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How to Get FCC Documents from the Internet By File Transfer Protocol

Most publicly released FCC documents are available on the FCC's Internet server. In order to get the documents, you will need access to the Internet and file transfer protocol (ftp) software, and a basic understanding of how to use the software. The following are instructions for the command line version of ftp. Graphical ftp interfaces may slightly differ; please check with your local computer specialist.

- 1 Connect to the FCC ftp server, usually **ftp.fcc.gov** and press the enter key.
- 2 At the user name prompt, type: **anonymous** and press the enter key.
- 3 At the password prompt, type your Internet e-mail ID and press the enter key.
- 4 At the next prompt type: **binary** and press the enter key. This permits you to download files which are not plain ASCII text, such as data base files (.dbf or .xls), Word Perfect files (.wp), or 'zipped' files (.zip).
- 5 Next, type: **dir** and press enter. You should then see a file directory. All documents for public use are in the subdirectories of the /pub directory. Choose the directory and subdirectory you wish to review, and go into it by typing: **cd** followed by the full path to the directory. For example, for public notices released by the Cable Services Bureau, type: **cd /pub/Public_Notices/Cable**. The use of lower- or upper-case is significant.
- 6 Use "get" to download files from the FCC ftp server. For example, to get the daily digest for March 28, 1995, type: **get dd032895.txt** and press enter. To identify the file numbers you want, download the index file, **index.txt** which is located in the root directory:

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cd /  
get index.txt
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To leave ftp, type **quit**. If you do not have direct access to the Internet, you can access the files through a service such as America On-line or Delphi. The files will be presented on the FCC.GOV ftp Internet server.

The documents are organized according to the following arrangement:

- 1) Daily Digests are named ddmddyy.txt, where the first dd stands for Daily Digest and the rest of the name is the date in mddyy format.
- 2) News Releases are named nrxyynn.txt, where nr stands for News Release, and xx designates the FCC Bureau or Office which issued the News Release, y is the year as in 4 for 1994 and nnn is a nnth news release issued electronically in that year. See the list below for Bureau and Office abbreviations.
- 3) Public Notices are named similarly to News Releases except that the file starts with a pn, as in pnxyynn.txt
- 4) Speeches are named spaaaynn.txt where sp stands for speech, aaa are the initials of the speaker (as in REH for Reed Hundt), y is the year and nn is the nnth speech in that year.

The xx abbreviations mentioned above refer to the bureaus and offices within the FCC. These are the abbreviations:

cb --> Cable Bureau
mm --> Mass Media Bureau
cc --> Common Carrier Bureau
pr --> Private Radio Bureau
et --> Office of Engineering Technology
wl --> Wireless and PCS Areas
mc --> Miscellaneous or spanning bureaus
it --> International

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