PSINet

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Description

PSINet is a US-based commercial, national TCP/IP and OSI internetwork available throughout the continental US, Canada and Israel, with a wide spectrum of services for the individual and corporate user of electronic information. PSINet is currently a T1-based network co-located in telephone company facilities; it consists of over two hundred organizational networks. The PSINet operations center, located in Albany, NY, operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. (A regional office is located in Santa Clara, California.) Local phone numbers through PSI's Individual Dialup Service (IDS) provides free telnet/rlogin access to any PSINet dedicated data line (SCS and CCS) customer sites in nearly forty cities throughout the US.

TCP/IP packet access is also provided on a dialup basis using V.32 modems in more than thirty cities. Three times a year a PSINet users group (PSITech) meets to discuss new services, new technologies, and operational requirements.

PSI's PSILink personal Internet access service is provided on a dialup basis in over 170 cities throughout North America, Europe and the Pacific Rim. The service includes electronic mail, USENET News, and anonymous file transfer capability. Free PSILink software for the PC, developed by PSI, is also provided.

PSINet provides internetworking services to the NYSERNet user community, and also has connections to the NSFNET in Ithaca, NY.

Network Access

Any IP host on the Internet may access PSINet sites.

Who Can Use the Network

There are no restrictions on use of PSINet for any purpose (including commercial) by its customers. As a co-founder of the Commercial Internet Exchange (CIX) with the other unrestricted-usage commercial providers, this important capability is being widely extended throughout the US.

Miscellaneous

Network software research and development is done within PSI and is exported at no cost or nominal cost to academic, government, and nonprofit organizations. Exported technology includes SNMP, Z39.50, and X.500. PSI provides an entry-level UUCP email service and a White Pages service available over the Internet (see section 4.3 of the Internet Resource

Guide). ClariNet News, a live electronic newspaper from ClariNet Communications Corp., is also available to PSI customers through the PSINet system.