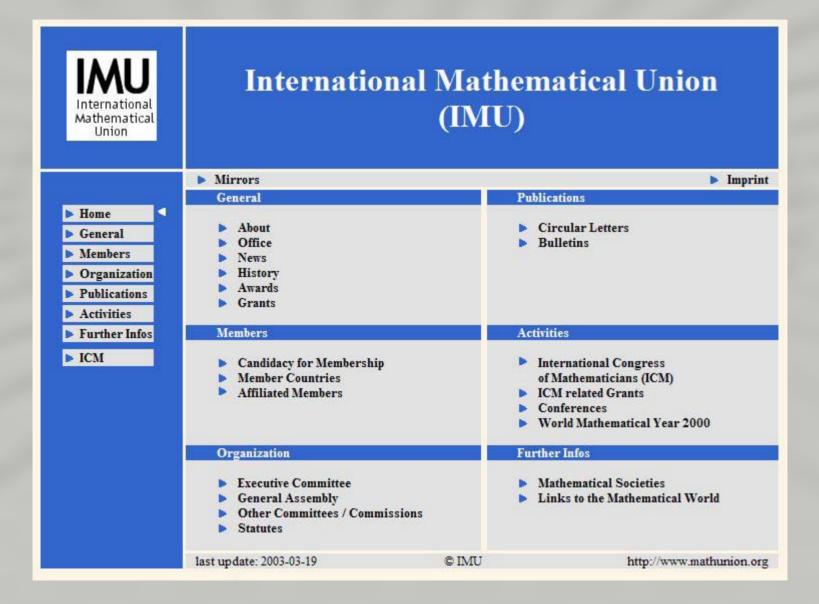
Subgroups of General:

- Mathematical Societies
- Mathematical Departments
- Mathematics and School
- Professional Perspectives
- Job Offers
- Further Links

Remarks:

- the Math-Net Page for Societies is under discussion
- the ideas of this Page were also used in a redesign of the IMU homepage

The new **IMU-server**



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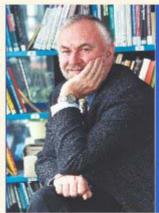
Math-Net is more than the Math-Net Page!

Aim:

to standardize the information about persons in a suitable way

Idea: a standardized professional homepage

Proposal for a professional homepage



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Technische Universität Berlin

General Information Other Research Other Contact Information Research Areas and Applications Other Scientific Interests Information for Visitors Academic Positions/Professional History Publications Research Projects / Grants Awards & Distinctions Curriculum Vitae Talks / Presentations Software Collaborations and Cooperations Teaching Other Other Genealogy Information for Students Students Current and Future Teaching Co-Authors and Collaborators Courses taught Industrial Cooperation **Teaching and Course Materials** News and Miscellaneous Professional Activities Other Other Announcements Editorial Responsibilities / Refereeing Future Conferences and Meetings Professional Societies /Administrative Service Other Interests Congress and Workshop Organization Personal Information Other Services, Duties, and Functions Favorite Links

Comments

- structure and design in analogy to the Math-Net Page
- header information: name and affiliation, optionally a photo
- 6 groups and their corresponding subgroups
- metadata for a standardized processing of the information given on the homepage

To Do

- the proposal is under discussion
- definition of metadata
- tools to generate the professional homepages (PageMaker)

