

Exploring Space on the Internet

Thanks to the World Wide Web, anyone with an Internet connection can explore space vicariously, browsing through dozens of Web sites for the latest news about space missions and projects. Some of the most informative and eye-catching sites are presented in the list below. For all Web addresses, add the prefix <http://>

—*The Editors*

SPACE AGENCIES

www.nasa.gov/

Home page of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

www.rka.ru/english/eindex.htm

Home page of the Russian Space Agency (RSA), in English

www.esa.int/

Home page of the European Space Agency (ESA), in English

www.nasda.go.jp/index_e.html

Home page of the National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA), in English

SPACE SHUTTLE AND STATIONS

www.ksc.nasa.gov/shuttle/missions/missions.html

Summaries of all space shuttle flights to date and plans for future missions

www.ksc.nasa.gov/shuttle/technology/sts-newsref/stsref-toc.html

A technical reference manual for the space shuttle

spaceflight.nasa.gov/index.html

News about the International Space Station, and real-time tracking of its orbit

liftoff.msfc.nasa.gov/

Information on space stations and satellites as well as a section for children

UNMANNED MISSIONS AND OBSERVATORIES

www.hq.nasa.gov/office/oss/missions/index.htm

A thorough list of NASA's space science missions—past, present and future

mpfwww.jpl.nasa.gov/

Mars missions managed by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory

www.jpl.nasa.gov/ice_fire/

Information on the “Ice and Fire Missions”: Europa Orbiter, Pluto-Kuiper Express and Solar Probe

www.stsci.edu/

The latest discoveries made with the Hubble Space Telescope

nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/

Space research data from the National Space Science Data Center

SPACE ORGANIZATIONS

www.marssociety.org/

Information on the Mars Society's efforts to increase support for exploration of the Red Planet

www.nss.org/

Educational resources and more from the National Space Society, the oldest space advocacy group

www.space-frontier.org/

Home page of the Space Frontier Foundation, with links to companies in the space industry

www.prospace.org/

Home page of ProSpace, a lobbying group for space exploration

www.ssi.colorado.edu/

Resources for scientists and teachers from the Space Science Institute

www.asi.org/

Information on the Artemis Project, which is dedicated to establishing human communities on the moon

www.reston.com/nasa/watch.html

A non-NASA site about NASA activities, offering news about the agency's programs, budget and administrators

HISTORY OF SPACE EXPLORATION

www.ksc.nasa.gov/history/mercury/mercury.html

Historical information on the Mercury missions, the first U.S. manned flights into space

www.ksc.nasa.gov/history/gemini/gemini.html

Site for facts about the Gemini missions

www.ksc.nasa.gov/history/apollo/apollo.html

Descriptions of the Apollo missions and the first moon landings

www.ksc.nasa.gov/history/skylab/skylab.html

A history of Skylab, the first U.S. space station

ASTRONAUTS AND COSMONAUTS

www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/astrobio.html

Biographies of all active-duty U.S. astronauts and mission specialists from other countries who have flown on the space shuttle

www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/cosmo.html

Biographies of cosmonauts involved in U.S.-Russian joint projects

38.201.67.70/history/shuttle-mir/ops/crew/

Photographs and biographies of the crews who served on Mir, the Russian space station

GREAT PICTURES

photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov

At least 1,400 images of planets, moons, the sun and more

www.jpl.nasa.gov/pictures/archive.html

Illustrations of Mars Pathfinder, Galileo, Cassini and other spacecraft

nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/photo_gallery/

The National Space Science Data Center's archive of astronomy photographs

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