

allows travelling from one Gopher site to another. It front-ends files and tools of all kinds, including a range of ways to track down correspondents' network addresses.

- The command `xarchie` gives access to `archie`, a directory of software and other files available by anonymous ftp. Archie automatically polls anonymous ftp sites, and collects directory listings. With some idea of the possible name of the software or data item sought, `archie` is a valuable first stage in locating potential sites. Archie is perhaps of most interest for the user trying to trace a particular software package.

#### 4. Conclusion

In this note we have concentrated on freely-available services, accessible at all times of the day or night. Tools such as WAIS and Gopher enormously facilitate access to stores of bibliographic and other data. Such "wide area network resource discovery tools" have caught the imagination of research workers in many different fields in the past year or two. An ever-increasing amount of relevant and important information is becoming available via one's workstation on one's desk. These are valuable tools which can aid in one's research, – in finding relevant references, in tracking down exact citations, or in open-ended information browsing.

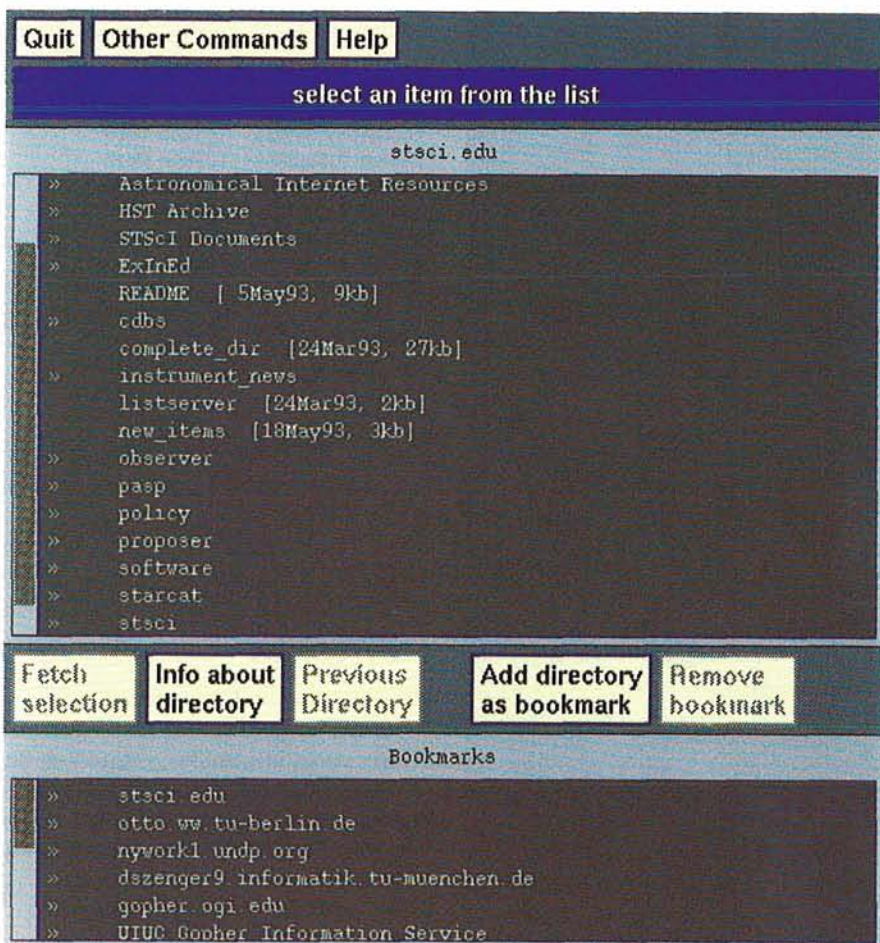


Figure 2: A Gopher window, showing the STScI Gopher service. This is a convenient window-based way to navigate remote directories, and – further – to navigate between publicly-accessible sites.

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