**What is the difference between the Internet and an Intranet?**

An Intranet is a smaller, closed version of the Internet, which can only be accessed by authorised members of an organisation. Intranets are becoming an increasingly popular way to share information within a company or other organisation. An Intranet uses Internet technologies to allow users to access company documents, search databases, schedule meetings and of course send emails. Once a company has installed a comprehensive Intranet many users need only one piece of software on their PC, a web browser.

**What is the difference between an Intranet and an Extranet?**

An Extranet is an Intranet which is partially accessible to authorised outsiders. An Intranet is normally only accessible by members of the same company or organisation; an extranet also allows outsiders who have been issued with a password to gain limited access to information held on a company network. Extranets are being used as a way for business partners to share information.

**What is the Internet?**

A collection of networks started by and for the US military to enable them to 'survive' a nuclear war. Later adopted by the educational system, and now exploited by the commercial world.

**What is the Internet and how is it useful?**

The Internet is a global network of interconnected networks. The unique thing about the Internet is the sheer amount of information which you can access from it. Whatever your interest, you can search for and find information on the most obscure topics. For research the Internet is an incredibly valuable tool. Whether you are gathering information about a rival company on the other side of the world, or are looking for information about your family tree, you will find there is plenty of information available. If you publish material on the Web, it can be accessed by everyone on the Web (providing they can find it.). As a marketing tool, this has interesting possibilities. It is possible for a small company to sell products and services worldwide, without the need for a single sales-person. These days the problem is often not finding information but rather dealing with the sheer amount of information which is available. Also, you have no idea how accurate or up to date a lot of the information you access really is.

**What is the difference between the World Wide Web and the Internet?**

The World Wide Web is just a small part of the Internet as a whole. The Internet relates to all the hardware and software involved, as well as the World Wide Web, it also includes FTP (File Transfer Protocol), email and newsgroups. The World Wide Web is basically the text and pictures which you can view using your web browser, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, or Netscape Navigator.